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Shri Ranjodh Singh (97798-08572),
R/o Village Ratoke, P.O Pakhopur,
Distt Tarn Taran - 143408

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o BDPO, Chohla Sahib,
Distt Tarn Taran.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o BDPO, Chohla Sahib,
Distt Tarn Taran.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 7438 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Ranjodh Singh (97798-08572)
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **09.07.2026**.

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 third 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. The respondent PIO O/o BDPO, Chohla Sahib, District Tarn Taran, is 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.

6. **To come up on 24.02.2027 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: 15.10.2026

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Shri Balwinder Singh (94634-84144),
S/o Shri Malkit Singh,
R/o Village Jandu Singha, Patti Bains,
Distt Jalandhar.

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer-cum-BDPO,
Bhogpur, Jalandhar.
Encl: RTI application.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o DDPO,
Jalandhar.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 7486 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Balwinder Singh via mobile phone (94634-84144)
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **09.07.2026**.

2. The respondent is absent. The appellant, Shri Balwinder Singh, attended the hearing via mobile phone and states that the office of, BDPO, Adampur is shifted to BDPO, Bhogpur. Further, he states that the requested information has not yet been received.

3. After hearing the appellant and going through the case file, the Commission impleads the PIO, office of, BPDO, Bhogpur, as deemed PIO in this appeal case who is custodian of the information.

4. After having detailed deliberations with the appellant and examining the case file, the deemed PIO, office of, BDPO, Bhogpur, 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. 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 24.02.2027 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 15.10.2026

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Shri Satpal,

S/o Shri Chanan Ram,
Ward No. 19, Roop Nagar, Cineme Wali Gali,
Gidderbaha, Distt Sri Muktsar Sahib.

....Appellant

Versus

Shri Gaurav Yadav, IPS,
Public Information Officer-cum-DGP,
Punjab Police Headquarters,
Jan Marg, Sector 9 – A, Chandigarh.

Shri Swapan Sharma, IPS,
Public Information Officer-cum-DIG,
O/o Commissioner of Police,
Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Commissioner of Police, Ludhiana.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 837 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Deven Munjal, Advocate (98149-92468)
Respondent: Ms. Sarbjeet Kaur, SA O/o DGP Pb., Chandigarh (95924-87249) and
Ms. Jaspreet Kaur, Clerk, Pb., Chandigarh (98145-81844)

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **10.08.2026**.

2. Shri Deven Munjal, Advocate, is appearing on behalf of the appellant and he states that the requested information has not yet been received.
3. The respondent states that the letter was written to the office of, Commissioner of Police, Ludhiana, to provide the information to the appellant. The respondent also files a reply in this regard during the course of hearing, which is taken on record.
4. After hearing both the parties and perusing the documents placed on record, the Commission hereby directs the respondent PIO to provide the complete information as demanded through his RTI application pertaining to **Mohan Lal (Belt No. 13/966)** to the appellant through registered post **within 15 days** after receipt of this order, under intimation to the Commission, failing which stringent action will be initiated against the respondent PIO, as per the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.
5. Both parties are directed to 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 18.11.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 15.10.2026

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Shri Raghav Swami (85449-63408),
1109/ Tower - E, Ananda,
S.B.P Housing Complex,
Mohan Nagar, Derabassi.

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Chitkara University,
Rajpura, Distt Patiala.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Registrar, Chitkara University,
Rajpura, Distt Patiala.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 6315 OF 2025

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **10.08.2026**.

2. The appellant is absent. However, an email dated 14.10.2026 has been received from the respondent mentioning therein that he is unable to attend the hearing and requested an adjournment. He also mentioned that the requested information is still pending.

3. The respondent is absent, but informed the Commission of his inability to attend the hearing via an email this morning i.e. 15.10.2026.

4. However, before taking any penal proceedings against the respondent PIO, the Commission wishes to give **another opportunity** to the respondent **PIO**, to provide the complete requisite information to the appellant **within 10 days** after receipt of this order, under intimation to the Commission. Failure to comply and attend the hearing, will compel the Commission to initiate penalties as per the RTI Act, 2005.

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 24.02.2027 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Shri Baljinder Singh, (98552-41541)

S/o Shri Karnail Singh,
R/o Village Chappiyawali,
P.O Baba Bakala Sahib, Distt Amritsar – 143202

....Appellant

Versus

Shri Harpal Singh, (98144-08989)

Public Information Officer-cum-Panchayat Secretary,
O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer,
Block Raiya, Distt Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o District Development and Panchayat Officer,
Amritsar.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 1997 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Baljinder Singh (98552-41541)
Respondent: Shri Harpal Singh, PS via mobile phone (98144-08989)

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **22.07.2026**. During the said hearing, the case was fixed for hearing on **12.10.2026**, but the case was adjourned and further fixed for hearing today, i.e. **15.10.2026**.

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 PIO-cum-Panchayat Secretary, Shri Harpal Singh, attended the hearing via mobile phone. The respondent states that the requested information is ready and will be sent to the appellant soon.

