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SHOW CAUSE NOTICE

Shri Suresh Kumar Sharma (98558-90233),

R/o New Sharma Furniture House,
Pratap Bazaar, Chheharta,
Distt Amritsar – 143105

....Appellant

Versus

Shri Buta Ram (96468-00604),
Public Information Officer-cum-
Superintendent Engineer,
O/o Improvement Trust, Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o ADC (UD), Amritsar.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 8159 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Suresh Kumar Sharma (98558-90233)
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **17.06.2026**.

2. The appellant, Shri Suresh Kumar Sharma, states that no information has been given to him so far.
3. The respondent is consecutively absent without intimation for the second successive hearing of this appeal case, which shows his carelessness and casual attitude towards orders of the Commission. It is also a fact that copy of previous order was sent to the PIO through registered post despite of that, he is absent. This shows that the respondent has no regard for the orders issued by the Commission. This is indeed a serious matter.
4. The Commission takes a very serious view of the respondent PIO's conduct in ignoring this RTI application and deems it fit to serve the respondent PIO-cum-SE, O/o Improvement Trust, Amritsar, Shri Buta Ram, with this Show Cause Notice.
5. The respondent **PIO-cum-SE, O/o Improvement Trust, Amritsar, Shri Buta Ram**, is herewith ordered to **SHOW CAUSE** as to why a penalty should not be imposed upon him under Section 20 (1) of RTI Act, 2005, for causing willful delay/denial of the information requested by the appellant as far back as on **18.04.2023**. **If there is / are other PIO / PIOs responsible for the delay in providing the information, the incumbent PIO is directed to inform such PIO(s) of the Show Cause and direct them to appear before the Commission along with written replies.**

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6. The PIO-cum-SE, Shri Buta Ram, is directed to supply the requested information to the appellant through registered post **within 15 days** after receipt of this order, under intimation to the Commission. The respondent PIO-cum-SE, Shri Buta Ram, is further directed to attend the next hearing in person with a written reply to the Show Cause Notice. Failure to comply and attend the hearing, will compel the Commission to secure his presence through service of **Bailable Warrant**.

7. A copy of this order is being sent to the **Shri Rupinder Pal Singh, P.C.S, ADC (UD), Amritsar**, to ensure compliance of the above order and presence of the concerned respondent PIO.

8. **To come up on 16.02.2027 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 13.10.2026

Sd/-
(Virinderjit Singh Billing)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Cc: Shri Rupinder Pal Singh, PCS (89683-22477),
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First Appellate Authority,
O/o ADC (UD), Amritsar.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 8160 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Suresh Kumar Sharma (98558-90233)
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **17.06.2026**.

2. The appellant, Shri Suresh Kumar Sharma, states that no information has been given to him so far.
3. The respondent is consecutively absent without intimation for the second successive hearing of this appeal case, which shows his carelessness and casual attitude towards orders of the Commission. It is also a fact that copy of previous order was sent to the PIO through registered post despite of that, he is absent. This shows that the respondent has no regard for the orders issued by the Commission. This is indeed a serious matter.
4. The Commission takes a very serious view of the respondent PIO's conduct in ignoring this RTI application and deems it fit to serve the respondent PIO-cum-SE, O/o Improvement Trust, Amritsar, Shri Buta Ram, with this Show Cause Notice.
5. The respondent **PIO-cum-SE, O/o Improvement Trust, Amritsar, Shri Buta Ram**, is herewith ordered to **SHOW CAUSE** as to why a penalty should not be imposed upon him under Section 20 (1) of RTI Act, 2005, for causing willful delay/denial of the information requested by the appellant as far back as on **18.04.2023**. **If there is / are other PIO / PIOs responsible for the delay in providing the information, the incumbent PIO is directed to inform such PIO(s) of the Show Cause and direct them to appear before the Commission along with written replies.**

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APPEAL CASE NO. 8160 OF 2023

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6. The PIO-cum-SE, Shri Buta Ram, is directed to supply the requested information to the appellant through registered post **within 15 days** after receipt of this order, under intimation to the Commission. The respondent PIO-cum-SE, Shri Buta Ram, is further directed to attend the next hearing in person with a written reply to the Show Cause Notice. Failure to comply and attend the hearing, will compel the Commission to secure his presence through service of **Bailable Warrant**.

