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Shri Jasvir Singh (99152-62860),
Vocational Master, # 19, Street No. 4, Block B,
Satjot Nagar, Dhandra Road,
Ludhiana.

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Principal,
Govt. Girls Sr. Secondary School, Hargobindpur,
Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Principal,
Govt. Girls Sr. Secondary School, Hargobindpur,
Ludhiana.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 7335 OF 2024

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent
Respondent: Ms. Gurmeet Kaur, Principal (87259-26636) and
Ms. Monica, PIO-cum-Lecturer (94170-64668)

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated **09.12.2023** vide which the appellant had sought the information as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **19.04.2024** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **16.12.2024** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. **14.07.2026**.

2. The respondent has submitted a reply sent to the appellant vide letter dated 01.01.2024 wherein the sought information was denied under section 2(f) of the RTI Act, 2005. Further, she states that the substantial part of the information sought by the appellant was already available in the public domain on the official website i.e. www.ssapunjab.org.

3. The appellant is absent without intimation. It is also a fact that notice of hearing was sent to him through registered post but even though he is absent, which seems his absence is intentional and willful. The appellant has not submitted any written submission and nor has he opted to be present at today's hearing.

4. After hearing the respondent and going through the case file, the appellant is directed to establish the 'Larger Public Interest' involved in seeking the voluminous information to take the matter to its logical end.

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APPEAL CASE NO. 7335 OF 2024

5. The appellant is directed to appear in person at 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 27.10.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh. However, the respondent PIO is exempt for the next hearing of this appeal case. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 14.07.2026

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State Information Commissioner
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[Note: Shri Jasvir Singh, the appellant appeared after the hearing was over. He was briefed out the proceedings of the case. A copy of reply submitted by the respondent during the hearing was handed over to the appellant.]

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Shri Darshan Singh (97791-02210),
S/o Shri Jaswant Singh,
R/o VPO, Bahiman Dewana,
Tehsil & Distt Bathinda - 151001

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o DEO (SE),
Bathinda.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o DEO (SE), Bathinda.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 1720 OF 2025

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Sandeep Singh on behalf of the appellant
Respondent: Ms. Navjot Kaur, Clerk (98725-92003)

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated **29.08.2024** vide which the appellant had sought the information as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **18.11.2024** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **05.03.2025** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. **14.07.2026**.

2. Shri Sandeep Singh, is appearing on behalf of the appellant and states that the appellant has received a partial information from the respondent.

3. The respondent PIO, represented by Ms. Navjot Kaur, Clerk, states that she has brought the reply today to be provided to the appellant. Copy of the reply is handed over to the appellant. After examining the same, the appellant states that the sought information is still pending.

4. After having detailed deliberations with both the parties and going through the case file, the respondent is directed to provide the appellant complete requisite information within 20 days from the receipt of this order, under intimation to the Commission, failing which punitive and stringent provisions of the RTI Act, 2005 could be invoked against him.

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 27.10.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 14.07.2026

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Shri Darshan Singh (97791-02210),
S/o Shri Jaswant Singh,
R/o VPO, Bahiman Dewana,
Tehsil & Distt Bathinda - 151001

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Director, PSEB,
Phase – 8, Mohali.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Director, PSEB, Phase – 8, Mohali.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 1756 OF 2025

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Sandeep Singh on behalf of the appellant
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated **29.08.2024** vide which the appellant had sought the information as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **18.11.2024** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **05.03.2025** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. **14.07.2026**.

2. Shri Sandeep Singh, is appearing on behalf of the appellant and states that the appellant has not received any reply / information from the respondent.

3. The respondent is absent without intimation, which shows his carelessness and casual attitude towards the notices of the Commission. It is also a fact that notice of hearing 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. After hearing the appellant and going through the case file, it is observed that this is the first date of hearing before the undersigned hence taking a lenient view one opportunity is awarded to the respondent PIO to provide the point wise reply / information to the appellant within 20 days from the receipt of this order, under intimation to the Commission, failing which punitive and stringent provisions of the RTI Act, 2005 could be invoked against him.

