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Sh. Yogesh Mahajan, S/o Late
Sh. Kuldip Raj Mahajan,
President of Anti Corruption Council,
Opp Water Tank, Municipal Market,
Mission Road, Pathankot

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o XEN, Provincial Division,
PWD B&R, Bathinda

First Appellate Authority
O/o SE, Construction Circle,
PWD B&R, Bathinda

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 2400 of 2025

Present :- (i) Sh. Yogesh Mahajan, appellant
(ii) For the respondent : None

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 06.01.2025 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 16.04.2025 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 14.07.2026 in the Commission.

2. ShYogeshMahajan stated that no response whatsoever has been received from the respondents till date.

3. No one has put in appearance on behalf of the respondents nor has any communication been received from them. In the interest of justice, Respondent PIO is afforded one more opportunity to provide the appellant point-wise complete specific information, duly attested, free of cost, by registered post, in accordance with his RTI application 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. Respondents to note that in case no one comes present on their behalf on the next date fixed, punitive provisions of the RTI Act, 2005 may be invoked against the erring officer(s).

4. To come up on **15.09.2026 at 11:30 AM** in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

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Date :15.07.2026

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Appellant

Versus

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O/o XEN, Construction Division No. 2
PWD B&R, Amritsar

First Appellate Authority
O/o SE Center Works, PWD B&R
Amritsar

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 2812 of 2025

Present :- (i) Sh. Yogesh Mahajan the appellant
(ii) For the respondent : Rajesh Kumar, Junior Assistant (9815366773)

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 01.02.2025 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 08.05.2025 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 15.07.2026 in the Commission.

2. The appellant states that no information has been given to him so far.
3. Respondent sought time to provide the information to the appellant.
4. Considering the request of the respondent, the above said appeal case is adjourned to **15.09.2026 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date :15.07.2026

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Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o XEN, Construction Division
PWD B&R, Malerkotla
First Appellate Authority
O/o SE Circle, PWD B&R
Sangrur

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 2813 of 2025

Present :- (i) Sh Yogesh Mahajan, appellant
(ii) For the respondent : None

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 06.01.2025 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 08.05.2025 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 15.07.2026 in the Commission.

2. ShYogeshMahajan stated that no response whatsoever has been received from the respondents till date. No one has put in appearance on behalf of the respondents nor has any communication been received from them. In the interest of justice, Respondent PIO is afforded one more opportunity to provide the appellant point-wise complete specific information, duly attested, free of cost, by registered post, in accordance with his RTI application 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. Respondents to note that in case no one comes present on their behalf on the next date fixed, punitive provisions of the RTI Act, 2005 may be invoked against the erring officer(s).

3. To come up on **15.09.2026 at 11:30 AM** in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

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Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o XEN, Mechanical PWD B&R,
Jalandhar

First Appellate Authority
O/o SE Electrical Circle, PWD B&R
SAS Nagar

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 2815 of 2025

Present :- (i) Sh. Yogesh Mahajan the appellant
(ii) For the respondent : Sh.Rahul , Je (7508280551)

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 06.01.2025 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 08.05.2025 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 15.07.2026 in the Commission.

2. The appellant states that incomplete information has been provided to him. The respondent states that the information has been provided to the appellant.

3. After hearing both the parties and perusing the documents placed on record, it is observed that incomplete information has been given to the appellant. Hence, the respondent is directed to provide complete point wise , specific information to the appellant before the next date of hearing, under intimation to the Commission office. Further, the appellant is also given an opportunity to point out deficiencies , if any, on receiving the information, to the respondent before the next date of hearing with a copy to the Commission.

4. Both the parties are directed to appear, in person, on the next date of hearing for deliberations, failing which the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte. To come up on **15.09.2026 at 11:30** for further proceedings in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties

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Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o XEN, Provincial Division PWD B&R,
Amritsar

First Appellate Authority
O/o SE Construction Circle PWD B&R
Amritsar

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 2816 of 2025

Present :- (i) Sh. Yogesh Mahajan, appellant
(ii) For the respondent : None

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 06.01.2025 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 08.05.2025 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 15.07.2026 in the Commission.

2. The appellant states that no information has been provided to him.
3. The respondent has requested for an adjournment through e-mail.
4. In view of the above, the request of the respondent is accepted and he is given an opportunity to provide complete information to the appellant, and also file his reply on the next date of hearing.
5. Both the parties are directed to remain present on the next date of hearing, for deliberations, failing which, the decision will be taken on merit, ex parte. To come up on 15.09.2026 at 11:30 AM in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date :15.07.2026

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Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o XEN, Provincial Division PWD B&R,
Mansa

First Appellate Authority
O/o SE Construction Circle PWD B&R
Bathinda

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 2817 of 2025

Present :- (i) Sh. Yogesh Mahajan, appellant
(ii) For the respondent : Sh. Manoj Kumar, Clerk (9417233750)

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 06.01.2025 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 08.05.2025 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 15.07.2026 in the Commission.