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First Appellate Authority,
O/o ADC (UD), Amritsar.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 8161 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Suresh Kumar Sharma (98558-90233)
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **17.06.2026**.

2. The appellant, Shri Suresh Kumar Sharma, states that no information has been given to him so far.
3. The respondent is consecutively absent without intimation for the second successive hearing of this appeal case, which shows his carelessness and casual attitude towards orders of the Commission. It is also a fact that copy of previous order was sent to the PIO through registered post despite of that, he is absent. This shows that the respondent has no regard for the orders issued by the Commission. This is indeed a serious matter.
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6. The PIO-cum-SE, Shri Buta Ram, is directed to supply the requested information to the appellant through registered post **within 15 days** after receipt of this order, under intimation to the Commission. The respondent PIO-cum-SE, Shri Buta Ram, is further directed to attend the next hearing in person with a written reply to the Show Cause Notice. Failure to comply and attend the hearing, will compel the Commission to secure his presence through service of **Bailable Warrant**.

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Date: 13.10.2026

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First Appellate Authority,

O/o ADC (UD), Amritsar.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 8162 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Suresh Kumar Sharma (98558-90233)

Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **17.06.2026**.

2. The appellant, Shri Suresh Kumar Sharma, states that no information has been given to him so far.

3. The respondent is consecutively absent without intimation for the second successive hearing of this appeal case, which shows his carelessness and casual attitude towards orders of the Commission. It is also a fact that copy of previous order was sent to the PIO through registered post despite of that, he is absent. This shows that the respondent has no regard for the orders issued by the Commission. This is indeed a serious matter.

4. The Commission takes a very serious view of the respondent PIO's conduct in ignoring this RTI application and deems it fit to serve the respondent PIO-cum-SE, O/o Improvement Trust, Amritsar, Shri Buta Ram, with this Show Cause Notice.

5. The respondent **PIO-cum-SE, O/o Improvement Trust, Amritsar, Shri Buta Ram**, is herewith ordered to **SHOW CAUSE** as to why a penalty should not be imposed upon him under Section 20 (1) of RTI Act, 2005, for causing willful delay/denial of the information requested by the appellant as far back as on **18.04.2023**. **If there is / are other PIO / PIOs responsible for the delay in providing the information, the incumbent PIO is directed to inform such PIO(s) of the Show Cause and direct them to appear before the Commission along with written replies.**

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APPEAL CASE NO. 8162 OF 2023

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6. The PIO-cum-SE, Shri Buta Ram, is directed to supply the requested information to the appellant through registered post **within 15 days** after receipt of this order, under intimation to the Commission. The respondent PIO-cum-SE, Shri Buta Ram, is further directed to attend the next hearing in person with a written reply to the Show Cause Notice. Failure to comply and attend the hearing, will compel the Commission to secure his presence through service of **Bailable Warrant**.

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Superintendent Engineer,
O/o Improvement Trust, Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o ADC (UD), Amritsar.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 8163 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Suresh Kumar Sharma (98558-90233)
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **17.06.2026**.

2. The appellant, Shri Suresh Kumar Sharma, states that no information has been given to him so far.

3. The respondent is consecutively absent without intimation for the second successive hearing of this appeal case, which shows his carelessness and casual attitude towards orders of the Commission. It is also a fact that copy of previous order was sent to the PIO through registered post despite of that, he is absent. This shows that the respondent has no regard for the orders issued by the Commission. This is indeed a serious matter.

4. The Commission takes a very serious view of the respondent PIO's conduct in ignoring this RTI application and deems it fit to serve the respondent PIO-cum-SE, O/o Improvement Trust, Amritsar, Shri Buta Ram, with this Show Cause Notice.

