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Sh. Jasbir Singh Sekhon

S/o Sh. Kartar Singh,
Village Tandi, PO Loriya,
Distt Jalandhar
M: 9914808666

...Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,

O/o Secretary, Gram Panchayat Tandi Brasta
O/o BDPO, Bhogpur, Distt Jalandhar

First Appellate Authority,

O/o BDPO, Bhogpur,
Distt Jalandhar

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 6060 of 2022

Present: Sh. Jasbir Singh Sekhon, the appellant.
Sh. Mohit A.D (7986016303) on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 18.12.2025

2. The respondent handed over the complete information to the appellant during the course of hearing. He also submits that earlier too the information has already been supplied to the appellant but he has not filed any deficiency. After detailed deliberations with both the parties, an order in this case is reserved which will be pronounced later on. However, the liberty is granted to the parties concerned to make their final submissions, if any, for the consideration within 30 days from the issue of this order.

Dated: 16.04.2026

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

CC:

Ms. Jasjeet Kaur
BDPO-Cum-Public Information Officer,
Balachaur, Distt SBS Nagar

Sh. Mewa Singh
BDPO-Cum-Public Information Officer,
O/O Secretary, Gram Panchayat Tandi Brasata
O/o BDPO, Bhogpur, Distt Jalndhar

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Sh. Nitin Dhiman

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Opposite Bath Castle, Pakhowal Road,
Ludhiana
M: 9815619019

...Complainant

V/s

Sh. Raj Kumar Ratra

**Chief Environmental Engineer-cum-
Public Information Officer,**
O/o Punjab Pollution Control Board
B/S CICU, Phase V, E-648-B, Focal Point
(PPCB), Ludhiana

....Respondents

Complaint Case No. 435 of 2024 **(Converted into appeal case)**

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

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 03.07.2024 vide which the complainant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application and complaint was filed in the Commission on 21.11.2024 under Section 18 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). The case was earlier fixed for hearing on 12.02.2026 but was postponed due to administrative reasons and fixed for hearing today i.e. 16.04.2026

2. The appellant already sent the request to convert his complaint case into appeal case and after consideration, his complaint case is converted into appeal case. Today i.e. 16.4.2026, the appellant informed telephonically that due to break down of his vehicle he is unable to attend the hearing and requested for an adjournment. The appellant also informed that the directions may be issued to the respondent-Public Information Officer to supply the complete information. However, none is present on behalf of the respondent although a notice of hearing was sent to the PIO through registered post which appears that the absence is intentional and willful.

3. 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.

4. To come up on **20.5.2026 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

Dated: 16.04.2026

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Sh. Ranjit Kumar Gupta,
S/o Sh. Laxman Gupta,
H.No. 1621, Adarsh Colony,
Durga Mandir Gali, Balongi,
Mohali

...Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o Senior Superintendent of Police,
SAS Nagar

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Senior Superintendent of Police,
SAS Nagar

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 7145 of 2024

Present: Sh. Ranjit Kumar Gupta, the appellant.
Sh. Maninder Singh, HC Incharge (7837741687) on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 28.08.2024 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 08.10.2024 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 02.12.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). The case was earlier fixed for hearing on 12.02.2026 but was postponed due to administrative reasons and fixed for hearing today i.e. 16.04.2026

2. The appellant submits that the directions may be issued to the respondent-Public Information Officer to supply the complete information. However, the respondent submits that the record concerning the complaint has already been destructed and also submitted the written reply in this regard, which is taken on record.

3. After detailed deliberations with both the parties, an order in this case is reserved which will be pronounced later on. However, liberty is granted to both the parties to make their final submissions, if any, within 30 days from the issue of this order.

