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Santokh Raj (99882-67063),
S/o Shri Harbans Lal,
Village Bidhipur, P.O Dhariwal,
Tehsil & Distt Gurdaspur.

....Appellant

Versus

Shri Kuljinder Singh (98554-94942),
Public Information Officer-cum-
Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Dhariwal,
Distt Gurdaspur.

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

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 5829 OF 2022

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Santokh Raj via mobile (99882-67063)
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **08.07.2026**.

- The appellant Shri Santokh Raj, states that no information has been given to him so far.
- The respondent PIO office of, BDPO, Dhariwal, District Gurdaspur, is consecutively absent without intimation. **Shri Kuljinder Singh, PIO-cum-BDPO, Dhariwal, District Gurdaspur**, is absent despite the Show Cause Notice issued in this case. The respondent PIO-cum-BDPO, Dhariwal, District Gurdaspur, was however, directed to attend today's hearing in person in Chandigarh, but he is absent without intimation which compelled the Commission to ensure his presence through service of **Bailable Warrant** as per the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.
- Also, a copy of this order is being sent to **Shri Harpreet Singh, DDPO, Gurdaspur**, for information at this stage.
- To come up on 18.11.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** However, the appellant is exempted from personal hearing on the next date of hearing. He shall be contacted telephonically. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 14.10.2026

Sd/-
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State Information Commissioner
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Cc: **Shri Harpreet Singh (88723-00819),**
District Development and Panchayat Office,
Gurdaspur.

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BEFORE SHRI VIRINDERJIT SINGH BILLING **State Information Commissioner** **Punjab, Chandigarh**

BAILABLE WARRANT OF PRODUCTION

In case of Shri Santokh Raj V/s Public Information Officer O/o BDPO, Dhariwal, District Gurdaspur. 2.FAA o/o DDPO, Gurdaspur.

APPEAL CASE NO. 5829 OF 2022

UNDER SECTION 18(3) OF THE RIGHT TO INFORMATION ACT, 2005.

NEXT DATE OF HEARING: 18.11.2026

To

The Senior Superintendent of Police, Gurdaspur.

Whereas the Public Information Officer-Cum-BDPO, Dhariwal, District Gurdaspur, Shri **Kuljinder Singh**, has failed to appear before the State Information Commissioner despite the issuance of repeated notices/directions in above mentioned Appeal Case. Therefore, you are hereby directed to serve this Bailable Warrant on **Public Information Officer-Cum-BDPO, Dhariwal, District Gurdaspur, Shri Kuljinder Singh**, to appear before Shri Virinderjit Singh Billing, State Information Commissioner Punjab at Red Cross Building, Near Rose Garden, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh, on **18.11.2026 at 11.30 AM** and submit his written submissions in regard to the Order dated 18.03.2026 (copy enclosed) along with the information to be provided to the appellant.

(Virinderjit Singh Billing)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Dated: 14.10.2026

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Shri Varinder Singh (94653-42007),
3036, Ground Floor,
Sector - 39 D, Chandigarh.

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o XEN, PWD B&R, Provincial Division,
Sector – 17, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o XEN, PWD B&R, Provincial Division,
Sector – 17, Chandigarh.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 2304 OF 2024

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Varinder Singh (94653-42007)
Respondent: Shri Vijay Bhadur, SDO (75081-85522) and
Shri Rajinder Singh, JA (99881-17686)

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **07.07.2026**.

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 17.02.2027 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 14.10.2026

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Shri Neeraj Patial (78890-41087),
S/o Shri Mohinder,
463, Gali Bhatrian Wali,
Tehsil & Distt Amritsar - 143001
RTI Application No. 129388

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Municipal Corporation,
Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Municipal Corporation,
Amritsar.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 6051 OF 2024

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Neeraj Patial (78890-41087)
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **07.07.2026**.

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 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. After hearing the appellant and perusing the documents placed on record, the Commission wishes to give **one last and final opportunity** to the respondent PIO 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. 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 17.02.2027 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Shri Ravinder Kumar (94788-20145),
(Prof.), S/o Shri Jaswant Singh,
Village Chhatwal, P.O Jandwal,
Distt Pathankot - 145001

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Principal Secretary,
Higher Education, Punjab,
Sectt. – 2, Sector – 9, Chandigarh.

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

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4436 OF 2025

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **07.07.2026**.

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 the sought information is still pending.

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. After hearing the appellant and perusing the documents placed on record, the Commission wishes to give **one last and final opportunity** to the respondent PIO 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. 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 17.02.2027 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 14.10.2026

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Shri Ravinder Kumar (94788-20145),
(Prof.), S/o Shri Jaswant Singh,
Village Chhatwal, P.O Jandwal,
Distt Pathankot - 145001

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o DPI (C), Punjab,
Phase – 8, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Director, Higher Education, Punjab,
Phase – 8, Mohali.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4437 OF 2025

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **07.07.2026**.

