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Shri Vinod Kumar, (94176-73787)

S/o Shri Dalip Kumar,
VPO Khaipur, Tehsil Abohar,
District Fazilka - 152116

...Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o BDPO, Abohar,
District Fazilka.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o DDPO,
Fazilka.

...Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 7678 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated **28.06.2023** vide which the appellant has sought the information as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **03.08.2023** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **20.11.2023** 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. **14.10.2025**.

2. The respondent is absent without intimation. However, the appellant is also absent without intimation. It is also a fact that notice of hearing was sent to the parties through registered post but even then both parties are absent.

3. 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 25.02.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 14.10.2025

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Shri Gurmail Singh, (95922-52459)

S/o Shri Harbans Singh,
VPO Sohian, District Ludhiana - 142023

...Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panchayat Sohiya,
Block Sudhar, District Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o DDPO,
Ludhiana.

...Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 7679 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated **25.05.2023** vide which the appellant has sought the information as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **06.07.2023** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **20.11.2023** 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. **14.10.2025**.

2. The respondent is absent without intimation. However, the appellant is also absent without intimation. It is also a fact that notice of hearing was sent to the parties through registered post but even then both parties are absent.

3. 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.

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Shri Ranjit Singh, (99147-20500)

Advocate, Chamber No. 136,
MG Complex, District Court, Patiala.

...Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Tehsildar,
Patiala.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o SDM,
Patiala.

...Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 7680 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent

Respondent: Shri Prabhjot Singh, Patwari (97804-07100)

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated **18.07.2023** vide which the appellant has sought the information as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **15.09.2023** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **20.11.2023** 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. **14.10.2025**.

2. The appellant is absent, but informed the Commission of his inability to attend the hearing via telephone and requested to hear the case through online mode.

3. The respondent PIO, represented by Shri Prabhjot Singh, Patwari, states that he has recently assumed the charge in the office. Further, he states that a reply has already been sent to the appellant by his predecessor employee.

4. After having detailed deliberations with the respondent, appellant is directed to point out specific deficiencies, if any, in the supplied information to the respondent PIO with a copy to the Commission within 15 days after receipt of this order. **One opportunity** is awarded to him to remain present on the next date of hearing to take the matter to its logical end.

5. The request of the appellant to hear this case through online mode is accepted. Accordingly, the appellant is directed to remain present on the next date of hearing for deliberations through Cisco Webex, **(Webex Meeting Number : 25180667401 and Password : 12345.)**

6. The respondent PIO is directed to appear before the Commission 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.

7. **To come up on 05.03.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 14.10.2025

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Shri Dharminder Kumar, (98761-92246)

246, Urban Estate,
Patiala – 147002

...Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o BDPO, Shambu Kalan,
Patiala.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o DDPO,
Patiala.

...Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 7720 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated **06.09.2022** vide which the appellant has sought the information as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **14.09.2023** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **21.11.2023** 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. **14.10.2025**.

2. The respondent is absent without intimation. However, the appellant is also absent without intimation. It is also a fact that notice of hearing was sent to the parties through registered post but even then both parties are absent.

3. 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.

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Shri Ravideep Singh, (84272-44200)

S/o Shri Jaswinder Lal,
VPO Ghurka, Tehsil Phillaur,
District Jalandhar - 144632
RTI Application No. 92093

...Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o XEN, Phagwara Drainage Division,
Jalandhar.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o S.E, Drainage cum Mining and Geology Circle,
PWD RD, Punjab, Chandigarh.

...Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 7721 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated **29.09.2023** vide which the appellant has sought the information as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **31.10.2023** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **21.11.2023** 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. **14.10.2025**.

2. The respondent is absent without intimation. However, the appellant is also absent without intimation. It is also a fact that notice of hearing was sent to the parties through registered post but even then both parties are absent.

3. 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.

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Shri Gagandeep Singh Threke, (93166-11011)

208, Aryan Enclave, Main Sua Road, Near Geeta Mandir Chowk,
VPO Threke, Ludhiana - 141012

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panchayat Jhamat,
Ludhiana - 1

First Appellate Authority,

O/o DDPO,
Ludhiana.

...Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 7723 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent

Respondent: Shri Gurpreet Singh, Advocate (98888-00122)

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated **24.07.2023** vide which the appellant has sought the information as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **06.09.2023** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **21.11.2023** 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. **14.10.2025**.