2. The appellant states that the information has not been provided to him.

3. The respondent states that the information has been provided to the appellant. He has also brought the copy of the same. The appellant has gone through the same and states that the information relates to a different RTI application and not to this present case.

4. In view of the above, the respondent is given an opportunity to send the complete information to the appellant, through registered post, before the next date of hearing, under intimation to the Commission office. Further, the appellant is also given an opportunity to point out deficiencies, if any, on receiving the information, to the respondent before the next date of hearing with a copy to the Commission.

5. Both the parties are directed to appear, in person, on the next date of hearing for deliberations, failing which the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte. To come up on 15.09.2026 at 11:30 for further proceedings in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date :15.07.2026

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Mission Road, Pathankot

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o XEN, Construction Division no. 1, PWD B&R,
Ludhiana

First Appellate Authority
O/o SE Construction Circle PWD B&R
Ludhiana

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 2818 of 2025

Present :- (i) ShYogeshMahajan, appellant
(ii) For the respondent :ShAmarpreet Singh, JE (70093-64332)

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 06.01.2025 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 08.05.2025 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 14.07.2026 in the Commission.

2. The respondent states that the information has been provided to the appellant.

3. The appellant states that the information provided to him is not complete. He adds that he has brought the copy of deficiencies today.

4. In view of the above, the copy of the deficiencies, as brought by the appellant, is handed over to the respondent today with directions, to remove the same and provide the rectified information to the appellant, before the next date of hearing, under intimation to the Commission office. Both the parties are directed to remain present on the next date of hearing, for deliberations, failing which, the decision will be taken on merit, ex parte. To come up on **15.09.2026 at 11:30 AM** in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

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Mission Road, Pathankot

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o XEN, Construction Division no. 1, PWD B&R,
Mohali

First Appellate Authority
O/o SE Construction Circle PWD B&R
Chandigarh

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 2820 of 2025

Present :- (i) Sh. Yogesh Mahajan, appellant
(ii) For the respondent : Sh. Sandeep, XEN (9417306946)

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 06.01.2025 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 08.05.2025 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 14.07.2026 in the Commission.

2. The appellant states that the information has not been provided to him.

3. The respondent states that the information sought by the appellant is not specific and they have already sent their reply regarding the same to the appellant.

4. After hearing both the parties and perusing the documents placed on record, the contention of the respondent is overruled. Further, the respondent is directed to send the complete information to the appellant, through registered post, before the next date of hearing, under intimation to the Commission office. Further, the appellant is also given an opportunity to point out deficiencies, if any, on receiving the information, to the respondent before the next date of hearing with a copy to the Commission.

5. Both the parties are directed to appear, in person, on the next date of hearing for deliberations, failing which the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte. To come up on **15.09.2026 at 11:30** for further proceedings in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

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Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o XEN, Construction Division, PWD
B&R, Moga

First Appellate Authority
O/o SE PWD B&R
Faridkot

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 3260 of 2025

Present :- (i) Sh. Yogesh Mahajan, appellant
(ii) For the respondent : Sh. Dalvir Singh, SDE (84272-00163) and Sh. Amit Soni, EE (75084-72505)

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 06.01.2025 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 03.06.2025 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 14.07.2026 in the Commission.

2. The respondent states that the information has already been sent to the appellant.

3. The appellant states that he has not received the information.

4. This is the first date of hearing hence taking a lenient view one last opportunity is given to the respondent to provide complete, pointwise information to the appellant through registered post, before the next date of hearing, under intimation to the Commission office. Further, the appellant is also given an opportunity to point out deficiencies, if any, on receiving the information, to the respondent before the next date of hearing with a copy to the Commission.

5. Both the parties are directed to appear, in person, on the next date of hearing for deliberations, failing which the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte. To come up on 15.09.2026 at 11:30 for further proceedings in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

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Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o XEN, Provincial Division, PWD B&R, Punjab
Chandigarh

First Appellate Authority
O/o SE PWD B&R, Construction Circle,
Punjab Chandigarh

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 3263 of 2025

Present :- (i) Sh. Yogesh Mahajan, appellant
(ii) For the respondent : Sh. Rajinder Singh, SDE (99142-90938)

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 06.01.2025 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 03.06.2025 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 14.07.2026 in the Commission.