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APPEAL CASE NO. 8163 OF 2023

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6. The PIO-cum-SE, Shri Buta Ram, is directed to supply the requested information to the appellant through registered post **within 15 days** after receipt of this order, under intimation to the Commission. The respondent PIO-cum-SE, Shri Buta Ram, is further directed to attend the next hearing in person with a written reply to the Show Cause Notice. Failure to comply and attend the hearing, will compel the Commission to secure his presence through service of **Bailable Warrant**.

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Shri Surinder Kumar, (9463165327)

S/o Shri BhagwanDass,
Ward No. 8, FatehgarhChurian,
Tehsil Batala, DisttGurdaspur.

....Appellant

Versus

Shri Deepak Singh (78370-02512),
Public Information Officer-cum-ATO,
O/o District Transport Officer,
Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o S.D.M., Ludhiana.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 3760 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent
Respondent: Shri Deepak Singh, PIO-cum-ARTO (78370-02032) and
Shri Amardeep Singh, JA (98789-77003)

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **24.06.2026**.

2. The appellant is absent. However, an email dated 12.10.2026 has been received from the respondent mentioning therein that he is unable to attend the hearing and also mentioned that he is not satisfied with the information supplied by the respondent PIO.

3. The respondent PIO-cum-ARTO, Shri Deepak Singh, states that the complete information has already been sent to the appellant as directed at the previous hearing. Furthermore, the respondent proffered an oral explanation for the delay in addressing the RTI application, in view of which, I am satisfied that there was no malafide intent on the part of the PIO to deny or delay the sought information. Also he has requested to withdraw the show cause notice issued to the respondent PIO. He also submits his reply in this regard, which is taken on record. Keeping in view all the facts the show cause notice is hereby **dropped**.

4. After hearing the respondent and perusing the documents placed on record, it is ascertained that the respondent has provided the information to the appellant but the appellant is not satisfied. Today the respondent states that whatever information was available in their official record, has been provided to the appellant. Since the appellant is not satisfied, therefore, the respondent is directed to file an **affidavit** that the information that has been supplied is true, complete and no other information relating to this RTI application is available in the record. The affidavit should be on a stamp paper duly signed by the PIO. The original affidavit be sent to the appellant, before the next date of hearing, under intimation to the Commission.

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APPEAL CASE NO. 3760 OF 2023

5. Both parties are directed to remain present on the next date of hearing for deliberations. It is also clarified that in case of defiance of this order, the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.
6. To come up on 16.02.2027 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 13.10.2026

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Shri Harvinder Singh,
Advocate, # 7009,
District Court, Ludhiana.

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o BDPO, Ludhiana.

Public Information Officer,
O/o Deputy Commissioner,
Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Divisional Commissioner, Patiala Division,
Patiala.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 7413 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **24.06.2026**.

2. The appellant is absent. However, he submitted a letter vide Commission's diary no. 21464 dated 09.10.2026 mentioning therein that he is unable to attend the hearing and not received any reply/information from the PIO till date. The said letter is taken on record.

3. The respondent is absent. However, an email has been received from the respondent this morning i.e. 13.10.2026 mentioning therein that he is unable to attend the hearing and the reply has already been sent to the appellant.

4. After going through the case file, the respondent PIO is directed either to provide the information on each and every points of the RTI application or to file an **affidavit** on non-judicial stamp paper, **within 15 days**, duly signed by the PIO and attested by the Notary Public to the effect that the information as sought by the appellant is not available in official records. It is further stated that nothing has been concealed therein and the statement is factually true and correct. The original affidavit be sent to the appellant, before the next date of hearing, under intimation to the Commission.

5. Keeping in view of the above, **one last and final opportunity** is given to both the parties to appear before the Commission through Cisco Webex for deliberations to take the matter to its logical end. It is also clarified that in case of defiance of this order, the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

6. **Both parties are directed to attend the next hearing on 16.02.2027 at 11.00 A.M. through cisco webex. (Webex Meeting Number : 25180667401 and Password : 12345.)** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 13.10.2026

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S/o Shri Om Parkash,
10803, MCB Zone - 2, Street No. 18,
Guru Teg Bahadur Nagar, Parinda Road,
Bathinda – 151001

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Commissioner,
MC, Bathinda.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Commissioner, MC, Bathinda.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 3526 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **25.06.2026**.