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 27.10.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 14.07.2026

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

[**Note:** Shri Gursewak Singh, SA (98146-14456), the respondent, appeared after the hearing was over. He was briefed out the proceedings of the case. Further, he submitted a copy of the reply sent to the appellant vide letter dated 22.06.2026.]

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Shri Bhanu Pratap Singh Manhas (79860-51746),
S/o Shri Balkar Singh,
310, Ward No. 18, VPO Mamun,
Tehsil & Distt Pathankot - 145001
RTI Application No. 154086

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Tehsildar,
Pathankot.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Deputy Commissioner,
Pathankot.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 735 OF 2025

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated **14.11.2024** vide which the appellant had sought the information as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **22.11.2024** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **23.01.2025** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. **14.07.2026**.

2. Today neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. They have even not informed the Commission about their absence for today's hearing. It is also a fact that notice of hearing was sent to both the parties through registered post despite of that, they are absent.

3. However, this is the first hearing before the undersigned, hence in the interest of justice **one last opportunity** is given to both the parties to appear before the Commission and state their case. It is made clear that in case both the parties do not appear on the next date of hearing, appropriate order in their absence shall be passed.

4. **To come up on 11.08.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 14.07.2026

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Shri Bhanu Pratap (79860-51746),
S/o Shri Balkar Singh,
310, Ward No. 18, VPO Mamun,
Tehsil & Distt Pathankot - 145001
RTI Application No. 160852

....Appellant

Versus

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

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Deputy Commissioner,
Pathankot.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 2004 OF 2025

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent
Respondent: Absents

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated **02.01.2025** vide which the appellant had sought the information as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **04.02.2025** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **25.03.2025** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. **14.07.2026**.

2. Today neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. They have even not informed the Commission about their absence for today's hearing. It is also a fact that notice of hearing was sent to both the parties through registered post despite of that, they are absent.

3. However, this is the first hearing before the undersigned, hence in the interest of justice **one last opportunity** is given to both the parties to appear before the Commission and state their case. It is made clear that in case both the parties do not appear on the next date of hearing, appropriate order in their absence shall be passed.

4. **To come up on 11.08.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 14.07.2026

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Ms. Sulochana Devi Bansal (88727-21654),

W/o Shri Brij Lal Bansal,
130, Ward No. 12, Kurali,
Mohali - 140103

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o DPI (EE), Punjab,
Phase – 8, Mohali.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o DPI (EE), Punjab,
Phase – 8, Mohali.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4615 OF 2025

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Brij Lal Bansal on behalf of the appellant
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated **12.10.2023** vide which the appellant had sought the information as enumerated in her RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **04.06.2025** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **08.08.2025** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. **14.07.2026**.

2. Shri Brij Lal Bansal, is appearing on behalf of the appellant. He states that the appellant 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.

3. The respondent is absent without intimation, which shows his carelessness and casual attitude towards the notices of the Commission. It is also a fact that notice of hearing 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. After hearing the appellant and going through the case file, it is observed that this is the first date of hearing before the undersigned hence taking a lenient view one opportunity is awarded to the respondent PIO to provide the point wise reply / information to the appellant within 20 days from the receipt of this order, under intimation to the Commission, failing which punitive and stringent provisions of the RTI Act, 2005 could be invoked against him

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 27.10.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 14.07.2026

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Shri Amarjeet Gujral (98157-60097),
S/o Shri Raj Kumar,
152/14, Tehsil & Distt Kapurthla - 144601
RTI Application No. 216520

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o I.K Gujral Punjab Technical University,
Kapurthala.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Director, Technical Education & Industrial Training, Punjab,
Chandigarh.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 7246 OF 2025

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent
Respondent: Shri Hardeep Singh, AR (94780-98036)

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated **23.09.2025** vide which the appellant had sought the information as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **26.10.2025** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **02.12.2025** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. **14.07.2026**.

