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S/o Sh. Mohan Lal,
109, Chhabra Street,
Tehsil Jalalabad,
District Fazilka(Punjab)
(M.9872850654)
RTI application No.154442

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer
O/o The Director,
Local Government, Punjab,
Municipal Bhawan, Sector 35 - A,
Plot No. 03, Chandigarh

First Appellate Authority
O/o The Director,
Local Government, Punjab,
Municipal Bhawan, Sector 35 - A,
Plot No. 03, Chandigarh

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3490 of 2025

Present : None for the parties.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 18.11.2024 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 12.01.2025 and Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 13.06.2025 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter called the RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i. e. 16.07.2026.

2. None of the parties are present. They have also not intimated the Commission about their non-availability for today's hearing.

3. As the respondent PIO has not filed any written reply in response to the RTI application neither in the Commission nor to the appellant. Accordingly, another opportunity is given to the respondent PIO to send a suitable reply in response to the RTI application to the appellant with a copy to the Commission. An opportunity is given to the appellant to file the deficiencies, if any, to the respondent PIO within three weeks from the receipt of the reply/information, to enable the respondent to remove the same before the next date of hearing.

4. The parties concerned are directed to remain present on the next date of hearing, failing which the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

5. With this, the case is **adjourned to 17th August, 2026 at 12.00 Noon** for hearing at Chandigarh. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Pooja Gupta)

**State Information Commissioner
Punjab**

Dated: 16th July, 2026



Sh. Gopal Krishan S/o Sh. Devi Dayal,
Ward No.7, Patti Veera,
Village and Post Office -Nathana,
Tehsil & District, Bathinda(Punjab)
(M.7009127983)
RTI application No.176024

V/s

....Appellant

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Director,
Local Government, Punjab,
Municipal Bhawan, Sector 35 - A,
Plot No. 03, Chandigarh

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Director,
Local Government, Punjab,
Municipal Bhawan, Sector 35 - A,
Plot No. 03, Chandigarh

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3414 of 2025

Present : None for the parties.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 25.03.2025 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 25.04.2025 and Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 09.06.2025 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter called the RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i. e. 16.07.2026.

2. None of the parties are present. They have also not intimated the Commission about their non-availability for today's hearing.

3. As the respondent PIO has not filed any written reply in response to the RTI application neither in the Commission nor to the appellant. Accordingly, another opportunity is given to the respondent PIO to send a suitable reply in response to the RTI application to the appellant with a copy to the Commission. An opportunity is given to the appellant to file the deficiencies, if any, to the respondent PIO within three weeks from the receipt of the reply/information, to enable the respondent to remove the same before the next date of hearing.

4. The parties concerned are directed to remain present on the next date of hearing, failing which the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

5. With this, the case is **adjourned to 17th August, 2026 at 12.00 Noon** for hearing at Chandigarh. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

Dated: 16th July, 2026

(Pooja Gupta)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab



Sh. Bhupinder Singh S/o Sh. Gurnam Singh,
Village - Machaki Mal Singh,
Tehsil & Distt. – Faridkot(Punjab)
(M.9356261005)
RTI application No.173888

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer
O/o The Director,
Agriculture and Farmer's Welfare Deptt.,
Phase – 6, Agriculture Bhawan,
S. A. S. Nagar(Mohali) (Punjab)
First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Director,
Agriculture and Farmer's Welfare Deptt.,
Phase – 6, Agriculture Bhawan,
S. A. S. Nagar(Mohali) (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3412 of 2025

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.
i) Sh. Barinder Singh, Clerk(M.-8427370572) ;
ii) Sh. Amit Kumar, Clerk(M.-8559066519) on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 13.03.2025 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 23.04.2025 and Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 09.06.2025 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter called the RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i. e. 16.07.2026.

2. Sh. Barinder Singh and Sh. Amit Kumar, both Clerks, who appeared on behalf of the respondent in today's hearing, has submitted a reply vide letter no. 510 dated 06.07.2026 and intimated that he has brought the required information along with him to hand over the same to the appellant during the hearing. It, alongwith enclosure, is taken on record.