2. The appellant is absent. However, an email has been received from the appellant this morning i.e. 13.10.2026 mentioning therein that he is unable to attend the hearing. He also mentioned that he has not received any reply/information from the PIO till date. The said email is taken on record.
3. The respondent is absent. However, an email dated 12.10.2026 has been received from the respondent mentioning therein that he is unable to attend the hearing and the requested information has already been sent to the appellant.
4. After going through the case file, the respondent PIO is directed either to provide the information on each and every points of the RTI application or to file an **affidavit** on non-judicial stamp paper, **within 15 days**, duly signed by the PIO and attested by the Notary Public to the effect that the information as sought by the appellant is not available in official records. It is further stated that nothing has been concealed therein and the statement is factually true and correct. The original affidavit be sent to the appellant, before the next date of hearing, under intimation to the Commission.
5. Keeping in view of the above, **one last and final opportunity** is given to both the parties to appear before the Commission through Cisco Webex for deliberations to take the matter to its logical end. It is also clarified that in case of defiance of this order, the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.
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Shri Gagandeep Singh (97817-70933),
S/o Shri Rajinder Singh,
Street No. 5, Ward No. 17, Mohalla Amarpura,
Ahmedgarh, Distt Malerkotla - 148021
RTI Application No. 110037

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Municipal Council, Ahmedgarh,
Distt Malerkotla.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o ADC (G), Malerkotla.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 2635 OF 2024

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Gagandeep Singh (97817-70933)
Respondent: Shri Varinder Kumar, Clerk (94631-20758)

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **02.07.2026**.

2. The appellant states that he has received only reply but have not received the appended annexures and also submitted a written submission during the course of hearing, which is taken on record.
3. The respondent states that the requested information has already been sent to the appellant.
4. After having detailed deliberations with both the parties and examining the case file, the Commission wishes to give **another opportunity** to the respondent PIO to provide the complete requisite information, after due attestation, to the appellant **within 15 days** after receipt of this order, under intimation to the Commission, failing which stringent action will be initiated against the respondent PIO, as per the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.
5. Both parties are directed to remain present on the next date of hearing for deliberations. It is also clarified that in case of defiance of this order, the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.
6. **To come up on 16.02.2027 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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R/o Village Balade Wala,
PO Bahiman Deewana,
Distt Bathinda.

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o DPI (SE), Punjab,
Phase – 8, Mohali.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o DPI (SE), Punjab,
Phase – 8, Mohali.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 594 OF 2025

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Harwinder Singh (98888-51848) accompanied by
Shri Gurpreet Singh (94179-17025)
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **02.07.2026**.

2. The appellant states that he has not received any reply/information from the respondent till date and further, he states that directions may be issued to the respondent to supply the sought for information pertaining to his RTI application.

3. The respondent is consecutively absent without intimation for the third successive hearing of this appeal case, which shows his carelessness and casual attitude towards orders of the Commission. It is also a fact that copy of previous order was sent to the PIO through registered post despite of that, he is absent. This shows that the respondent has no regard for the orders issued by the Commission. This is indeed a serious matter.

4. The Commission takes a very serious view of the respondent PIO's conduct in ignoring this RTI application and deems it fit to serve the respondent PIO, office of, DPI (SE), Punjab, Mohali, with this Show Cause Notice.

5. The respondent **PIO, office of, DPI (SE), Punjab, Mohali**, is herewith ordered to **SHOW CAUSE** as to why a penalty should not be imposed upon him under Section 20 (1) of RTI Act, 2005, for causing willful delay/denial of the information requested by the appellant as far back as on **21.10.2024**. If there is / are other PIO / PIOs responsible for the delay in providing the information, the incumbent PIO is directed to inform such PIO(s) of the Show Cause and direct them to appear before the Commission along with written replies.

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APPEAL CASE NO. 594 OF 2025

“In addition to the written reply, the respondent PIO is also given an opportunity under Section 20 (1) provision there to, for a personal hearing before the imposition of such penalty on the next date of hearing. He may take note that in case he does not file his written reply and does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the date fixed, it will be presumed that he has nothing to say and the Commission shall proceed to take further proceedings against him *ex parte*.”