Dated: 16.04.2026

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Sh. Tajinder Bhalla

S/o Sh. Rakesh Bhalla,
Bhalla General Store,
Tehsil Shahkot,
Distt Jalandhar
M: 9781197933

RTI Application NO.143827

...Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,

O/o Senior Superintendent of Police,
Master Tara Singh Nagar
Jalandhar

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Deputy Inspector General of Police,
Jalandhar Range, Jalandhar

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 7139 of 2024

Present: None on behalf of the appellant.

Ms. Gurpreet Kaur, Computer Operator (9501945843) on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 11.09.2024 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 17.10.2024 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 02.12.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). The case was earlier fixed for hearing on 12.02.2026 but was postponed due to administrative reasons and fixed for hearing today i.e. 16.04.2026

2. The appellant is absent but has sent the written submissions through email, which are taken on record. However, the appellant filed the reply and a copy of the same is **being sent** to the appellant along with this order to file the counter submissions, if any.

3. To come up on **19.5.2026 at 11:30 A. M.** through video conference facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Jalandhar.

Dated: 16.04.2026

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Sh. Sikander Singh

S/o Sh. Balveer Singh,
VPO Littra, Tehsil Nakodar,
Distt Jalandhar M: 7657831520

...Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,

O/o Station House Officer,
Police Station Sadar,
Nakodar, Distt Jalandhar

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Senior Superintendent of Police,
(Rural), Jalandhar

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 7142 of 2024

Present: Sh. Sikander Singh, the appellant.
Ms. Gurpreet Kaur, Computer Operator (9501945843) on behalf of the
respondent.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 06.09.2024 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 07.10.2024 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 02.12.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). The case was earlier fixed for hearing on 12.02.2026 but was postponed due to administrative reasons and fixed for hearing today i.e. 16.04.2026

2. The appellant sought the information related to complaints received in the Police Station Sadar, Nakodar from 1.4.2024 to 31.8.2024 pertaining to theft, matter resolved, investigation pending and the four wheeler/two wheeler vehicles provided to the said police station. However, the respondent submits that the information sought pertaining to Point No. 1,2,3,6 is not specific so nothing can be supplied. Regarding Point No. 4 and 5, the respondent denied the information due to security reasons.

3. After hearing the contention made by the respondent, the appellant submitted that the averment made by the respondent is not tenable as the large number of photos including the record room, working employees etc are available in the social media and also submitted the photographs of the said photos, which are taken on record.

4. Accordingly, a copy of the photos received from the appellant are **being sent to Sh. Rajesh Kumar, S.P. (HQ) –cum-PIO to look into the matter and remain personally present for deliberations, failing which a disciplinary action may be recommended to the complete authority i.e. Home Department, Punjab.**

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Appeal Case No. 7142 of 2024

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5. To come up on **13.5.2026 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

Dated: 16.04.2026

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

CC:

**Sh. Rajesh Kumar,
S.P. (HQ) –cum-PIO
O/o Senior Superintendent of Police,
(Rural), Jalandhar**

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Sh. Sushil Kumar

H No. 1410, Phase 1,
Urban Estate, Durgi Road,
Ludhiana
M: 9814500575

...Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o District & Sessions Judge,
Ludhiana

First Appellate Authority,
O/o District & Sessions Judge,
Ludhiana

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 5986 of 2024

Present: None on behalf of the appellant.
Sh. Pamilpreet, Clerk (9888044094) on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 12.03.2024 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 06.05.2024 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 26.09.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). The case was earlier fixed for hearing on 24.12.2025 but was postponed due to administrative reasons and fixed for hearing today i.e. 16.04.2026.

2. The appellant is absent but he has sent the written submissions, which are taken on record. Also, the respondent present reiterated the submissions already sent to the Commission, which are taken on record. After going through the submissions made by the parties concerned, an order in this case is reserved which will be pronounced later on.

