

# PUNJAB STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION

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...Appellant

V/s

## Sh. Ashok Dogra

**Superintendent-cum-  
Public Information Officer, (By name)  
(Home 3 Branch)**

O/o Principal Secretary,  
Home Affairs & Justice, Punjab,  
Punjab Civil Secretariat-1,  
Sector-1, Chandigarh

## First Appellate Authority,

O/o Principal Secretary,  
Home Affairs & Justice, Punjab,  
Punjab Civil Secretariat-1,  
Sector-1, Chandigarh

....Respondents

### **Appeal Case No. 2834 of 2026** **(LIFE AND LIBERTY)**

**Present:** None on behalf of the appellant.  
None on behalf of the respondent.

### **ORDER**

The RTI application is dated 20.12.2025 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 22.01.2026 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 09.04.2026 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for hearing for today i.e. 15.04.2026

2. None is present on behalf of the respondent. Viewing the attitude in dealing with the RTI application by the respondent casually, Public Information Officer, is, thus, issued a show cause notice to explain in a self-attested affidavit as to why a penalty @ Rs.250/- per day of delay subject to a maximum of Rs.25000/- till the complete information is furnished, be not imposed under Section 20(1) of RTI Act, 2005 on him for causing willful delay/denial of the information to the RTI applicant and to show cause why a compensation under section 19(8) of the RTI Act,2005, may not be paid to the appellant for causing willful delay/denial of the information for detriment suffered by him.

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In addition to the written reply, the Public Information Officer is also given an opportunity under Section 20(1) proviso thereto, for a personal hearing before the imposition of such penalty on the next date of hearing. He may take a note that in case he does not file his written reply and does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the next date, it will be presumed that he has nothing to say and the Commission will proceed ex-parte.

Also, a copy of this order is being sent to Sh. Alok Shekhar, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary, Home Affairs and Justice to ensure the presence of the concerned PIO failing which a disciplinary action may be recommended in this case to the competent authority i.e. Administrative Secretary, Secretariat Administration.

2. To come up on **23.04.2026 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

**Dated: 15.04.2026**

**(Inderpal Singh)**  
**Chief Information Commissioner,**  
**Punjab.**

Sh. Alok Shekhar, IAS  
Additional Chief Secretary  
Home Affairs & Justice,  
Punjab Civil Sectt-2,  
Chandigarh,.