6. The PIO O/o DPI (SE) Punjab, Mohali, is directed to supply the requested information to the appellant through registered post **within 15 days** after receipt of this order, under intimation to the Commission. The respondent PIO O/o DPI (SE) Punjab, Mohali, is further directed to attend the next hearing in person with a written reply to the Show Cause Notice. Failure to comply and attend the hearing, will compel the Commission to secure his presence through service of **Bailable Warrant**.

7. A copy of this order is being sent to **Ms. Sonali Giri, IAS, Secretary, Department of School Education, Government of Punjab, Chandigarh**, to ensure compliance of the above order and presence of the concerned respondent PIO.

8. **To come up on 16.02.2027 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 13.10.2026

Sd/-
(Virinderjit Singh Billing)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Cc: Ms. Sonali Giri, IAS (98888-41777),
Department of School Education,
Government of Punjab.
Room No. 510, 5th Floor,
Punjab Civil Secretariat-II (Mini Secretariat),
Sector 9, Chandigarh - 160009

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Shri Paramjit Singh (98721-76617),

S/o Shri Sher Singh,

R/o Bappiana, Tehsil & Distt Mansa - 151502

RTI Application No. 189504

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o DEO (SE), Mansa.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o DEO (SE), Mansa.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4405 OF 2025

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Paramjit Singh via mobile phone (98721-76617)
Respondent: Shri Paramjit Singh, DEO (83602-78198) and
Shri Satvir Singh, English Teacher (98722-13912)

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **02.07.2026**.

2. The appellant, Shri Paramjit Singh, attended the hearing via mobile phone and states that he is not satisfied with the information supplied by the respondent PIO.

3. The respondent states that the complete requisite information has already been furnished to the appellant. Further, the respondent states that nothing more is available in the official record which could be supplied to the appellant

4. After hearing both the parties and perusing the documents placed on record, it is ascertained that the respondent has provided the information to the appellant but the appellant is not satisfied. Today the respondent states that whatever information was available in their official record, has been provided to the appellant. Since the appellant is not satisfied, therefore, the respondent is directed to file an **affidavit** that the information that has been supplied is true, complete and no other information relating to this RTI application is available in the record. The affidavit should be on a stamp paper duly signed by the PIO. The original affidavit be sent to the appellant, before the next date of hearing, under intimation to the Commission.

5. **Both parties are directed to attend the next hearing on 16.02.2027 at 11.00 A.M. through cisco webex. (Webex Meeting Number : 25180667401 and Password : 12345.)** It is also clarified that in case of defiance of this order, the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 13.10.2026

**Sd/-
(Virinderjit Singh Billing)
State Information Commissioner
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Shri Paramjit Singh (98721-76617),

S/o Shri Sher Singh,

R/o Bappiana, Tehsil & Distt Mansa - 151502

RTI Application No. 191867

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o DEO (SE), Mansa.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o DEO (SE), Mansa.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4723 OF 2025

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Paramjit Singh via mobile phone (98721-76617)
Respondent: Shri Paramjit Singh, DEO (83602-78198) and
Shri Satvir Singh, English Teacher (98722-13912)

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **02.07.2026**.

2. The appellant, Shri Paramjit Singh, attended the hearing via mobile phone and states that he is not satisfied with the information supplied by the respondent PIO.

3. The respondent states that the complete requisite information has already been furnished to the appellant. Further, the respondent states that nothing more is available in the official record which could be supplied to the appellant

4. After hearing both the parties and perusing the documents placed on record, it is ascertained that the respondent has provided the information to the appellant but the appellant is not satisfied. Today the respondent states that whatever information was available in their official record, has been provided to the appellant. Since the appellant is not satisfied, therefore, the respondent is directed to file an **affidavit** that the information that has been supplied is true, complete and no other information relating to this RTI application is available in the record. The affidavit should be on a stamp paper duly signed by the PIO. The original affidavit be sent to the appellant, before the next date of hearing, under intimation to the Commission.