3. The appellant, Sh. Bhupinder Singh, is not present in today's hearing.

4. Accordingly, the respondent PIO is directed to send the required information to the appellant through registered post within a week from today under intimation to the Commission. The appellant is also advised to go through the information whenever he receives and revert back to the respondent PIO in case of any deficiency found in the information well in time to enable the respondent to remove the same under intimation to the Commission. On receipt of the rebuttal, the respondent is also directed to remove the deficiencies, if any, pointed out by the appellant, before the next date of hearing.

5. With this, the case is **adjourned to 17th August, 2026 at 12.00 Noon** for hearing at Chandigarh. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 16th July, 2026

Sd/-
(Pooja Gupta)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab



Sh. Karan Preet Singh S/o Sh. Prem Singh,
H. No.ES 316, Abadpura
Jalandhar, Jalandhar-1(Punjab)
(M.9877726116)
RTI application No.177095

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Director, Local Government, Punjab,
Municipal Bhawan, Sector 35 - A,
Plot No. 03, Chandigarh

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Director, Local Government, Punjab,
Municipal Bhawan, Sector 35 - A,
Plot No. 03, Chandigarh

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3026 of 2025

Present : Sh. Karan Preet Singh the appellant attended the hearing through Webex.
Sh. Rohit Jindal, APIO(C. V. O. Cell) (M.-9815830750), on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 30.03.2025 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 02.04.2025 and Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 19.05.2025 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter called the RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i. e. 16.07.2026.

2. Sh. Rohit Jindal, APIO(C. V. O. Cell), who appeared on behalf of the respondent in today's hearing, has submitted a reply vide letter no. 4474 dated 09.07.2026 and intimated that the information sought is regarding an enquiry report of a complaints, which has not been completed yet and exempted from disclosure under clause of Section 8 (i) (h) of the RTI Act. It is taken on record.

3. The appellant, Sh. Karan Preet Singh, who attended the hearing through Webex, has submitted that the said complaints filed are of year 2023 and 2024 and the enquiry is pending from such a long period and shown his dis-satisfaction over the reply given to him.

4. Nevertheless, in the interest of justice, an opportunity is given to the appellant to file a submissions as **counter reply** in response to the reply of the respondent PIO, if any and also to **establish 'Larger Public Interest'** involved in seeking the information before the next date of hearing.

5. The parties concerned are directed to remain present on the next date of hearing, failing which the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

6. With this, the case is **adjourned to 17th August, 2026 at 12.00 Noon** for hearing at Chandigarh. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 16th July, 2026

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(Pooja Gupta)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab



Sh. Karan Preet Singh S/o Sh. Prem Singh,
H. No.ES 316, Abadpura
Jalandhar, Jalandhar-1(Punjab)
(M.9877726116)
RTI application No.177087

V/s

....Appellant

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Deputy Director ,
Dairy Development, Punjab,
Jalandhar(Punjab)
First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Director , Dairy Development, Pb.,
Livestock Complex, 4th Floor, Sector 68,
S. A. S. Naga r(Mohali) Punjab – 160062

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3669 of 2025

Present : Sh. Karan Preet Singh the appellant attended the hearing through CISCO Webex.
i) Sh. Kapalmeet Singh, Deputy Director, Dairy Development , Jalandhar ;
ii) Sh. Kashmir Singh, Deputy Director, Dairy Development, Kapurthala.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 30.03.2025 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 25.04.2025 and Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 24.06.2025 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter called the RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i. e. 16.07.2026.

2. Sh. Kapalmeet Singh, Deputy Director, Dairy Development , Jalandhar and Sh. Kashmir Singh, Deputy Director, Dairy Development, Kapurthala, who appeared in person in today's hearing, has submitted that a point wise reply vide letter no. 52 dated 25.04.2025 has already been sent to the appellant.

3. The appellant, Sh. Karan Preet Singh, who attended the hearing through CISCO Webex has intimated that no proper reply has been received from the respondent side.