2. 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.

3. The perusal of the case file shows that the PIO, office of, BDPO, Ludhiana – 1, has filed a reply to this Commission's Notice of hearing vide letter no. 2111 dated 08.10.2025, mentioned therein that the information sought in this RTI application was submitted to the Police Station Sarabha Nagar, Ludhiana, which is taken on record.

4. The respondent PIO, Panchayat Member, represented by Shri Gurpreet Singh, Advocate, requested for adjournment to file reply in this case.

5. Accordingly, the request of the respondent is accepted and the case is adjourned. Both parties are directed to appear before the Commission 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 05.03.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Shri Kuldeep Singh, (93562-11555)

S/o Late Shri Gurbakhsh Singh,
R/o 437 A, Model Town Extension,
Ludhiana.

Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer,
Superintendent, Establishment Branch,
O/o Municipal Corporation,
Ludhiana.**

**First Appellate Authority,
O/o Municipal Corporation,
Ludhiana.**

...Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 7730 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Kuldeep Singh, (93562-11555)
Respondent: Shri Sandeep Kumar, Accountant (98550-35033) and
Shri Anoop Kumar, Clerk (98884-85300)

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated **28.08.2023** vide which the appellant has sought the information as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **03.10.2023** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **21.11.2023** 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. **14.10.2025**.

2. The appellant states that he has received a reply from the respondent wherein the sought information was denied as personal information and requests the court for complete sought information.

3. The respondent PIO, represented by Sandeep Kumar, from the Accounts Branch O/o MC, Ludhiana, states that the information relates to his branch had already been provided to the appellant. He has also brought the copy of the information at today's hearing and handed over this to the appellant. Further, he states that the rest of the information relates to Superintendent, Establishment Branch O/o MC, Ludhiana. In view of PIO's reply the Commission impleads the Superintendent, Establishment Branch O/o MC, Ludhiana as necessary party/respondent in this appeal case.

4. Accordingly, the respondent PIO, Superintendent, Establishment Branch O/o MC, Ludhiana, is directed to file a reply/information, to the appellant, with a copy to the Commission, before the next date of hearing. The respondent PIO, Accounts Branch O/o MC, Ludhiana, is exempted for the next hearing of this appeal case.

5. The respondent PIO, Superintendent, Establishment Branch O/o MC, Ludhiana, is directed to appear before the Commission 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 05.03.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 14.10.2025

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Shri Tejinder Singh, (84275-36129)

S/o Shri Tarlochan Singh,
VPO Rajoana Kalan, Tehsil Raikot,
District Ludhiana - 141107
RTI Application No. 87138

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o BDPO, Sudhar,
District Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o DDPO,
Ludhiana.

...Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 7744 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Tejinder Singh (84275-36129)
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated **02.09.2023** vide which the appellant has sought the information as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **04.10.2023** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **21.11.2023** 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. **14.10.2025**.

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 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 in spite of that, he is absent.

4. This is the first hearing before the undersigned, hence in the interest of justice, respondent PIO O/o BDPO, Sudhar, Ludhiana, is awarded **one last opportunity** to provide the appellant point wise complete specific information, duly attested, free of cost, by registered post, in accordance with his RTI application dated 02.09.2023 and present a photocopy of the relevant postal receipt along with a copy of the information provided, before the Commission on the next date fixed, for its perusal and records.

5. The respondent PIO O/o BDPO, Sudhar, Ludhiana, directed to appear before the Commission 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 05.03.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 14.10.2025

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Shri Gurmeet Ram, (62805-68874)

S/o Shri Channa Ram,
R/o Village Gopalpur, Tehsil Patran,
District Patiala.

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panchayat, Gopalpur,
Tehsil Patran, District Patiala.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o DDPO,
Patiala.

...Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 7748 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated **05.09.2022** vide which the appellant has sought the information as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **17.01.2023** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **22.11.2023** 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. **14.10.2025**.

2. The respondent is absent without intimation. However, the appellant is also absent without intimation. It is also a fact that notice of hearing was sent to the parties through registered post but even then both parties are absent.

3. 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 25.02.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 14.10.2025

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Shri Charan Kanwal Sandhu, (99158-00079)

S/o Shri Jaswinder Singh,
190, Punjabi Bagh, Tehsil & District Patiala - 147001
RTI Application No. 85243

Appellant

Versus

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

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

...Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 7784 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated **25.08.2023** vide which the appellant has sought the information as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **26.09.2023** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **22.11.2023** 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. **14.10.2025**.