2. The appellant states that no information has been provided to him.
3. The respondent has requested for an adjournment through e-mail.
4. In view of the above, the request of the respondent is accepted and he is given an opportunity to provide complete information to the appellant, and also file his reply on the next date of hearing.
5. Both the parties are directed to remain present on the next date of hearing, for deliberations, failing which, the decision will be taken on merit, ex parte. To come up on **15.09.2026 at 11:30 AM** in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 15.07.2026

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Corruption Council, Opp. Water Tank,
Municipal Market, Mission Road, Pathankot

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o XEN, Draining cum Mining & Geology Division,
WRD, Tarn Taran

First Appellate Authority
O/o SE, Draining cum Mining & Geology Circle, WRD,
Amritsar

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 6682 OF 2024

Present : (i) Sh. Yogesh Mahajan the appellant
(ii) For the respondent : None

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 19.05.2026 vide which one last and final opportunity was given to the respondent to appear before the Commission and state his case.

2. The appellant Sh. Yogesh Mahajan states that the complete information has not been provided to him.

3. The respondent is not present today.

4. The Commission has carefully examined the records of the case as well as the conduct of the respondent during the course of these proceedings. It is observed that the matter remained pending before the Commission for a considerable period primarily on account of the repeated non-appearance of the respondent/PIO, O/o XEN, Draining cum Mining & Geology Division, WRD, TarnTaran. Despite being afforded adequate and sufficient opportunities to participate in the proceedings and explain the status of the RTI application, the respondent failed to appear before the Commission without furnishing any satisfactory justification.

5. However, even after being granted sufficient opportunities and despite being fully aware of the pendency of the matter before the Commission, the respondent again failed to appear on the hearing dated 17.02.2026. Such absence compelled the Commission to initiate show-cause proceedings under Section 20(1) of the RTI Act, 2005, requiring the respondent to explain why penalty should not be imposed for his persistent failure to discharge the statutory duties cast upon him under the Act.



APPEAL CASE NO. 6682 OF 2024

6. The Commission further notes with concern that even on the present date of hearing, the concerned PIO has once again failed to appear before the Commission. The respondent was issued a show cause notice on 17.02.2026. However despite the lapse of nearly five months, and the matter being taken up for hearing on 19.05.2026, the respondent neither appeared before the Commission nor submitted any written reply in response to the Show cause notice. Such conduct reflects a lack of seriousness towards the proceedings of the Commission.

7. The repeated and unexplained absence of the respondent reflects a complete disregard for the proceedings of the Commission and demonstrates a casual and negligent approach towards the implementation of the RTI Act, 2005. The Commission cannot overlook the fact that despite issuance of notices, grant of repeated opportunities and initiation of show-cause proceedings, the respondent has failed to exhibit the minimum degree of diligence expected from a Public Information Officer entrusted with statutory responsibilities under the Act.

9. The Commission is of the considered view that such conduct not only defeats the very object of the RTI Act, which seeks to ensure transparency and accountability in the functioning of public authorities, but also undermines the authority of this Commission. Public Information Officers are expected to assist the Commission in the effective adjudication of matters and to comply with its directions in a timely manner. Any indifference towards such obligations cannot be permitted to go unchecked.

10. In the facts and circumstances of the present case, the Commission is satisfied that the respondent has failed to establish any reasonable cause for the repeated non-appearance and non-compliance with the directions of the Commission. The conduct of the respondent clearly attracts the provisions of Section 20(1) of the RTI Act, 2005.

11. Accordingly, the Commission comes to a logical conclusion that it is a fit case for the imposition of penalty amounting to Rs. 25000/- (Rupees Twenty five thousand only) on the PIO. However, taking a lenient view, a penalty of **Rs. 10,000/- (Rs. Ten thousands only)** is imposed upon the concerned Public Information Officer under Section 20(1) of the RTI Act, 2005. The Head of the Department/Competent Authority is directed to recover the said amount from the salary of the concerned PIO and remit the same in the following Head of Account as per the applicable rules and procedure, within the prescribed period.

"0070-Other Administrative Services
60 other Services
800-Other Receipts ,
86-Fee under the RTI Act, 2005"

A compliance report regarding recovery and deposit of the penalty amount shall be furnished to the Commission within the stipulated time.

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12. The respondent-PIO is directed to be present personally on the next date of hearing along with the complete information to be provided to the appellant.

13. To come up on **15.09.2026 at 11:30AM** in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

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O/o XEN, Draining cum Mining and Geology, WRD,
Amritsar

First Appellate Authority
O/o SE, Draining cum Mining & Geology Circle, WRD, Amritsar

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 6672 OF 2024

Present :- (i) Sh.Yogesh Mahajan, appellant
(ii) For the respondent: Sh Rajesh kumar, Supdt. (97808-894151)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 17.02.2026, passed by the Commission.