4. Nevertheless, an opportunity is given to the respondent PIO to send the required information/proper reply in response to the RTI request to the appellant through registered post within a week from today under intimation to the Commission. The appellant is also advised to go through the information/reply whenever he receives and revert back to the respondent PIO in case of any deficiency found, well in time to enable the respondent to remove the same under intimation to the Commission.

5. The parties concerned are directed to remain present on the next date of hearing, failing which the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

6. With this, the case is **adjourned to 17th August, 2026 at 12.00 Noon** for hearing at Chandigarh. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Pooja Gupta)

State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Dated: 16th July, 2026



Sh. Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia,
S/o Sh. Gurcharan Singh,
H. No.458, Street No.2, Adjoining Street No.15/2-L,
Krishna Nagar, Khanna, District Ludhiana(Punjab)
(M.9464500405)
RTI application No.143854

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Officer,
Nagar Council, Khanna,
District Ludhiana(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Additional Deputy Commissioner
(Urban Development), Ludhiana(Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3697 of 2025

Present : Sh. Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia, the appellant in person.
i) Sh. Charanjit Singh, Executive Officer-cum-PIO, in person ;
ii) Sh. Gulshan Mehta, Advocate(with authority letter), 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 04.02.2025 and Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 26.06.2025 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter called the RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i. e. 16.07.2026.

2. The appellant, Sh. Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia, who appeared in person in today's hearing, has submitted that he has sent written-submission dated 15.07.2026 through an e-mail, which is on record and after going through the submission, 'Prayer for Relief' of the conclusion para of the submission is as under ;

"In view of the absolute non-cooperation and illegal suppression of public data by the Respondent PIO, the Appellant most respectfully prays that this Hon'ble Commission may be pleased to :

- *A] First Decide the Status of Sh. Gulshan Mehta, Advocate and disallow any unapproved, non-panel private advocate from representing the public authority or handling municipal record in this case.*
- *B] Order the PIO to supply the complete, certified called-for information under RTI Application No. 143854 immediately via registered post, free of cost.*
- *C] Impose the maximum statutory penalty of ₹ 25,000/- on the PIO Sh. Charanjit Singh under Section 20(1) for causing an intentional, Malicious delay of nearly two years.*
- *D] Recommend disciplinary action under Section 20(2) against the erring officer for blatant defiance of the RTI Act and the FAA's explicit orders."*

3. Sh. Charanjit Singh, Executive Officer-cum-PIO, who appeared in person in today's hearing with Sh. Gulshan Mehta, Advocate (with authority letter signed by Executive Officer-cum-PIO M. C. Khanna, certifying that Mr. Gulshan Mehta, Advocate, is Empanel Counsel of M C., Khanna for defending the RTI Appeal/Complaint cases and other miscellaneous Cases and his name is duly approved by the General House and as well as Competent Authority and thus,

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he is duly authorized to represent, appear, argue, defend and make submission as per the need, requirement & circumstances on behalf of M.C., Khanna (Ludhiana) in all the RTI Appeal/Complaint cases filed before Hon'ble Punjab State Information Commission, Chandigarh), has submitted a reply vide letter no. 60 dated 14.07.2026 and intimated that a reply, in response to the RTI application, has already been provided to the appellant and also hands over the same to the appellant during the course of hearing.

4. After going through the submission submitted by the respondent PIO, the plea taken in the conclusion paras of the submission is as under :

"The Hon'ble Supreme Court in 'Girish Ramchandra Deshpande Vs CIC & Ors, 2012 (5) RAJ-205, has observed that in case the information sought has got no relationship to any public or activity or interest and disclosure of the same cause unwarranted invasion of privacy of third part, the claim for information can be denied.

That the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in case of UOI Vs Namita Sharma, 2013(10) SCC-539 has highlighted that RTI Act serves as tool for ensuring transparency and it should not be misused for personal grievances, private motives or as a tool to intimidate public servants.