5. **Both parties are directed to attend the next hearing on 16.02.2027 at 11.00 A.M. through cisco webex. (Webex Meeting Number : 25180667401 and Password : 12345.)** It is also clarified that in case of defiance of this order, the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 13.10.2026

**Sd/-
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Shri Vasudev Garg,
(Jr. Asstt. PHC Payal),
R/o Mittwa Street,
Water Works Road,
Mansa.

....Complainant

Versus

Shri Kumar Rahul, IAS,
Principal Secretary, Health & Family Welfare,
Room No. 410, 4th floor,
Sector 9, Mini Secretariat,
Punjab, Chandigarh.

Public Information Officer,
O/o Principal Secretary,
Department of Health & Family Welfare, Punjab,
Punjab Civil Secretariat, Chandigarh.

....Respondent

COMPLAINT CASE NO. 302 OF 2022 and 557 OF 2022 (Clubbed Together)

PRESENT: Complainant: Absent
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **08.09.2026**.

2. The complainant is absent. The respondent is consecutively absent without intimation for the second successive hearing of this appeal case, which shows his carelessness and casual attitude towards orders of the Commission. It is also a fact that copy of previous order was sent to the PIO through registered post despite of that, he is absent. This shows that the respondent has no regard for the orders issued by the Commission. This is indeed a serious matter.

3. The perusal of the case file shows that the respondent has completely failed to comply with the earlier directions issued by the Commission regarding the compensation to the complainant, despite being granted a final opportunity. The Commission takes strong exception to this continuous defiance.

4. The respondent is directed to immediately disburse the ordered compensation amount of **Rs. 5000.00** to the complainant. A proof of this payment (such as a copy of the demand draft, bank transfer receipt, or acknowledgment from the complainant) must be submitted to the Commission within **10 days** from the receipt of this order.

5. Failure to comply with these directions within the stipulated time frame will compel the Commission to initiate **appropriate legal and disciplinary proceedings** against the respondent PIO for continuous defiance.

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6. Shri Kumar Rahul, IAS, Principal Secretary, Health & Family Welfare, Punjab, Chandigarh, is directed to ensure compliance of the above order and presence of the concerned respondent PIO.

7. However, the complainant is directed to attend the hearing via Cisco Webex. **(Webex Meeting Number : 25180667401 and Password : 12345).**

8. **To come up on 16.02.2027 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 13.10.2026

Sd/-
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Shri Manjinder Singh, (80545-97097)

R/o # 182, Ward No. 11 A, Shivpuri Mohalla,
Dhuri, Distt Sangrur – 148024

....Appellant

Versus

Shri Gurinder Singh (96460-15752),
Public Information Officer-cum-EO,
Nagar Council, Dhuri,
Distt Sangrur.

First Appellate Authority
O/o ADC (G), Sangrur.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 8050 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Rajan Verma, Son of the appellant (79867-18473)
accompanied by Shri Neeraj Verma (80545-97097)
Respondent: Shri Gurinder Singh, PIO-cum-EO (96460-15752)

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **16.09.2026**.

2. Shri Rajan Verma, is appearing on behalf of the appellant and states that he has not received any reply/information from the respondent till date.
3. The respondent states that he has brought the complete information today to be provided to the appellant. A copy of the information is handed over to the appellant. Furthermore, the respondent proffered an oral explanation for the delay in addressing the RTI application, in view of which, I am satisfied that there was no malafide intent on the part of the PIO to deny or delay the sought information. Also he has requested to withdraw the show cause notice issued to the respondent PIO. Keeping in view all the facts the show cause notice is hereby **dropped**.
4. The appellant requests that some time be given to him to go through the information provided.
5. In view of the above, **an opportunity** is given to the appellant to go through the information provided and point out deficiencies in writing, if any to the respondent, under intimation to the Commission office. On receipt of the deficiencies, the respondents are directed to remove the same before the next date of hearing. Both parties are directed to remain present on the next date of hearing for deliberations. It is also clarified that in case of defiance of this order, the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.
6. **To come up on 16.02.2027 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 13.10.2026