2. The appellant states that the information has not been provided to him.
3. The respondent states that he has brought the information today. Copy of the same is handed over to the appellant.
4. In view of the above, the appellant is given an opportunity to point out deficiencies, if any in the information provided, to the respondent before the next date of hearing with a copy to the Commission. On receipt of the deficiencies, the respondents are directed to remove the same before the next date of hearing. Both the parties are directed to appear, in person, on the next date of hearing for deliberations, failing which the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte. To come up on 15.09.2026 at 11:30 for further proceedings in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

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Pathankot

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o XEN, Draining cum Mining or Geology Division,
WRD, Ferozepur

First Appellate Authority
O/o SE, Draining cum Mining & Geology Circle,
WRD, Ferozepur.

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO.6675 OF 2024

Present :- (i) Sh Yogesh Mahajan, appellant
(ii) For the respondent: None

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 17.02.2026 vide which the respondent was directed to provide complete information to the appellant.

2. The appellant states that only the complete information pertaining to point no. 6 has been provided to him. However, rest of the information provided is not complete.

3. The respondent is not present today.

4. After hearing the appellant and perusing the case file, it is ascertained that the complete information has not been given to the appellant so far. The appellant filed RTI with the Respondent-PIO on 01.08.2024, but till today the complete information has not been given to the appellant. The respondent has not even filed his reply to the show-cause notice, which shows that the respondent has no regard for the orders issued by the Commission. This is indeed a serious matter.

5. This has resulted in much avoidable inconvenience and hardship to the Appellant. He is, therefore, entitled to be compensated under Section 19(8)(b) of RTI Act 2005 for the loss and detriment suffered by him. In the circumstances, the Commission is of the view that ends of justice would be met if a sum of **Rs.3000/- (Rupees three thousands Only)** is awarded to the Appellant as compensation.

6. The respondent-PIO is directed to be present personally on the next date of hearing along with the complete information to be provided to the appellant. To come up on **15.09.2026 at 11:30AM** in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

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Versus

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First Appellate Authority
O/o SE, Construction Division, PWD B&R, Amritsar

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 3012 OF 2024

Present :- (i) Sh Yogesh Mahajan, appellant
(ii) For the respondent: None

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 22.04.2026 vide which the respondent was directed to provide the complete rectified information to the appellant.

2. The appellant Sh Yogesh Mahajan states that the complete information has not been provided to him.

3. The respondent is not present today. However, the respondent-PIO has sent an e-mail through which he has sought an adjournment today.

4. The Commission has carefully examined the records of the case as well as the conduct of the respondent during the course of these proceedings. It is observed that the matter remained pending before the Commission for a considerable period primarily on account of the repeated non-appearance of the respondent/PIO, O/o XEN, Provincial Division, PWD B&R, Amritsar. Despite being afforded adequate and sufficient opportunities to participate in the proceedings and explain the status of the RTI application, the respondent failed to appear before the Commission without furnishing any satisfactory justification.

5. However, even after being granted sufficient opportunities and despite being fully aware of the pendency of the matter before the Commission, the respondent again failed to appear on the hearing dated 20.01.2026. Such absence compelled the Commission to initiate show-cause proceedings under Section 20(1) of the RTI Act, 2005, requiring the respondent to explain why penalty should not be imposed for his persistent failure to discharge the statutory duties cast upon him under the Act.

6. The Commission further notes with concern that even on the present date of hearing, the concerned PIO has once again failed to appear before the Commission. Again they have sent an e-mail mentioning that the staff of the office is busy with SIR (Special Intensive Revision) duties. The



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Commission finds this explanation wholly inadequate and unacceptable, particularly in the absence of any documentary evidence supporting the said plea. The respondent was issued a show cause notice on 20.01.2026. However despite the lapse of nearly six months, and the matter being taken up for hearing on 22.04.2026, the respondent neither appeared before the Commission nor submitted any written reply in response to the Show cause notice. Such conduct reflects a lack of seriousness towards the proceedings of the Commission.

7. The repeated and unexplained absence of the respondent reflects a complete disregard for the proceedings of the Commission and demonstrates a casual and negligent approach towards the implementation of the RTI Act, 2005. The Commission cannot overlook the fact that despite issuance of notices, grant of repeated opportunities and initiation of show-cause proceedings, the respondent has failed to exhibit the minimum degree of diligence expected from a Public Information Officer entrusted with statutory responsibilities under the Act.

9. The Commission is of the considered view that such conduct not only defeats the very object of the RTI Act, which seeks to ensure transparency and accountability in the functioning of public authorities, but also undermines the authority of this Commission. Public Information Officers are expected to assist the Commission in the effective adjudication of matters and to comply with its directions in a timely manner. Any indifference towards such obligations cannot be permitted to go unchecked.

10. In the facts and circumstances of the present case, the Commission is satisfied that the respondent has failed to establish any reasonable cause for the repeated non-appearance and non-compliance with the directions of the Commission. The conduct of the respondent clearly attracts the provisions of Section 20(1) of the RTI Act, 2005.