Thus, in view of the above facts and circumstances, it is crystal clear that demanded information is having no concern with any larger public interest and these voluminous and vexatious are demanded only due to the articulation of personal grievances and grudge by misusing the tool of the RTI Act only to harass the public authority with malafide intention and oblique motive and lacking the larger public interest, Moreover, collecting and compiling of these voluminous and unspecified and vexatious information would disproportionately divert the resource of this office, and as such the information can not be provided u/s 7 (9) of the RTI Act, 2005 and in this contest also refer the judgment of Hon'ble Supreme Court in Civil Appeal No. 6454 of 2011 titled as CBSE vs Aditya Bandopadhyaya & ors."

5. Heard both the parties and examined the submissions submitted by both the parties.

6. In the interest of natural justice, an opportunity is given to the appellant to establish 'Larger Public Interest' involved in seeking the information well in time and also to file a counter reply, if any, in response to the reply of the respondent PIO within two weeks from today and send the same in advance to the respondent PIO, to enable the respondent PIO to file a re-joinder, if any, on the next date of hearing.

7. The parties concerned are directed to remain present on the next date of hearing, failing which the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

8. With this, the case is **adjourned to 17th August, 2026 at 12.00 Noon** for hearing at Chandigarh. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

Dated: 16th July, 2026

(Pooja Gupta)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab



Sh. Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia,
S/o Sh. Gurcharan Singh,
H. No.458, Street No.2, Adjoining Street No.15/2-L,
Krishna Nagar, Khanna, District Ludhiana(Punjab)
(M.9464500405)
RTI application No.141635

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Officer,
Nagar Council, Khanna,
District Ludhiana(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Additional Deputy Commissioner
(Urban Development), Ludhiana(Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3696 of 2025

Present : Sh. Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia, the appellant in person.
i) Sh. Charanjit Singh, Executive Officer-cum-PIO, in person ;
ii) Sh. Gulshan Mehta, Advocate(with authority letter), on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 31.08.2024 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 05.02.2025 and Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 26.06.2025 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter called the RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i. e. 16.07.2026.

2. The appellant, Sh. Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia, who appeared in person in today's hearing, has submitted that he has sent written-submission dated 15.07.2026 through an e-mail, which is on record and after going through the submission, 'Prayer for Relief' of the conclusion para of the submission is as under ;

"In view of the absolute non-cooperation and illegal suppression of public data by the Respondent PIO, the Appellant most respectfully prays that this Hon'ble Commission may be pleased to :

- *A] First Decide the Status of Sh. Gulshan Mehta, Advocate and disallow any unapproved, non-panel private advocate from representing the public authority or handling municipal record in this case.*
- *B] Order the PIO to supply the complete, certified called-for information under RTI Application No. 141635 immediately via registered post, free of cost.*
- *C] Impose the maximum statutory penalty of ₹ 25,000/- on the PIO Sh. Charanjit Singh under Section 20(1) for causing an intentional, Malicious delay of nearly two years.*
- *D] Recommend disciplinary action under Section 20(2) against the erring officer for blatant defiance of the RTI Act and the FAA's explicit orders."*

3. Sh. Charanjit Singh, Executive Officer-cum-PIO, who appeared in person in today's hearing with Sh. Gulshan Mehta, Advocate (*with authority letter signed by Executive Officer-cum-PIO M. C. Khanna, certifying that Mr. Gulshan Mehta, Advocate, is Empanel Counsel of M C., Khanna for defending the RTI Appeal/Complaint cases and other miscellaneous Cases and his name is duly approved by the General House and as well as Competent Authority and thus,*

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he is duly authorized to represent, appear, argue, defend and make submission as per the need, requirement & circumstances on behalf of M.C., Khanna (Ludhiana) in all the RTI Appeal/Complaint cases filed before Hon'ble Punjab State Information Commission, Chandigarh), has submitted a reply vide letter no. 83 dated 14.07.2026 and intimated that a reply, in response to the RTI application, has already been provided to the appellant and also hands over the same to the appellant during the course of hearing.

4. After going through the submission submitted by the respondent PIO, the plea taken in the conclusion paras of the submission is as under :

"The Hon'ble Supreme Court in 'Girish Ramchandra Deshpande Vs CIC & Ors, 2012 (5) RAJ-205, has observed that in case the information sought has got no relationship to any public or activity or interest and disclosure of the same cause unwarranted invasion of privacy of third part, the claim for information can be denied.