2. The respondent PIO, represented by Shri Hardeep Singh, AR, states that he has brought the complete information today vide letter no. 13.07.2026 to be provided to the appellant.

3. The appellant is absent without intimation. It is also a fact that notice of hearing was sent to him through registered post but even though he is absent, which seems his absence is intentional and willful. The appellant has not submitted any written submission and nor has he opted to be present at today's hearing.

4. After hearing the respondent and going through the case file, the appellant is directed to collect the same from the Commission office on any working day, by himself or through any authorized representative. Further the appellant is advised to point out deficiencies, if any in the information to the respondent PIO with a copy to this Commission. On receipt of the deficiencies, the respondents are directed to remove the same before the next date of hearing.

5. Further, the appellant is also given an opportunity to appear before the Commission and state his case failing which, appropriate orders shall be passed. However, the respondent PIO is exempted for the next hearing of this appeal case.

6. **To come up on 11.08.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 14.07.2026

Sd/-
(Virinderjit Singh Billing)
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Shri Amarjeet Gujral (98157-60097),
S/o Shri Raj Kumar,
152/14, Tehsil & Distt Kapurthala - 144601
RTI Application No. 218653

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o I.K Gujral Punjab Technical University,
Kapurthala.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Director,
Technical Education & Industrial Training, Punjab,
Chandigarh.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 7247 OF 2025

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent
Respondent: Shri Hardeep Singh, AR (94780-98036)

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated **02.10.2025** vide which the appellant had sought the information as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **04.11.2025** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **02.12.2025** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. **14.07.2026**.

2. The respondent PIO, represented by Shri Hardeep Singh, AR, states that he has brought the complete information today vide letter no. 13.07.2026 to be provided to the appellant.

3. The appellant is absent without intimation. It is also a fact that notice of hearing was sent to him through registered post but even though he is absent, which seems his absence is intentional and willful. The appellant has not submitted any written submission and nor has he opted to be present at today's hearing.

4. After hearing the respondent and perusing the documents placed on record, it is ascertained that the appellant is not present today. The notice of hearing sent to him has been returned back in the Commission office as undelivered vide Commission diary no. 10610 dated 27.05.2026. The appellant is directed to collect the same from the Commission office on any working day, by himself or through any authorized representative. Further the appellant is advised to point out deficiencies, if any in the information to the respondent PIO with a copy to this Commission. On receipt of the deficiencies, the respondents are directed to remove the same before the next date of hearing.

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APPEAL CASE NO. 7247 OF 2025

5. Further, the appellant is also given an opportunity to appear before the Commission and state his case failing which, appropriate orders shall be passed. However, the respondent PIO is exempted for the next hearing of this appeal case.

6. To come up on 11.08.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 14.07.2026

Sd/-
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Shri Dilshan Singh Dhesi (79739-39363),

S/o Shri Palwinder Singh Dhesi,
Sarhala, Tehsil Majitha,
Distt Amritsar - 143501
RTI Application No. 223717

....Appellant

Versus

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

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Deputy Commissioner,
Amritsar.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 881 OF 2026

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated **31.10.2025** vide which the appellant had sought the information as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **30.11.2025** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **16.01.2026** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. **14.07.2026**.

2. Today neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. They have even not informed the Commission about their absence for today's hearing. It is also a fact that notice of hearing was sent to both the parties through registered post despite of that, they are absent.

3. However, this is the first hearing before the undersigned, hence in the interest of justice **one last opportunity** is given to both the parties to appear before the Commission and state their case. It is made clear that in case both the parties do not appear on the next date of hearing, appropriate order in their absence shall be passed.