Dated: 16.04.2026

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RTI Application NO.14484

...Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o Senior Superintendent of Police,
SAS Nagar

First Appellate Authority,
O/o DIGP, Roopnagar Range,
Roopnagar

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 7182 of 2024

Present: Sh. Devinder Singh Dhanoa, the appellant.
Sh. Maninder Singh, HC Incharge on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 19.09.2024 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 05.11.2024 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 05.12.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). The case was earlier fixed for hearing on 12.02.2026 but was postponed due to administrative reasons and fixed for hearing today i.e. 16.04.2026

2. The appellant submits that the directions may be issued to the respondent-Public Information Officer to supply the complete information. However, the respondent submits that the sought information relates to third party which is exempted and cannot be supplied to the appellant. After detailed deliberations with both the parties, the appellant is directed to establish the larger public interest involved in seeking the information. Also, the respondent is directed to bring the copy of the information on the next date of hearing, duly certified for the perusal.

3. To come up on **20.5.2026 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

Dated: 16.04.2026

(Inderpal Singh)
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Punjab.

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Sh. Ravi Kumar Secretary

BSPA Office, Bablu Studio,

Nakodar, Distt Jalandhar

M: 9855791905

...Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,

Cum- Tehsildar Nakodar,

Distt Jalandhar

Encl. RTI application

First Appellate Authority,

O/o SDM, Nakodar,

Distt Jalandhar

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 7179 of 2024

Present: Sh. Ravi Kumar, the appellant.
None on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 29.07.2024 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 19.09.2024 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 05.12.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). The case was earlier fixed for hearing on 12.02.2026 but was postponed due to administrative reasons and fixed for hearing today i.e. 16.04.2026

2. The appellant submits that the directions may be issued to the respondent-Public Information Officer to supply the complete information. However, the respondent PIO is absent without intimation although a notice of hearing was sent through registered post which appears that the absence of the respondent is intentional and willful.

3. 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.

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

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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.

4. Also a copy of this order is being sent to the Financial Commissioner (Revenue) to ensure the presence of the concerned Public Information Officer. It is further clarified that in case of absence of the respondent PIO on the next date of hearing the disciplinary action may be recommended in this case.

5. To come up on **20.5.2026 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

Dated: 16.04.2026

(Inderpal Singh)
Chief Information Commissioner,
Punjab.

CC:

Financial Commissioner (Revenue) (By name),
Punjab Civil Secretariat-1
Chandigarh.

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Sh. Baldev Singh

Encl.

S/o Sh. Chandu Ram,
Village Machhana, Village Anoopgarh
URF Machhana, Tehsil & Distt Bathinda
M: 9417321696

RTI Application No. 138025

...Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o Environment Engineer,
PPCB, Bathinda

Encl

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Environment Engineer,
PPCB, Bathinda

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 7164 of 2024

Present: Sh. Baldev Singh, the appellant.
Sh. Harjeet Singh, PPCB (96462741000 on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 12.08.2024 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 24.09.2024 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 05.12.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). The case was earlier fixed for hearing on 12.02.2026 but was postponed due to administrative reasons and fixed for hearing today i.e. 16.04.2026

2. The appellant made the written submissions that to supply the information pertaining to Point No.1,3,4,5,6 and 7 the respondent has demanded the fee but that is not in the reasonable time as per the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005 so he requested to supply the information free of cost. With regard to Point No. 2, the appellant submits that the information sought does not relate to personal information and is not exempted and also requested to supply the same. However, the respondent also made the submissions.

3. Accordingly, a copy of the written submissions made by the appellant are being sent to the respondent and the submissions of the respondent are being sent to the appellant along with this order to file the counter submissions, if any. Also, the respondent PIO is directed to submit the information pertaining to Point No. 2 in a sealed cover for the perusal of the Commission.

4. To come up on **21.05.2026 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

Dated: 16.04.2026

(Inderpal Singh)
Chief Information Commissioner,
Punjab.