Sd/-
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Shri Jatinder Singh (98154-67866),

S/o Late Shri Karnail Singh,
133/A, Sector - 1, Kharar,
Distt S.A.S Nagar - 140301
RTI Application No. 279068

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Director, (SE), Punjab,
Phase – 8, Mohali.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Director, (SE), Punjab,
Phase – 8, Mohali.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 5361 OF 2026

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Jatinder Singh (98154-67866)
Respondent: Shri Prince Kumar, SA (97801-40004) and
Shri Gurmukh Singh, SA (95920-92778)

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **17.09.2026**.

2. Today the appellant states that no information has been given to him so far.
3. The respondent states that he has brought the complete information today to be provided to the appellant. A copy of the information is handed over to the appellant.
4. The appellant requests that some time be given to him to go through the information provided.
5. In view of the above, **an opportunity** is given to the appellant to go through the information provided and point out deficiencies in writing, if any to the respondent, under intimation to the Commission office. On receipt of the deficiencies, the respondents are directed to remove the same before the next date of hearing. Both parties are directed to remain present on the next date of hearing for deliberations. It is also clarified that in case of defiance of this order, the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.
6. **To come up on 04.11.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 13.10.2026

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SHOW CAUSE NOTICE

Shri Bhushan Kumar, (9872911937)

S/o Shri Amrit Lal,
Near Bus Stand, Rampura Phul,
Distt Bathinda.

....Appellant

Versus

**Shri Rajnish Kumar (96461-00369),
Public Information Officer-cum-EO,**

Nagar Council, Rampura Phul,
Distt Bathinda.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o A.D.C (U.D),
Bathinda.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4062 OF 2023 Through Cisco Webex

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Bhushan Kumar (9872911937)
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **25.06.2026**.

2. The appellant states that he has not received any reply/information from the respondent till date and further, he states that directions may be issued to the respondent to supply the sought for information pertaining to his RTI application.

3. The respondent is consecutively absent without intimation for the second successive hearing of this appeal case, which shows his carelessness and casual attitude towards orders of the Commission. It is also a fact that copy of previous order was sent to the PIO through registered post despite of that, he is absent. This shows that the respondent has no regard for the orders issued by the Commission. This is indeed a serious matter.

4. The Commission takes a very serious view of the respondent PIO's conduct in ignoring this RTI application and deems it fit to serve the respondent PIO-cum-EO, Nagar Council, Rampura Phul, District Bathinda, Shri Rajnish Kumar, with this Show Cause Notice.

5. The respondent **PIO-cum-EO, Nagar Council, Rampura Phul, District Bathinda, Shri Rajnish Kumar**, is herewith ordered to **SHOW CAUSE** as to why a penalty should not be imposed upon him under Section 20 (1) of RTI Act, 2005, for causing willful delay/denial of the information requested by the appellant as far back as on **29.08.2022**. **If there is / are other PIO / PIOs responsible for the delay in providing the information, the incumbent PIO is directed to inform such PIO(s) of the Show Cause and direct them to appear before the Commission along with written replies.**

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APPEAL CASE NO. 4062 OF 2023 Through Cisco Webex

“In addition to the written reply, the respondent PIO is also given an opportunity under Section 20 (1) provision there to, for a personal hearing before the imposition of such penalty on the next date of hearing. He may take note that in case he does not file his written reply and does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the date fixed, it will be presumed that he has nothing to say and the Commission shall proceed to take further proceedings against him *ex parte*.”

6. The PIO-cum-EO, Shri Rajnish Kumar, is directed to supply the requested information to the appellant through registered post **within 15 days** after receipt of this order, under intimation to the Commission. The respondent PIO-cum-EO, Shri Rajnish Kumar, is further directed to attend the next hearing in person with a written reply to the Show Cause Notice. Failure to comply and attend the hearing, will compel the Commission to secure his presence through service of **Bailable Warrant**.

7. **To come up on 16.02.2027 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 13.10.2026

Sd/-
(Virinderjit Singh Billing)
State Information Commissioner
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