11. Accordingly, the Commission comes to a logical conclusion that it is a fit case for the imposition of penalty amounting to Rs. 25000/- (Rupees Twenty five thousand only) on the PIO. However, taking a lenient view, a penalty of **Rs. 10,000/- (Rs. Ten thousands only)** is imposed upon the concerned Public Information Officer under Section 20(1) of the RTI Act, 2005. The Head of the Department/Competent Authority is directed to recover the said amount from the salary of the concerned PIO and remit the same in the following Head of Account as per the applicable rules and procedure, within the prescribed period.

"0070-Other Administrative Services
60 other Services
800-Other Receipts ,
86-Fee under the RTI Act, 2005"

A compliance report regarding recovery and deposit of the penalty amount shall be furnished to the Commission within the stipulated time.

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12. The respondent-PIO is directed to be present personally on the next date of hearing along with the complete information to be provided to the appellant.

13. To come up on **15.09.2026 at 11:30AM** in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date :15.07.2026

Sd/-
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Sh.Yogesh Mahajan, S/o Late ShKuldip Raj Mahajan,
President of AntiCorruption Council,
Opp. Water Tank, Municipal Market,
Mission Road, Pathankot

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
PIO O/o XEN, Provincial Division,
PWD B&R, Amritsar

First Appellate Authority
O/o SE, Construction Division,
PWD B&R, Amritsar

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 3011 OF 2024

Present :- (i) Sh. Yogesh Mahajan the appellant
(ii) For the respondent: None for the respondent

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 17.02.2026 vide which the respondent was directed to provide complete information to the appellant.

2. The appellant states that no information has been given to him so far.

3. The respondent is not present today. He has sent an email stating that he is unable to attend today's hearing and has sought another date.

4. After hearing the appellant and perusing the case file, it is ascertained that the complete information has not been given to the appellant so far. The appellant filed RTI with the Respondent-PIO on 06.01.2025, but till today no information has not been given to the appellant. The respondent has not even filed his reply to the show-cause notice, which shows that the respondent has no regard for the orders issued by the Commission. This is indeed a serious matter.

5. This has resulted in much avoidable inconvenience and hardship to the Appellant. He is, therefore, entitled to be compensated under Section 19(8)(b) of RTI Act 2005 for the loss and detriment suffered by him. In the circumstances, I am of the view that ends of justice would be met if a sum of **Rs.3000/- (Rupees three thousand Only)** is awarded to the Appellant as compensation.

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6. The respondent-PIO is directed to be present personally on the next date of hearing along with the complete information to be provided to the appellant. To come up on **15.09.2026 at 11:30AM** in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date :15.07.2026

Sd/-
(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab



Sh.Manjinder Singh, # 2469
Sunny Enclave, Sector 125, Kharar
Distt. Mohali -140301

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Secretary, Regional Transport
Authority, Ferozepur

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

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 5032 OF 2023

Present :- (i) Sh.Manjinder Singh the appellant
(ii) For the respondent: Sh. Rakesh Kumar, ATO-cum-PIO (9781989166)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 25.06.2026 vide which respondent had provided the information to the appellant and the appellant sought time to go through the same.

2. Today, the Appellant states that he has received information regarding receipt book slips, but he has not received copies of traffic police challans disposed of on 10.10.2027. Sh.Manjinder Singh the Appellant further states that similar information, including copies of challans, has been supplied to him by the District Transport Office, Sangrur.

3. The Respondent, on the other hand, submitted that the copies of the challans contain personal information relating to third parties and, therefore, the same cannot be disclosed under the provisions of the RTI Act.

4. The Commission has considered the submissions made by both the parties. It is observed that there appears to be a lack of uniformity in the implementation of the RTI Act by different District Transport Offices. While one district has supplied the copies of challans, another has declined disclosure on the ground that the information constitutes third-party personal information. Such inconsistency results in uncertainty and defeats the objective of ensuring a uniform and transparent implementation of the RTI Act.

5. Accordingly, the State Transport Commissioner (STC), Punjab is directed to examine the issue comprehensively in light of the provisions of the Right to Information Act, 2005, including the applicability of Sections 8(1)(j) and 11, wherever relevant, and to formulate appropriate, uniform guidelines/instructions for all District Transport Offices in the State regarding disclosure of such

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information. The STC shall ensure that a consistent approach is followed by all field offices while dealing with similar RTI applications.

6. The State Transport Commissioner, Punjab shall also intimate this Commission, within eight weeks from the date of receipt of this order, regarding the decision taken and the directions/instructions issued in this regard. A copy of this order be forwarded to the State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, for information and necessary compliance.