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Ms. Neena Gupta

H No. 1410, Phase 1,
Urban Estate, Durgi Road,
Ludhiana
M: 9855014101

...Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,

O/o Chief Justice,
Punjab and Haryana High Court,
Chandigarh

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Chief Justice,
Punjab and Haryana High Court,
Chandigarh

....Respondents

Appeal Case No.5982 of 2024

Present: None on behalf of the appellant.

Sh.Naveen Kumar Sharma, Joint Registrar-Cum-PIO and Sh. Charanjeet Singh,
Superintendent (9877148560) on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 10.07.2024 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 05.08.2024 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 26.09.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). The case was earlier fixed for hearing on 24.12.2025 but was postponed due to administrative reasons and fixed for hearing today i.e. 16.04.2026

2. The appellant is absent but he has sent the written submissions, which are taken on record. Also, the respondent present reiterated the submissions already sent to the Commission, which are taken on record. After going through the submissions made by the parties concerned, an order in this case is reserved which will be pronounced later on.

Dated: 16.04.2026

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Ms. Neena Gupta

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Urban Estate, Durgi Road,
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M: 9855014101

...Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o District & Session Judge,
Ludhiana

First Appellate Authority,
O/o District & Session Judge,
Ludhiana

....Respondents

Appeal Case No.5983 of 2024

Present: None on behalf of the appellant.
Pamilpreet, Clerk (9888044094) on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 10.07.2024 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 05.08.2024 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 26.09.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). The case was earlier fixed for hearing on 24.12.2025 but was postponed due to administrative reasons and fixed for hearing today i.e. 16.04.2026

2. The appellant is absent but he has sent the written submissions, which are taken on record. Also, the respondent present reiterated the written submissions, which are taken on record. After going through the submissions made by the parties concerned, an order in this case is reserved which will be pronounced later on.

Dated: 16.04.2026

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Sh. Kulbir Pal

S/o Sh. Assa Ram,
VPO Kalyanpur, Jalandhar
M: 9872089251

...Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,

O/o Senior Superintendent of Police
(Rural), Jalandhar

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Senior Superintendent of Police
(Rural), Jalandhar

....Respondents

Appeal Case No.7143 of 2024

Present: Sh. Kulbir Pal, appellant through cisco webex.
Ms. Gurpreet Kaur, Computer Operator (9501945843) on behalf of the
respondent.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 30.08.2024 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 17.10.2024 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 02.12.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). The case was earlier fixed for hearing on 12.02.2026 but was postponed due to administrative reasons and fixed for hearing today i.e. 16.04.2026

2. According to the request of the appellant, the case was fixed for hearing through cisco webex but due to technical glitch, the case could not be heard. However, the statement made by the appellant that he has already pointed out the deficiency on 16.1.2026 through email. Since, the said deficiencies are available in the case file, therefore, a copy of the same is being sent to the respondent along with this order to file the written submissions in this regard. Also, both the parties are directed to remain present on the next date of hearing failing which the case will be decided ex-parte, on merit and no further adjournment will be given in this case.

3. To come up on **28.5.2026 at 11:30 A. M. through video conference facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Jalandhar.**

Dated: 16.04.2026

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Punjab.

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Sh. Kulbir Pal

S/o Sh. Assa Ram,
VPO Kalyanpur, Jalandhar
M: 9872089251

...Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,

O/o Senior Superintendent of Police
(Rural), Jalandhar

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Senior Superintendent of Police
(Rural), Jalandhar

....Respondents

Appeal Case No.7144 of 2024

Present: Sh. Kulbir Pal, appellant through cisco webex.
Ms. Gurpreet Kaur, Computer Operator (9501945843) on behalf of the
respondent.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 07.08.2024 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 07.10.2024 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 02.12.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). The case was earlier fixed for hearing on 12.02.2026 but was postponed due to administrative reasons and fixed for hearing today i.e. 16.04.2026

2. According to the request of the appellant, the case was fixed for hearing through cisco webex but due to technical glitch, the case could not be heard. However, the statement made by the appellant that he has already pointed out the deficiency on 16.1.2026 through email. Since, the said deficiencies are available in the case file, therefore, a copy of the same is being sent to the respondent along with this order to file the written submissions in this regard. Also, both the parties are directed to remain present on the next date of hearing failing which the case will be decided ex-parte, on merit and no further adjournment will be given in this case.