4. **To come up on 11.08.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 14.07.2026

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Shri Jasvir Singh (98143-07240),
S/o Shri Hans Raj,
R/o VPO Rollu Majra, Tehsil Chamkaur Sahib,
Via Lutheri, Distt Rupnagar - 140102

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Director, Higher Education,
Phase – 8, Mohali.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Secretary,
Higher Education, Punjab Sectt. – 2,
Sector 9, Chandigarh.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 1248 OF 2026

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Jasvir Singh (98143-07240)
Respondent: Shri Inderjit Singh, SA (97816-16348),
Shri Gurjit Singh, Superintendent (95014-27036), and
Shri Tejinder Singh, SA (94781-10946)

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated **14.08.2025** vide which the appellant had sought the information as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **29.11.2025** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **29.01.2026** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. **14.07.2026**.

2. The appellant states he has received the partial information from the respondent. Further, the appellant seeks an inspection of the relevant official records.

3. The respondent states that the sought information has already been provided to the appellant.

4. After hearing both the parties and going through the case file, the respondent is directed to invite (in writing) the appellant for inspection of the official record pertaining to the RTI application on a mutually acceptable date and time. Accordingly, the respondent and concerned officials are directed to remain present at the time of inspection. The PIO is to thereafter provide the information, which will be pointed out by the appellant, free of cost. This must be done under intimation to the Commission on or before the next hearing.

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 27.10.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 14.07.2026

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Ms. Paramjit Kaur (84376-20004),
W/o Shri Tarsinder Singh,
R/o # 506/07, Shankar Nagar,
Distt Gurdaspur.

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o DPI (SE),
Phase – 8, SAS Nagar.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o DPI (SE),
Phase – 8, SAS Nagar.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 1965 OF 2026

PRESENT: Appellant: Ms. Lakhwinder Kaur on behalf of the appellant (94656-34779)
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated **03.12.2025** vide which the appellant had sought the information as enumerated in her RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **05.01.2026** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **26.02.2026** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. **14.07.2026**.

2. Ms. Lakhwinder Kaur, is appear on behalf of the appellant. She states that the appellant 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 absent without intimation, which shows his carelessness and casual attitude towards the notices of the Commission. It is also a fact that notice of hearing 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. After hearing the representative of the appellant and going through the case file, it is observed that this is the first date of hearing before the undersigned hence taking a lenient view one opportunity is awarded to the respondent PIO to provide the point wise reply / information to the appellant within 20 days from the receipt of this order, under intimation to the Commission, failing which punitive and stringent provisions of the RTI Act, 2005 could be invoked against him.

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 27.10.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Shri Arvind (83606-73418),
S/o Shri Ashok Kumar,
Dashmesh Nagar, Machhiwara,
Tehsil Samrala, Distt Ludhiana - 141115
RTI Application No. 235330

....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. 2406 OF 2026

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent
Respondent: Shri Manpreet Singh, Clerk (70092-13810) and
Shri Rupinder Singh, Superintendent (94639-62155)

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated **27.12.2025** vide which the appellant had sought the information as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **29.01.2026** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **18.03.2026** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. **14.07.2026**.

2. The appellant is absent. However, an email dated 13.07.2026 has been received from the appellant mentioning therein that he is unable to attend the hearing and mentioned that the sought information is still pending. He also requested to hear the case through online mode. The said email is taken on record.

3. The respondent brought the complete requested information at today's hearing and assured the Commission that he would send the said information of this present appeal case to the appellant through registered post.

4. After having detailed deliberations with the respondent and examining the case file, the respondent is directed to send the information to the appellant by registered post, under intimation to the Commission. The appellant is given an opportunity to examine the same for any deficiencies. All deficiencies must be listed in writing to the respondent with a copy to this Commission, before the next date of hearing.

5. The request of the appellant to hear this case through online mode is accepted. Accordingly, both parties are directed to remain present on the next date of hearing for deliberations through Cisco Webex, failing which the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

6. **Both parties are directed to attend the next hearing on 27.10.2026 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: 14.07.2026

Sd/-
(Virinderjit Singh Billing)
State Information Commissioner
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