7. To come up on **22.09.2026 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date :15.07.2026

Sd/-
(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

CC: State Transport Commissioner, Punjab SCO 177-178, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Floor, Sector 17-C, Chandigarh, 160017(for compliance)

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Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Secretary, Regional Transport
Authority, Patiala

First Appellate Authority
O/o Secretary, Regional Transport
Authority, Patiala

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 5033 OF 2023

Present :- (i) Sh.Manjinder Singh the appellant
(ii) For the respondent: None for the respondent

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 25.06.2026, whereby the Commission, after considering the facts and circumstances of the case, had directed the concerned Public Information Officer, O/o Regional Transport officer, Patiala to furnish the complete and specific information to the Appellant and had also issued a show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act, 2005 to the PIO, o/o RTO, Patiala, calling upon him/her to explain as to why penalty should not be imposed . The respondent Ms. Poonam Deep Kaur ,RTO Patiala was further directed to appear before the Commission on the date fixed along with his written explanation.

2. Today, despite due service of notice none has appeared on behalf of the PIO, o/o RTO Patiala. Neither has any written reply to the show cause notice been filed nor has any request for exemption or adjournment been received. The respondent, has failed to avail the opportunity granted by the Commission and has chosen to remain absent without any reason.

3. The Commission has carefully perused the record of the case. It is observed that the respondent was afforded sufficient opportunities to comply with the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005. However, the respondent has neither appeared before the Commission nor file his/her reply. The persistent failure to respond and non- appearance before the Commission , clearly reflects a casual, negligent and indifferent approach towards the implementation of the RTI Act,2005.

4. The conduct of the respondent is highly deplorable. The RTI Act 2005 casts a statutory duty upon every Public Information Officer to deal with RTI applications diligently and within the prescribed time. The continued default on the part of the respondent not only defeats the very object of the Act but also undermines the principles of transparency, accountability and good governance. Such conduct cannot be permitted to go unchecked and deserves to be viewed seriously.



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5. The Commission is satisfied that the respondent has failed to establish any reasonable cause for the delay in dealing with the RTI application. Even after notice issued by the Commission, the respondent neither ensured timely compliance nor appeared before the Commission to justify his conduct.

6. Accordingly, in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act 2005 the Commission hereby taking a lenient view and imposes a penalty of Rs. 10,000/- (Ten thousand only) upon the concerned Public Information Officer, o/o RTO, Patiala for the unjustified delay in dealing with the RTI application and for his/her failure discharge the statutory obligations cast upon him under the RTI Act. The penalty amount of Rs. 10,000/- shall be recovered from the salary of the concerned Public Information Officer, o/o RTO, Patiala in accordance with law and deposited in the State Treasury in the following Head of Account as per the applicable rules and procedure, within the prescribed period.

"0070-Other Administrative Services
60 other Services
800-Other Receipts ,
86-Fee under the RTI Act, 2005"

The competent authority shall ensure compliance of this order and submit a compliance report along with proof of deposit before the Commission.

7. To come up on **10.09.2026 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date :15.07.2026

**Sd/-
(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab**

CC: Ms.Poonamdeep Kaur, RTO Patiala (for compliance)

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Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Secretary, Regional Transport
Authority, Ferozepur

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

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 5034 OF 2023

Present :- (i) Sh.Manjinder Singh the appellant
(ii) For the respondent: Sh.Rakesh Kumar, ATO-cum-PIO (9781989166)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 25.06.2026 passed by the Commission , whereby 12 pages of information was handed over to the appellant. Further the appellant sought time to go through the same.

2. The appellant Sh. Manjinder Singh states that as directed during the last hearing, he has already pointed out deficiencies to the respondent.

3. The respondent Sh. Rakesh Kumar states that he has not received deficiencies pointed out by the appellant.

4. Since the respondent has not received deficiencies , hence the appellant is directed to again send copy of deficiencies to the respondent under intimation to the Commission within twenty days from the receipt of this order. Further, the respondent is directed to remove the same before the next date of hearing. Both the parties are directed to appear, in person, on the next date of hearing for deliberations, failing which the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte. To come up on **10.09.2026 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date :15.07.2026

Sd/-
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Sh. Manjinder Singh, # 2469, Sunny Enclave
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Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Secretary Regional Transport Authority,
Patiala

First Appellate Authority
O/o Secretary Regional Transport Authority,
Patiala

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 5037 OF 2023

Present :- (i) Sh.Manjinder Singh the appellant
(ii) For the respondent: None for the respondent

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 25.06.2026, whereby the Commission, after considering the facts and circumstances of the case, had directed the concerned Public Information Officer, O/o Regional Transport officer, Patiala to furnish the complete and specific information to the Appellant and had also issued a show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act, 2005, calling upon him to explain as to why penalty should not be imposed . The respondent Ms. Poonam Deep Kaur ,RTO Patiala was further directed to appear before the commission on the date fixed along with his written explanation.