2. The respondent is absent without intimation. However, the appellant is also absent without intimation. It is also a fact that notice of hearing was sent to the parties through registered post but even then both parties are absent.

3. 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 25.02.2025 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Ms. Om Prabha,
Village Theri, # 29,
P.O, Punjabi University, Patiala.

Appellant

Versus

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

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

...Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 7796 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Ms. Om Prabha
Respondent: Shri Yadwinder Singh, JA (98768-55234)

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated **07.09.2023** vide which the appellant has sought the information as enumerated in her RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **10.10.2023** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **22.11.2023** 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. **14.10.2025**.

2. The respondent PIO, represented by Shri Yadwinder Singh, JA, states that he brought a reply at today's hearing to be provided to the appellant. Copy of the reply is handed over to the appellant during the course of hearing.

3. The appellant requests that some time be given to her to go through the reply provided.

4. In view of the above, **an opportunity** is given to the appellant to go through the reply provided and point out deficiency, if any to the respondent, under intimation to the Commission office. On receipt of the deficiency, the respondent is directed to remove the same before the next date of hearing.

5. Both parties are directed to appear before the Commission 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 05.03.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 14.10.2025

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Shri Avinash Kumar, (98724-43855)

S/o Shri Jhanda Ram,
R/o Village Balluana, Tehsil Abohar,
District Fazilka.

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Chief Agriculture Officer,
Fazilka.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Director, Department of Agriculture,
S.A.S Nagar.

...Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 7799 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent
Respondent: Shri Gurinder Singh, SA (98768-61052)

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated **23.06.2023** vide which the appellant has sought the information as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **10.10.2023** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **23.11.2023** 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. **14.10.2025**.

2. The respondent PIO, represented by Shri Gurinder Singh, SA, files a reply to this Commission's Notice of hearing vide letter no. 8160 dated 03.10.2025, mentioning therein that a reply has already been provided to the appellant vide letter dated 19.07.2023, wherein the sought information was denied as personal information.

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.

4. This is the first hearing before the undersigned, hence in the interest of justice, **one opportunity** is awarded to the appellant to appear before the Commission and state his case. It is made clear that in case the appellant does not appear on the next date of hearing, appropriate order in his absence shall be passed.

5. Both parties are directed to appear before the Commission 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.

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[Note: Shri Karandeep, Advocate, is appeared on behalf of the appellant after the hearing was over. He was briefed out the proceedings of the case.]

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Shri Harvinder Singh, (98776-36791)

S/o Shri Balhar Singh,
R/o Village Achariki, Tehsil Abohar,
District Fazilka.

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o BDPO, Block Khuian Sarwar,
Abohar.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o DDPO, Fazilka.

...Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 7801 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated **05.07.2023** vide which the appellant has sought the information as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **12.09.2023** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **23.11.2023** 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. **14.10.2025**.

2. The respondent PIO is absent, but an email dated 13.10.2025 has been received from the respondent mentioned therein that he is unable to attend the hearing and requested an adjournment.

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.

4. This is the first hearing before the undersigned, hence in the interest of justice, respondent PIO O/o BDPO, Block Khuian Sarwar, Abohar, is awarded **one opportunity** to provide the appellant point wise complete specific information, duly attested, free of cost, by registered post, in accordance with his RTI application dated 05.07.2023 and present a photocopy of the relevant postal receipt along with a copy of the information provided, before the Commission on the next date fixed, for its perusal and records.

5. Both parties are directed to appear before the Commission 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.

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Shri Kulwant Singh, (94176-95400)

(Sr. Astt.) Courts Branch, 4th Floor,
Presently O/o Financial Commissioner Secretariat,
Punjab Civil Main Secretariat, Sector - 1,
Chandigarh.

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Financial Commissioner (Revenue), Punjab,
Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Financial Commissioner (Revenue), Punjab,
Chandigarh.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 2187 OF 2025

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Kulwant Singh, (94176-95400)
Respondent: Shri Jaspreet Singh, SA (90417-72931)

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **12.09.2025**.

2. The appellant states that he has already submitted a rejoinder as directed at the last hearing. Further, he submits a detailed written submission during the course of hearing, which is taken on record.