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 the sought information is still pending.
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. After hearing the appellant and perusing the documents placed on record, the Commission wishes to give **one last and final opportunity** to the respondent PIO 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. 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 17.02.2027 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 14.10.2026

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(Virinderjit Singh Billing)
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Shri Hukam Chand (99144-80839),
S/o Shri Sukhwinder Singh,
B/17/558, Chahil Street, Kahar Wala Chowk,
Patiala - 147001

....Appellant

Versus

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

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

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 5943 OF 2025

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Hukam Chand via mobile phone (99144-80839)
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **07.07.2026**.

2. The appellant, Shri Hukam Chand, attended the hearing via mobile phone and states that the sought information is still pending. Further, he requests that penalty be imposed upon the respondent PIO for not providing information.

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. However, before taking any penal proceedings against the respondent PIO, the Commission wishes to give **one last and final opportunity** to the respondent PIO 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. 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 17.02.2027 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 14.10.2026

Sd/-
(Virinderjit Singh Billing)
State Information Commissioner
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Shri Balbir Singh (98151-23932),
S/o Shri Kewal Singh,
VPO Saidpur, Tehsil Sultanpur Lodhi,
Distt Kapurthala - 144628

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o DEO (EE),
Kapurthala.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o DEO (EE), Kapurthala.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 6158 OF 2025

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Balbir Singh (98151-23932)
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **07.07.2026**.

2. The appellant states that he has received only reply from the respondent but the sought for information is still pending.
3. The respondent is absent. However, an email dated 12.10.2026 has been received from the respondent mentioning therein that the complete information has already been sent to the appellant.
4. However, before taking any penal proceedings against the respondent PIO, the Commission wishes to give **one last and final opportunity** to the respondent PIO 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. 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 09.02.2027 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 14.10.2026

Sd/-
(Virinderjit Singh Billing)
State Information Commissioner
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Shri Tejinder Singh (88724-12354),

S/o Shri Gurcharan Singh,
133, KSM Road, Rajpura,
Distt Patiala - 140401
RTI Application No. 206175

....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. 7152 OF 2025

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **07.07.2026**.

2. The appellant is absent. However, an email dated 11.08.2026 has been received from the respondent mentioning therein that the requested information is still pending. He also requests that penalty be imposed upon the respondent PIO for not providing the information. The said email is taken on record.

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. However, before taking any penal proceedings against the respondent PIO, the Commission wishes to give **one last and final opportunity** to the respondent PIO 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. 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 17.02.2027 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 14.10.2026

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(Virinderjit Singh Billing)
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SHOW CAUSE NOTICE

Shri Shiv Kumar,
S/o Shri Pardeep Kumar,
Village Kotali Khurd,
Distt Bathinda - 151509

....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. 7258 OF 2025

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Sukhmandeep Singh on behalf of the appellant (95174-43746)
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **07.07.2026**.

2. Shri Sukhman, is appearing on behalf of the appellant. He 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 O/o DPI (SE), Punjab, Mohali, with this Show Cause Notice.

5. The respondent **PIO O/o 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 **01.09.2025**. **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.**

“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*.”

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APPEAL CASE NO. 7258 OF 2025

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 **Shri Sakatar Singh Bal, PCS, Director, DPI (SE), Punjab, Mohali**, to ensure compliance of the above order and presence of the concerned respondent PIO.

8. **To come up on 17.02.2027 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 14.10.2026

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

Cc: Shri Sakatar Singh Bal, PCS,
Director,
Directorate of Public Instructions (Secondary Education),
Punjab, Vidya Bhawan,
Punjab School Education Board (PSEB) Complex,
6th Floor, E-Block, Phase-8,
SAS Nagar (Mohali) – 160062.

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Shri Avtar Singh (89687-02387),
S/o Late Shri Gurcharan Singh,
R/o House No. 04-00017, MC, Ward No. 12,
Naya Gaon - 160103

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer-cum-EO,
Nagar Council, Naya Gaon,
Distt Mohali.

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

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 2829 OF 2024

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Avtar Singh (89687-02387)
Respondent: Shri Vijay Kumar, PIO-cum-EO (96463-50085)

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **08.07.2026**.