3. To come up on **28.5.2026 at 11:30 A. M.** through video conference facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Jalandhar.

Dated: 16.04.2026

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Sh. Manjit Singh

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M: 8427498620

...Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,

O/o General Manager,
Punjab Roadways,
Ludhiana

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Director,
State Transport Department, Punjab,
Sector 17-A, Chandigarh

....Respondents

Appeal Case No.5891 of 2024

Present: None on behalf of the appellant.

Ms. Kamaljeet Kaur, Steno typist (7814777136) on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 12.01.2024 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 09.04.2024 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 23.09.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). The case was earlier fixed for hearing on 24.12.2025 but was postponed due to administrative reasons and fixed for hearing today i.e. 16.04.2026

2. The appellant is absent but he has informed telephonically that he is unable to attend the hearing today and requested to adjourn the case. However, the respondent made the written submissions that the appellant has not deposited the requisite fee i.e. Rs.1658/- so that the information has not been supplied to the appellant with regard to Point No. 1 to 6. Regarding Point No. 7, the respondent pleaded that the information sought comprises third party information which cannot be supplied. Since, the appellant is absent, therefore, a copy of the written submissions made by the respondent are being sent to the appellant along with this order to file the written submissions well before the next date of hearing.

3. To come up on **01.07.2026 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

Dated: 16.04.2026

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Sh. Manjit Singh

S/o Sh. Gurcharan Singh,
Village Maanemajra,
Tehsil Chamkaur Sahib,
Distt Roopnagar
M: 8427498620

...Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,

O/o General Manager,
Punjab Roadways,
Moga

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Director,
State Transport Department, Punjab,
Sector 17-A, Chandigarh

....Respondents

Appeal Case No.5888 of 2024

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

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 15.01.2024 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 09.04.2024 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 23.09.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). The case was earlier fixed for hearing on 24.12.2025 but was postponed due to administrative reasons and fixed for hearing today i.e. 16.04.2026

2. The appellant is absent but he has informed telephonically that he is unable to attend the hearing today and requested to adjourn the case. However, none is present on behalf of the respondent. In the interest of natural justice one opportunity is granted to remain present on the next date of hearing failing which the decision will be taken as per the record available in the case file.

3. To come up on **01.07.2026 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

Dated: 16.04.2026

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Sh. Navjot Singh

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RTI Application No. 121678

...Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer, (By name)

Cum- Chief Town Planner,
Greater Mohali Area Development Authority
GMADA, Mohali

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Chief Town Planner,
Greater Mohali Area Development Authority
GMADA, Mohali

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 5756 of 2024

Present: Sh. Navjot Singh, the appellant.
None on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 05.03.2026

2. The appellant submits that the directions may be issued to the respondent-Public Information Officer to supply the complete information. However, the respondent PIO is absent without intimation. It is also a fact that notice of hearing/order was sent to the respondent through registered post. Also, it is a fact that Sh. Harwinder Singh Clerk 9855717806 was present during the last hearing who was directed to remain present along with the original record and a copy of the sought information, duly certified but he is also absent without intimation which appears that the absence of the respondent is intentional and willful.

3. Viewing the attitude in dealing with the RTI application by the respondent casually, Public Information Officer-cum-Chief Town Planner and Sh. Harwinder Singh, Clerk, are, 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 them 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, they are 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. They may take a note that in case they do not file their written reply and do not avail themselves of the opportunity of personal hearing on the next date, it will be presumed that they have nothing to say and the Commission will proceed ex-parte.

It is further clarified that in case of absence of the concerned on the next date of hearing **BAILABLE WARRANTS** may be issued and/or disciplinary action may be recommended to the competent authority.