2. Today, despite due service of notice none has appeared on behalf of the PIO, o/o RTO Patiala. Neither has any written reply to the show cause notice been filed nor has any request for exemption or adjournment been received. The respondent, has failed to avail the opportunity granted by the Commission and has chosen to remain absent without any reason.

3. The Commission has carefully perused the record of the case. It is observed that the respondent was afforded sufficient opportunities to comply with the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005. However, the respondent has neither appeared before the Commission nor file his/her reply. The persistent failure to respond and non- appearance before the Commission , clearly reflects a casual, negligent and indifferent approach towards the implementation of the RTI Act,2005.

4. The conduct of the respondent is highly deplorable. The RTI Act 2005 casts a statutory duty upon every Public Information Officer, o/o RTO, Patiala to deal with RTI applications diligently and within the prescribed time. The continued default on the part of the respondent not only defeats the very object of the Act but also undermines the principles of transparency, accountability and good governance. Such conduct cannot be permitted to go unchecked and deserves to be viewed seriously.



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5. The Commission is satisfied that the respondent has failed to establish any reasonable cause for the delay in dealing with the RTI application. Even after notice issued by the Commission, the respondent neither ensured timely compliance nor appeared before the Commission to justify his conduct.

6. Accordingly, in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act 2005 the Commission hereby taking a lenient view imposes a penalty of Rs. 10,000/- (Ten thousand only) upon the concerned Public Information Officer, o/o RTO, Patiala for the unjustified delay in dealing with the RTI application and for his/her failure discharge the statutory obligations cast upon him under the RTI Act. The penalty amount of Rs. 10,000/- shall be recovered from the salary of the concerned Public Information, o/o RTO, Patiala Officer in accordance with law and deposited in the State Treasury in the following Head of Account as per the applicable rules and procedure, within the prescribed period.

"0070-Other Administrative Services
60 other Services
800-Other Receipts ,
86-Fee under the RTI Act, 2005"

The competent authority shall ensure compliance of this order and submit a compliance report along with proof of deposit before the Commission.

7. To come up on **10.09.2026 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date :15.07.2026

**Sd/-
(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab**

CC: Ms.Poonamdeep Kaur, RTO Patiala (for compliance)

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Sh. Manjinder Singh, # 2469, Sunny Enclave
Sector 125, Kharar, Distt. Mohali -140301

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Secretary Regional Transport Authority,
Bathinda

First Appellate Authority
O/o Secretary Regional Transport Authority,
Bathinda

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 5038 OF 2023

Present :- (i) Sh. Manjinder Singh the appellant in the Commission
(ii) For the respondent: Sh. Kulbir Singh, PIO (8054903939), o/o RTA , Bathinda
and Sh. Sheetal Singh, (9252600005), o/o RTO, Bathinda

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 25.06.2026 passed by the Commission

2. Today the appellant states that misleading information has been given to him so far.
3. Respondent states that the information has already been sent to the appellant.
4. The perusal of the case file shows that the appellant filed RTI on 24.03.2023, but after lapse of more than two years misleading information has been to the appellant so far. Such continued non-compliance demonstrates a casual and indifferent approach towards the statutory obligations under the RTI Act and reflects a lack of respect for the proceedings of the Commission.
4. The Commission expresses serious concern over the conduct of the respondent. Nevertheless, in the interest of natural justice, **one final and last opportunity** is granted to the respondent to provide correct and complete information to the appellant, and place proof of such service on record before the next date of hearing. The respondent is hereby put on clear notice that any further failure to comply with the directions of the Commission, or failure to appear on the next date of hearing without sufficient cause, shall be viewed seriously and may invite appropriate action as permissible under the provisions of the RTI Act. No further indulgence shall be shown in the matter.
5. To come up on **10.09.2026 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date :15.07.2026

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Sector 125, Kharar, Distt. Mohali -140301

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Secretary Regional Transport Authority,
Bathinda

2. Public Information Officer,
O/o Secretary Regional Transport Authority,
Mansa

First Appellate Authority
O/o Secretary Regional Transport Authority,
Bathinda

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 5039 OF 2023

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Present :- (i) Sh. Manjinder Singh the appellant in the Commission
(ii) For the respondent: Sh. Kulbir Singh, PIO (8054903939), o/o RTA , Bathinda
and Sh. Sheetal Singh, (9252600005), o/o RTO, Bathinda

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 25.06.2026 passed by the Commission

2. Today the appellant states that misleading information has been given to him so far.

3. Respondent , o/o RTA, Mansa is absent today. He has sent an email vide which he stated that the information pertaining to the 2017 could not be located. Further he has sought time.

4. The case file shows that during the hearing dated 25.02.2026, PIO, o/o Secretary Regional Transport Authority , Mansa was impleaded as necessary party. Accordingly the case was adjourned on 25.06.2026. On 25.06.2026, neither the respondent nor his representative was present. Today again respondent ,o/o RTA, Mansa is not present.