2. The appellant Shri Avtar Singh states that no information has been given to him so far.
3. The respondent PIO-cum-EO, Shri Vijay Kumar, states that the reply has already been sent to the appellant and subsequently presented a copy of the reply during the course of hearing. A copy of the reply was handed over to the appellant. The appellant express his dissatisfaction upon examining its contents. Further, the respondent states that the appellant could inspect the official records, if he so desired.
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 directed to provide the information, identified by the appellant during inspection, 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 17.02.2027 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Shri Jagdish Singh (98557-74665),
S/o Shri Balvir Singh,
R/o VPO SaidaWala,
Tehsil & Distt Ferozepur - 152004

....Appellant

Versus

Shri Natha Singh Bhullar,
Public Information Officer-cum-
Block Development and Panchayat Officer,
GhallKhurd, Ferozepur.

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

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 1727 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **08.07.2026**.

2. The appellant is absent. However, an email has been received from the appellant this morning i.e. 14.10.2026 mentioning therein that he is unable to attend the hearing and also mentioned that the requested information is still pending.
3. The respondent PIO is absent, but he has informed the Commission of his inability to attend the hearing via telephone this morning and has sought some time to provide the information to the appellant.
4. After going through the case file, it is observed that the information has not been provided to the appellant. The respondent has sought some time to provide the information. Hence, considering the request of the respondent, an opportunity is given to him to provide complete information to the appellant, as demanded through his RTI application, **within one week** of receiving these orders, under intimation to the Commission office.
5. The respondent PIO is reminded that he is still under Show Cause Notice issued to him vide this Commission's order dated 18.03.2026.
6. **To come up on 17.02.2027 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 14.10.2026

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Shri Lakhvir Singh (98153-03138),
S/o Shri Harbans Singh,
Village Gharkhanna, Tehsil Samrala,
Distt Ludhiana - 141114

....Appellant

Versus

Shri Kamaljit Singh (81461-00632),
Public Information Officer-cum-XEN,
O/o SDO, PWD B&R, Samrala,
Distt Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o SDO, PWD B&R, Samrala,
Distt Ludhiana.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 7658 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Lakhvir Singh (98153-03138)
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **08.07.2026** vide which the respondent PIO is exempt from today's hearing.

2. The appellant states that the list of deficiencies had already been submitted to the Commission which was received vide diary no. 15869 dated 07.08.2026.

3. After hearing the appellant and going through the case file, a copy of the deficiencies submitted by the appellant sent to the respondent PIO along with this order with directions to remove the same before the next date of hearing, under intimation to the Commission, failing which punitive and stringent provisions of the RTI Act, 2005 could be invoked against him.

4. 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.

5. **To come up on 17.02.2027 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 14.10.2026

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Cc: List of deficiencies sent to the respondent.

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SHOW CAUSE NOTICE

Shri Paras Sharma (97808-85609),
S/o Late Shri Sheshbraham Sharma,
R/o Shant Vihar, Gali No. 7,
Khanpur, Pathankot.

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Municipal Corporation,
Pathankot.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Municipal Corporation,
Pathankot.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 7873 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Jasjit Singh, Advocate on behalf of the appellant (80549-55660)
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **08.07.2026**.

2. Shri Jasjit Singh, Advocate is appearing on behalf of the appellant. He states that the deficiencies had already been pointed out to the appellant, but the requested information is still pending.

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 O/o MC, Pathankot, with this Show Cause Notice.

5. The respondent **PIO O/o MC, Pathankot**, 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 **07.06.2023**. 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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“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 MC, Pathankot, 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 MC, Pathankot, 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 **Dr. Palavi, IAS, Deputy Commissioner, Pathankot**, to ensure compliance of the above order and presence of the concerned respondent PIO.

8. **To come up on 09.02.2027 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 14.10.2026

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Cc: Dr. Palavi, IAS,
Deputy Commissioner (DC),
Pathankot.

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Shri Vicky Bajaj (96531-00631),
S/o Shri K.L Bajaj,
R/o 51, VikasVihst, Phase - 1,
Ferozepur - 152001

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer-cum-ATO,
O/o Secretary, Regional Transport Authority,
Ferozepur.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Secretary, Regional Transport Authority,
Ferozepur.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4561 OF 2022

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Vicky Bajaj (96531-00631)
Respondent: Shri Vishal Goel, PIO-cum-ATO (99154-08202)

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **08.07.2026**.