4. To come up on **19.05.2026 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

Dated: 16.04.2026

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Chief Information Commissioner,
Punjab.

CC

Sh Harwinder Singh, Clerk
o/o Chief Town Planner,
GMADA, Sector 62, Mohali.

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Sh. Major Singh

S/o Sh. Tarlochan Singh,
Kothi No 751, Phase 4,
SAS Nagar

...Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,

O/o Senior Superintendent of Police,
Mohali

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Inspector General of Police,
Roopnagar Range,
Roopnagar

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 6409 of 2023

Present: Sh. Major Singh, the appellant.

Sh. Maninder Singh, SSP (7837741687) on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order 14.01.2026 vide which the case was fixed for hearing on 12.03.2026 but was not heard due to administrative reasons. Accordingly, a notice of hearing was issued to the parties for hearing today i.e. 16.04.2026

2. The appellant submits that the respondent has not supplied any action taken on the DDR No. 18 dated 1.6.2020 as has been sought by him. However, the respondent requested for an adjournment to file the written reply in this regard. Accordingly, the request of the respondent is accepted and the case is adjourned.

3. To come up on **19.05.2026 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

Dated: 16.04.2026

(Inderpal Singh)
Chief Information Commissioner,
Punjab.

CC:

Sh. Harmandeep Singh Hans, IPS
Senior Superintendent of Police,
Mohali

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Sh. (Dr.) Ramandeep Kumar

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...Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,

O/o Registrar,
Akal University,
Talwandi Sabo,
Distt Bathinda

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Registrar,
Akal University,
Talwandi Sabo,
Distt Bathinda

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 4037 of 2024

Present: Dr. Ramandeep Kumar, appellant, through cisco webex.
Advocate Sh. Ashish Sood , Akal University (6284062590) on behalf of the
respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order 08.01.2026 vide which the case was fixed for hearing on 12.03.2026 but was not heard due to administrative reasons. Accordingly, a notice of hearing was issued to the parties for hearing today i.e. 16.04.2026.

2. The respondent submits that the complete record concerning the salary paid to Dr. Ramandeep Kumar, appellant is not available as all the physical record has been destroyed in the cloudburst and flash floods that occurred on 25.9.2022 at Baru Sahib, Himachal Pradesh where the archival record of the parent society were maintained. Further, the respondent submits that the Kalgidhar Trust/Society is running and managing the Private University i.e. Akal University so it is not a public authority under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005. He has also relied on the judgment passed by the Division Bench of the Hon'ble Punjab and Haryana High Court dated 6.7.2022 in LPA No. 1187 of 2016 wherein it has been categorically held that self-financed private universities not owned, controlled or substantially funded by the Government do not fall within the ambit of public authority under the RTI Act, 2005. He has also submitted a detailed reply in this regard, which is taken on record.

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3. A copy of the submissions made by the respondent is being sent to the appellant along with this order to file the counter submissions/rebuttal. He is further directed to send an advance copy of the same to the respondent and the Commission well in advance.

4. Also, the respondent is directed to submit the following to take the matter to its logical end:-

(i) Whether the University is recognized by the UGC, if so, then the complete file of application to get the recognition and the sanction given by the UGC in this regard be submitted else file the specific reply in this regard.

(ii) Complete copy of UGC Act/Rules under which recognition has been received.

(iii) Whether the said University has the accreditation of the AICTE, if so then the application filed to get the same and a copy of the sanction received from the AICTE be submitted and in case no accreditation has been received then the specific undertaking be filed.

5. To come up on **20.5.2026 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

Dated: 16.04.2026

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Sh. Bheem Sain

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...Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o Punjab Police Academy,
Phillaur, Distt Jalandhar

First Appellate Authority,
O/o ADGP-Cum-Director,
Maharaja Ranjit Singh
Punjab Police Academy,
Phillaur, Distt Jalandhar

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 4409 of 2025

Present: Advocate Sh. J.P. Singh, on behalf of the appellant.
Sh. Harpreet Singh, HC (9888625561) on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 05.03.2026.