4. After hearing both the parties and perusing the documents placed on record, the respondent is directed to submit the complete requested information to the Commission office after due attestation. This must be done **within 10 days** of this hearing, failing which, the respondent PIO will be eligible for penalties under the RTI Act, 2005.

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 24.02.2027 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 15.10.2026

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Shri Jaspal Singh, (99888-14680)

2542, Mari Wala Town,
Manimajra, Chandigarh.

....Appellant

Versus

Shri Rajbir Singh (62806-47021)

Public Information Officer-cum-Tehsildar,
Majri, Distt SAS Nagar.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Tehsildar, Majri, Distt SAS Nagar.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4807 OF 2024

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Jaspal Singh via mobile phone (99888-14680)
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **22.07.2026**. During the said hearing, the case was fixed for hearing on **12.10.2026**, but the case was adjourned and further fixed for hearing today, i.e. **15.10.2026**.

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 PIO office of, Tehsildar, Majri, District SAS Nagar, is absent without intimation. Shri Rajbir Singh, PIO-cum-Tehsildar, Majri, District SAS Nagar, is absent despite the Show Cause Notice issued in this case. The respondent PIO-cum-Tehsildar, Majri, District SAS Nagar, 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.

4. Also, a copy of this order is being sent to **Shri Gurmit Singh, PCS, SDM, Kharar, District SAS Nagar**, for information at this stage.

6. **To come up on 18.11.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 15.10.2026

Sd/-
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State Information Commissioner
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Cc: **Shri Gurmit Singh (98729-48650),**
PCS, SDM, Kharar,
District SAS Nagar.

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

BAILABLE WARRANT OF PRODUCTION

In case of Shri Jaspal Singh V/s Public Information Officer O/o Tehsildar, Majri, District SAS Nagar. 2.FAA o/o Tehsildar, Majri, District SAS Nagar.

APPEAL CASE NO. 4807 OF 2024

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

NEXT DATE OF HEARING: 18.11.2026

To

The Senior Superintendent of Police, SAS Nagar.

Whereas the Public Information Officer-Cum-Tehsildar, Majri, District SAS Nagar, Shri Rajbir 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-Tehsildar, Majri, District SAS Nagar, Shri Rajbir 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 22.07.2026 (copy enclosed) along with the information to be provided to the appellant.

(Virinderjit Singh Billing)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Dated: 15.10.2026

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Mrs. Shobha Rani, (78374-84896)

W/o Shri Vijay Malhotra,
1020/2/2A, Subhash Nagar,
Near Bajwa Nagar, Ludhiana.

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Environmental Engineer,
Punjab Pollution Control Board,
Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Sr. Environmental Engineer, Zonal Office - 1,
Punjab Pollution Control Board, Ludhiana.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 2255 OF 2024

PRESENT: Appellant: Mrs. Shobha Rani (78374-84896)
Respondent: Shri Parneet Singh, JEE (97802-70220)

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **22.07.2026**. During the said hearing, the case was fixed for hearing on **12.10.2026**, but the case was adjourned and further fixed for hearing today, i.e. **15.10.2026**.

2. The appellant, Mrs. Shobha Rani, states that no information has been given to her so far.

3. The respondent states that he has brought the complete information today to be provided to the appellant. Copy of the information is handed over to the appellant.

4. The appellant requests that some time be given to her 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, 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.

6. 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.

7. **To come up on 24.02.2027 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 15.10.2026

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Shri Gurlal Singh Grewal, (98772-52671)

S/o Late Shri Joginder Singh Grewal,
655, Gurdev Nagar, Ludhiana.

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Khalsa Dewan Society,
Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Khalsa Dewan Society,
Ludhiana.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 3250 OF 2025

PRESENT: Appellant: Mr. Arun Bansal, Advocate on behalf of the appellant (98140-17584)
Mr. Jatin Sharma, Advocate, and
Mr. Anubhav Bansal, Advocate
Respondent: Dr. Mukti Gill, Director (98148-30109),
Shri Vishal Mehta, Advocate (99141-13304), and
Shri Mayank Mathur, Advocate (70153-91478)

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **25.09.2026**.

2. The counsel for the appellant states that no information has been given to him so far.
3. The respondent states that the cited society mentioned in the RTI application is not funded by the Government. Consequently, the respondent argued that the society does not fall within the preview of the RTI Act, 2005, as it is not a Public Authority. The respondent filed a written reply in this regard, which is taken on record. A copy of the written reply was handed over to the appellant's counsel during the course of hearing.
4. The counsel for the appellant states that some additional time be given to him to go through the reply.
5. Accordingly, one opportunity is given to the appellant's counsel to go through the reply and revert back to the respondent PIO, within fifteen days, from the receipt of this order, under intimation to the Commission. On receipt of the rebuttal, the respondent is directed to file a counter reply, if he so desire, well before the next date of hearing.
6. 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.
7. **To come up on 24.02.2027 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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S/o Late Shri Joginder Singh Grewal,
655, Gurdev Nagar, Ludhiana.