3. The respondent PIO, represented by Shri Jaspreet Singh, SA, files a reply to rejoinder submitted by the appellant and copy of the same handed over to the appellant during the course of hearing.

4. After having detailed deliberations with both the parties and perusing the documents placed on record, it is ascertained that this matter pertains to the appellant's own promotion case. This Commission directs the respondent PIO to provide complete requisite information to the appellant through registered post **within 10 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 appear before the Commission 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 20.11.2025 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 14.10.2025

Sd/-
(Virinderjit Singh Billing)
State Information Commissioner
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SHOW CAUSE NOTICE

Shri Surjan Singh (98784-21510)

S/o Shri Mela Singh,
VPO Hassanpur,
Tehsil Mullanpur, District Ludhiana.

....Appellant

Versus

Shri Baljinder Singh (98145-00408),
Public Information Officer-cum-Panchayat Secretary,
O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer,
Sudhar, District Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o District Development and Panchayat Officer,
Ludhiana.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 5853 OF 2022

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Surjan Singh (98784-21510)

Respondent: Shri Harjit Singh, Panchayat Secretary O/o BDPO, Khanna (94176-43940)

ORDER:

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated **04.09.2025**

2. The appellant states that no information has been given to him so far and requests that penalty be imposed upon the respondent PIO for delaying the information.
3. The respondent PIO, represented by Shri Harjeet Singh, Panchayat Secretary, states that he was transferred from the Sudhar and now posted at Khanna. He states that he called to present Panchayat Secretary to attend the hearing and provide the information to the appellant, but he refused to attend the hearing. Further, Shri Harjeet Singh, tenders unconditional apology regarding delay occurred in this case and made oral submissions in this regard. Also he has requested to withdraw the show cause notice issued to him. He further submits the reply of show cause notice issued to him vide letter dated 14.10.2025, during the course of hearing. Keeping in view all the facts mentioned in the reply the show cause notice is hereby **dropped**.
4. The Commission takes a very serious view of the respondent PIO-cum-Panchayat Secretary, Shri Baljinder Singh, conduct in ignoring this RTI application and deems it fit to serve the respondent PIO-cum-Panchayat Secretary, Shri Baljinder Singh O/o BDPO, Sudhar, Ludhiana, with this Show Cause Notice.
5. The respondent **PIO-cum-Panchayat Secretary, Shri Baljinder Singh O/o BDPO, Sudhar, Ludhiana**, 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 **01.09.2022**. **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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“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*.”

5. The PIO-cum-Panchayat Secretary, Shri Baljinder Singh, 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-Panchayat Secretary, Shri Baljinder Singh, 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**.

6. **To come up on 20.11.2025 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 14.10.2025

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Shri Naresh Kumar (94645-22190)

House No. 2190,
Sector - 44 C, Chandigarh - 60047

....Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer,
Administrative Branch**

**O/o Punjab State Technical Education
and Industrial Training Board,
Punjab, Chandigarh.**

Public Information Officer,

**O/o Punjab State Technical Education
and Industrial Training Board, Punjab, Chandigarh.**

First Appellate Authority,

**O/o Secretary, Punjab State Technical Education
and Industrial Training Board, Punjab, Chandigarh.**

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 5321 OF 2021

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Naresh Kumar (94645-22190)
Respondent: Smt. Jasdeep Kaur, PIO-cum-Deputy Director (77000-08105) and
Smt. Amrit Kaur, JA (98155-53102)

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **19.08.2025**.

2. The appellant states that the deficiency has already been pointed out to the respondent PIO as directed at the last hearing, but the sought for information is still pending.
3. The respondent states that all the information as available in the records has already been provided to the appellant after removal of the deficiency as pointed out by the appellant. Further, she states requested to implead the Administrative Branch O/o Punjab State Technical Education and Industrial Training Board, Punjab, Chandigarh, as a necessary party in this case.
4. Accordingly, Administrative Branch O/o Punjab State Technical Education and Industrial Training Board, Punjab, Chandigarh, is further directed to submit the specific undertaking be filed. The respondent PIO-cum-Deputy Director, Smt. Jasdeep Kaur, is directed to file her reply on affidavit, duly notarized, to the appellant before the next date of hearing, with a copy to the Commission office.
5. Both parties are directed to appear before the Commission 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 22.12.2025 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 14.10.2025

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