2. Both the parties reiterated their submissions already filed in this case. Accordingly, after hearing both the parties, an order in this case is reserved which will be pronounced later on. In the interest of natural justice, the parties concerned are at liberty to file their final submissions, if any, within 30 days from the issue of this order failing which the decision will be taken as per the submissions already made.

Dated: 16.04.2026

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Sh. Suraj Mukhi Sharma

#165, Sector 20-A, Chandigarh

M: 98146000107

...Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,

O/o Municipal Corporation,
Naya Gaon, Distt Mohali

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Additional Deputy Commissioner (UD),
SAS Nagar

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 5946 of 2024

Present: Sh. Suraj Mukhi Sharma, the appellant.

Ms. Manju Sharma, Librarian (9646017284) on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 05.03.2026

2. The appellant filed the written submissions and submits that the directions may be issued to the respondent to supply the complete information in this case which is in the custody of the public authority. A copy of the deficiencies/written submissions so made by the appellant is handed over to the respondent during the course of hearing to file the counter submissions.

3. After hearing both the parties, it is also ascertained that the presence of the Executive Officer cum-PIO is essential to take the matter to its logical end. As such, he is directed to remain present, in person, on the next date of hearing failing which a stringent action will be initiated and/or disciplinary action may be recommended in this case.

4. To come up on **20.5.2026 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

Dated: 16.04.2026

(Inderpal Singh)
Chief Information Commissioner,
Punjab.

CC:

Principal Secretary (By name)

Local Government Punjab
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Plot No. 3, Dakshin Marg,
Sector- 35-A, Chandigarh

Sh. Sukhdev Singh

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...Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,

O/o Municipal Corporation,

Kurali, Distt Mohali

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Additional Deputy Commissioner (UD),

SAS Nagar

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 5947 of 2024

Present: Sh. Suraj Mukhi Sharma, the appellant.

Sh. Sukhdev Singh, Clerk (7888582934) on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 05.03.2026

2. The appellant filed the written submissions and submits that the directions may be issued to the respondent to supply the complete information in this case which is in the custody of the public authority. A copy of the deficiencies/written submissions so made by the appellant is handed over to the respondent during the course of hearing to file the counter submissions.

3. After hearing both the parties, it is also ascertained that the presence of the Executive Officer cum-PIO is essential to take the matter to its logical end. As such, he is directed to remain present, in person, on the next date of hearing failing which a stringent action will be initiated and/or disciplinary action may be recommended in this case.

4. To come up on **20.5.2026 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

Dated: 16.04.2026

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...Appellant

V/s

Sh. Sukhdev Singh, E.O.-cum-

Public Information Officer,

O/o Municipal Corporation,

Kharar, Distt Mohali

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Additional Deputy Commissioner (UD),

SAS Nagar

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 5948 of 2024

Present: Sh. Suraj Mukhi Sharma, the appellant.

Sh. Sukhdev Singh, EO (9988700527) AND Dh. Deepak (9888073375) on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 05.03.2026

2. The respondent handed over the complete information during the course of hearing to the appellant and the appellant is at liberty to file the deficiency, if any, before the next date of hearing. Sh. Sukhdev Singh, E.O. also tenders unconditional apology and also filed the written submissions with regard to the show cause notice issued to him. He further requested to file the show cause notice issued to him. The decision regard the same will be taken on the next date of hearing.

3. After hearing both the parties, it is also ascertained that the presence of the Executive Officer cum-PIO is essential to take the matter to its logical end. As such, he is directed to remain present, in person, on the next date of hearing failing which a stringent action will be initiated and/or disciplinary action may be recommended in this case.

4. To come up on **20.5.2026 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

Dated: 16.04.2026

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