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o Malwa Central College of Education for Women,
Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Malwa Central College of Education for Women,
Ludhiana.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 3323 OF 2025

PRESENT: Appellant: Mr. Arun Bansal, Advocate on behalf of the appellant (98140-17584)
Mr. Jatin Sharma, Advocate, and
Mr. Anubhav Bansal, Advocate
Respondent: Dr. Mukti Gill, Director (98148-30109),
Shri Vishal Mehta, Advocate (99141-13304), and
Shri Mayank Mathur, Advocate (70153-91478)

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **25.09.2026**.

2. The counsel for the appellant states that no information has been given to him so far.
3. The respondent states that the cited society mentioned in the RTI application is not funded by the Government. Consequently, the respondent argued that the society does not fall within the preview of the RTI Act, 2005, as it is not a Public Authority. The respondent filed a written reply in this regard, which is taken on record. A copy of the written reply was handed over to the appellant's counsel during the course of hearing.
4. The counsel for the appellant states that some additional time be given to him to go through the reply.
5. Accordingly, one opportunity is given to the appellant's counsel to go through the reply and revert back to the respondent PIO, within fifteen days, from the receipt of this order, under intimation to the Commission. On receipt of the rebuttal, the respondent is directed to file a counter reply, if he so desire, well before the next date of hearing.
6. 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.
7. **To come up on 24.02.2027 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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655, Gurdev Nagar, Ludhiana.

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Khalsa College for Women,
Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Khalsa College for Women,
Ludhiana.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 3324 OF 2025

PRESENT: Appellant: Mr. Arun Bansal, Advocate on behalf of the appellant (98140-17584)
Mr. Jatin Sharma, Advocate, and
Mr. Anubhav Bansal, Advocate
Respondent: Dr. Mukti Gill, Director (98148-30109),
Shri Vishal Mehta, Advocate (99141-13304), and
Shri Mayank Mathur, Advocate (70153-91478)

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **25.09.2026**.

2. The counsel for the appellant states that no information has been given to him so far.
3. The respondent states that the cited society mentioned in the RTI application is not funded by the Government. Consequently, the respondent argued that the society does not fall within the preview of the RTI Act, 2005, as it is not a Public Authority. The respondent filed a written reply in this regard, which is taken on record. A copy of the written reply was handed over to the appellant's counsel during the course of hearing.
4. The counsel for the appellant states that some additional time be given to him to go through the reply.
5. Accordingly, one opportunity is given to the appellant's counsel to go through the reply and revert back to the respondent PIO, within fifteen days, from the receipt of this order, under intimation to the Commission. On receipt of the rebuttal, the respondent is directed to file a counter reply, if he so desire, well before the next date of hearing.
6. 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.
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....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o Khalsa Institute of Management & Technology for Women,
Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Khalsa Institute of Management & Technology for Women,
Ludhiana.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 3325 OF 2025

PRESENT: Appellant: Mr. Arun Bansal, Advocate on behalf of the appellant (98140-17584)
Mr. Jatin Sharma, Advocate, and
Mr. Anubhav Bansal, Advocate
Respondent: Dr. Mukti Gill, Director (98148-30109),
Shri Vishal Mehta, Advocate (99141-13304), and
Shri Mayank Mathur, Advocate (70153-91478)

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **25.09.2026**.

2. The counsel for the appellant states that no information has been given to him so far.
3. The respondent states that the cited society mentioned in the RTI application is not funded by the Government. Consequently, the respondent argued that the society does not fall within the preview of the RTI Act, 2005, as it is not a Public Authority. The respondent filed a written reply in this regard, which is taken on record. A copy of the written reply was handed over to the appellant's counsel during the course of hearing.
4. The counsel for the appellant states that some additional time be given to him to go through the reply.
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....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o Khalsa Girls Sr. Secondary School,
Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Khalsa Girls Sr. Secondary School,
Ludhiana.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 3326 OF 2025

PRESENT: Appellant: Mr. Arun Bansal, Advocate on behalf of the appellant (98140-17584)
Mr. Jatin Sharma, Advocate, and
Mr. Anubhav Bansal, Advocate
Respondent: Dr. Mukti Gill, Director (98148-30109),
Shri Vishal Mehta, Advocate (99141-13304), and
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ORDER:

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Date: 15.10.2026

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Shri Gurlal Singh Grewal, (98772-52671)

S/o Late Shri Joginder Singh Grewal,
655, Gurdev Nagar, Ludhiana.

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
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First Appellate Authority,
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Mr. Anubhav Bansal, Advocate
Respondent: Dr. Mukti Gill, Director (98148-30109),
Shri Vishal Mehta, Advocate (99141-13304), and
Shri Mayank Mathur, Advocate (70153-91478)

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Village Khanpur Rajputtan,
Tehsil Shahkot, Distt Jalandhar.

....Appellant

Versus

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O/o BDPO, LohiyaKhas,
Distt Jalandhar.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o DDPO, Jalandhar.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 7517 OF 2023 **Through Cisco Webex**

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Varinder Singh via webex (87290-12793)
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **09.07.2026**.

2. The appellant states that the deficiencies had already been pointed out the appellant as directed at the previous hearing, 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. 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. The respondent PIO O/o BDPO, LohiyaKhas, District Jalandhar, is 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.

6. **To come up on 24.02.2027 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.

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