2. The appellant, Shri Vicky Bajaj, is present in person at Commission office and states that he has not received requested information from the respondent till date. Further, he states that directions may be issued to the respondent to supply the sought for information pertaining to his RTI application. Furthermore, he requests that penalty be imposed upon the respondent PIO for not providing the information.
3. The respondent PIO-cum-ATO, Shri Vishal Goel, states that the requested information has already been provided to the appellant by his predecessor PIO.
4. After hearing both the parties and perusing the documents placed on record, the the respondent PIO either to provide the information **once again** 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. 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 17.02.2027 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 14.10.2026

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Shri Manjinder Singh, (98720-15069)

2469, Sunny Enclave, Sector - 125,
Kharar, District Mohali - 140301

....Appellant

Versus

Shri Gurpal Singh Brar (98158-99378),

Public Information Officer-cum-ATO,

O/o Secretary, Regional Transport Authority,
Faridkot.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Secretary, Regional Transport Authority,
Faridkot.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 5801 OF 2022

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent

Respondent: Shri Gurpal Singh Brar, PIO-cum-ATO (98158-99378)

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **15.09.2026**.

2. The respondent PIO-cum-ATO, Shri Gurpal Singh, states that the reply has already been submitted to the Commission via email dated 12.10.2026, which is taken on record.

3. The appellant is absent without intimation. It is also a fact that copy of previous order 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. The prima facie appears that the appellant does not intend to pursue the case and he has nothing to say in this regard.

4. After hearing the respondent and going through the case file, a copy of the reply sent to the appellant along with this order for its perusal. However, in the interest of justice **one opportunity** is given to the appellant to appear before the Commission and state his case. Both parties are directed to appear in person at Commission office 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.

5. **To come up on 17.02.2027 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 14.10.2026

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Cc: Reply sent to the appellant.

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....Appellant

Versus

Shri Gurpal Singh Brar (98158-99378),
Public Information Officer-cum-ATO,
O/o Secretary, Regional Transport Authority,
Faridkot.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Secretary, Regional Transport Authority,
Faridkot.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 861 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent

Respondent: Shri Gurpal Singh Brar, PIO-cum-ATO (98158-99378)

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **15.09.2026**.

2. The respondent PIO-cum-ATO, Shri Gurpal Singh, states that the reply has already been submitted to the Commission via email dated 12.10.2026, which is taken on record.

3. The appellant is absent without intimation. It is also a fact that copy of previous order 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. The prima facie appears that the appellant does not intend to pursue the case and he has nothing to say in this regard.

4. After hearing the respondent and going through the case file, a copy of the reply sent to the appellant along with this order for its perusal. However, in the interest of justice **one opportunity** is given to the appellant to appear before the Commission and state his case. Both parties are directed to appear in person at Commission office 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.

5. **To come up on 17.02.2027 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 14.10.2026

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Shri Jasbir Singh (98882-96107)

Guru Nanak Nagar, Village Bholapur Jhabewal,
PO Ramgarh, District Ludhiana (141123)

...Appellant

Versus

Shri Gurpal Singh Brar (98158-99378),

Public Information Officer-cum-ATO,

O/o Secretary,

Regional Transport Authority,
Faridkot.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Secretary, Regional Transport Authority,
Faridkot.

...Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4098 OF 2022

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent

Respondent: Shri Gurpal Singh Brar, PIO-cum-ATO (98158-99378)

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **15.09.2026**.

2. The appellant is absent, but he has informed the Commission of his inability to attend the hearing. However, an email dated 09.10.2026 has been received from the appellant mentioning therein that the sought information is still pending.

3. The respondent PIO-cum-ATO, Shri Gurpal Singh Brar, states that the reply along with information has already been sent to the appellant. Furthermore, the respondent has requested to waive of the penalty imposed upon the concerned respondent PIO vide this Commission's order dated 06.06.2023.

4. After hearing the respondent and going through the case file, the respondent PIO-cum-ATO, Shri Gurpal Singh Brar, is directed to **send another copy** of the point wise reply along with the sought information to the appellant via registered post **within 15 days** after 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 17.02.2027 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 14.10.2026

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Shri Lakhwinder Singh (94780-41709),
S/o Shri Balwinder Singh,
R/o VPO Dugri, Tehsil Dinanagar,
Distt Gurdaspur.

....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. 5267 OF 2025 **Through Cisco Webex**

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Lakhwinder Singh via mobile phone (94780-41709)
Respondent: Shri Parminder Singh, Clerk (91156-56045)

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **08.07.2026**.

2. The appellant, Shri Lakhwinder Singh, attended the hearing via mobile phone. He states that he has not received any reply/information from the respondent till date.
3. The respondent PIO, represented by Shri Parminder Singh, Clerk, is present in person at Commission office. He states that the reply has already been sent to the appellant vide letter dated 13.10.2026. Further, he states that the appellant could inspect the official records, if he so desired.
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 directed to provide the information, identified by the appellant during inspection, free of cost. This must be done under intimation to the Commission on or before the next hearing.
5. **Both parties are directed to attend the next hearing on 17.02.2027 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: 14.10.2026

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