5. A careful perusal of the record reveals that the respondent has persistently failed to participate in the proceedings. Despite repeated opportunities, the respondent has neither appeared before the Commission on any of the previous dates of hearing nor submitted any written response to the RTI application. Such continued non-compliance demonstrates a casual and indifferent approach towards the statutory obligations under the RTI Act and reflects a lack of respect for the proceedings of the Commission.



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6. The Commission expresses serious concern over the conduct of the respondent. Nevertheless, in the interest of natural justice, **one final and last opportunity** is granted to the respondent to file a detailed and point-wise reply to the RTI application, furnish the same to the appellant, and place proof of such service on record before the next date of hearing. The respondent is hereby put on clear notice that any further failure to comply with the directions of the Commission, or failure to appear on the next date of hearing without sufficient cause, shall be viewed seriously and may invite appropriate action as permissible under the provisions of the RTI Act. No further indulgence shall be shown in the matter.

7. To come up on **10.09.2026 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date :15.07.2026

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Sh.Ankit Grover, S/o Sh. Ashok Kumar Grover
29, Vijay colony, Jandwala Bhimeshah,
Tehsil and Distt.Fazilka - 152123
(RTI Application no. 177084)

Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o XEN, Drainage cum Mining and Geology Division
WRD Punjab, Fazilka

First Appellate Authority
O/o SE, Drainage cum Mining and Geology Division
Water Resource Punjab Chandigarh

Respondents

COMPLAINT CASE NO.148 of 2025

Present :- (i) Sh.Ankit Grover the Complainant
(ii) For the respondent: Sh.Tejinder Pal, SDO-cum-APIO (9530508263)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 28.04.2026 passed by the Commission vide which neither the complainant nor the respondent was present.

2. Respondent Sh.Tejinder Pal, SDO-cum-APIO states that the information has been sent to the complainant.

3. Today the complainant states that he does not want information, he wants action taken against the erring Public Information Officer for the delay.

4. After hearing both the parties and going through the case file , it is ascertained that the Complainant filed RTI with the department on 30.03.2025, but he has not received any reply from the department within stipulated time as prescribed under the RTI Act 2005. For this the Complainant demands that the Respondent be penalized.

5. A careful perusal of the case file shows that the respondent- PIO has not provided the information to the Complainant within stipulated time as prescribed under the RTI Act 2005. Therefore, the Commission deem it appropriate to issue show cause notice under section 20 (1) of the RTI Act , 2005, to PIO , o/o XEN, Drainage cum Mining and Geology Division WRD, Punjab Fazilka as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay / denial in providing the information to the RTI applicant. He is directed to file reply to the show cause notice in writing before the next date of hearing.

In addition to his submission, the PIO is also hereby 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 note that in case he does not file his submission and does not avail himself of the

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opportunity of personal hearing on the next 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. To come up on **08.09.2026 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date :15.07.2026

Sd/-
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Sh.Ankit Grover, S/o Sh. Ashok Kumar Grover
29, Vijay colony, Jandwala Bhimeshah,
Tehsil and Distt.Fazilka- 152123
(RTI application no. 164375)

Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o XEN, Drainage cum Mining and Geology Division
WRD Punjab, Ludhiana

First Appellate Authority
O/o SE, Drainage cum Mining and Geology Division
Water Resource Punjab Jalandhar

Respondents

COMPLAINT CASE NO.146 of 2025

Present :- (i) Sh.Ankit Grover the appellant
(ii) For the respondent: Sh.Vikas Arora, Clerk (9501015987)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 28.04.2026 passed by the Commission vide which the complainant was not present and the respondent stated that the information has already been sent to the complainant.

2. Today the Complainant states that he does not want information, he wants action taken against the erring Public Information Officer for the delay.

3. After hearing both the parties and going through the case file , it is ascertained that the Complainant filed RTI with the department on 25.01.2025, but he has not received any reply from the department within stipulated time as prescribed under the RTI Act 2005. For this the Complainant demands that the Respondent be penalized.

4. A careful perusal of the case file shows that the respondent- PIO has not provided the information to the Complainant within stipulated time as prescribed under the RTI Act 2005. Therefore, the Commission deem it appropriate to issue show cause notice under section 20 (1) of the RTI Act , 2005, to PIO , o/o XEN, Drainage cum Mining and Geology Division WRD, Punjab Ludhiana as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay / denial in providing the information to the RTI applicant. He is directed to file reply to the show cause notice in writing before the next date of hearing.

In addition to his submission, the PIO is also hereby 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 note that in case he does not file his submission and does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the next 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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COMPLAINT CASE NO.146 of 2025

5. To come up on **08.09.2026 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date :15.07.2026

**Sd/-
(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
State Information Commissioner
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