That the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in case of UOI Vs Namita Sharma, 2013(10) SCC-539 has highlighted that RTI Act serves as tool for ensuring transparency and it should not be misused for personal grievances, private motives or as a tool to intimidate public servants.

Thus, in view of the above facts and circumstances, it is crystal clear that demanded information is having no concern with any larger public interest and these voluminous and vexatious are demanded only due to the articulation of personal grievances and grudge by misusing the tool of the RTI Act only to harass the public authority with malafide intention and oblique motive and lacking the larger public interest, Moreover, collecting and compiling of these voluminous and unspecified and vexatious information would disproportionately divert the resource of this office, and as such the information can not be provided u/s 7 (9) of the RTI Act, 2005 and in this contest also refer the judgment of Hon'ble Supreme Court in Civil Appeal No. 6454 of 2011 titled as CBSE vs Aditya Bandopadhyaya & ors."

5. Heard both the parties and examined the submissions submitted by both the parties.

6. In the interest of natural justice, an opportunity is given to the appellant to establish 'Larger Public Interest' involved in seeking the information well in time and also to file a counter reply, if any, in response to the reply of the respondent PIO within two weeks from today and send the same in advance to the respondent PIO, to enable the respondent PIO to file a re-joinder, if any, on the next date of hearing.

7. The parties concerned are directed to remain present on the next date of hearing, failing which the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

8. With this, the case is **adjourned to 17th August, 2026 at 12.00 Noon** for hearing at Chandigarh.
Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Pooja Gupta)

State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Dated: 16th July, 2026



Sh. Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia,

S/o Sh. Gurcharan Singh,
H. No.458, Street No.2, Adjoining Street No.15/2-L,
Krishna Nagar, Khanna, District Ludhiana(Punjab)
(M.9464500405) RTI application No.145044

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Officer,
Nagar Council, Khanna,
District Ludhiana(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Additional Deputy Commissioner
(Urban Development), Ludhiana(Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3695 of 2025

Present : Sh. Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia, the appellant in person.
i) Sh. Charanjit Singh, Executive Officer-cum-PIO, in person ;
ii) Sh. Gulshan Mehta, Advocate(with authority letter), on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 17.09.2024 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 05.02.2025 and Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 26.06.2025 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter called the RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i. e. 16.07.2026.

2. The appellant, Sh. Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia, who appeared in person in today's hearing, has submitted that he has sent written-submission dated 09.07.2026 through an e-mail, which is on record and after going through the submission, 'Prayer for Relief' of the conclusion para of the submission is as under ;

"In view of the absolute non-compliance by the PIO, it is respectfully prayed that this Hon'ble Commission may be pleaded to take immediate action to ;

1. *Direct Immediate Free supply : Order the IO to compile and supply the accurate, certified information requested under items 1, 2 and 3 of Application No. 145044 immediately via registered post, completely free of cost under Section 7(6).*
2. *Impose Maximum Penalty : Levy the maximum statutory penalty of ₹ 250/- per day up to ₹ 25,000/- under Section 20(1) of the RTI Act against the PIO, Sh. Charanjeet Singh for deliberate obstruction and failure to comply with the FAA's order.*
3. *Recommend Disciplinary Action : Recommend a formal disciplinary inquiry under Section 20(2) against the erring official for misconduct and insubordination.*
4. *Award Compensation : Grant punitive compensation to the Appellant under Section 19(8) (b) for the actual mental agony, unnecessary correspondence costs, and administrative harassment faced."*

3. Sh. Charanjit Singh, Executive Officer-cum-PIO, who appeared in person in today's hearing with Sh. Gulshan Mehta, Advocate (with authority letter signed by Executive Officer-cum-PIO M. C. Khanna, certifying that Mr. Gulshan Mehta, Advocate, is Empanel Counsel of M C., Khanna for defending the RTI Appeal/Complaint cases and other miscellaneous Cases and his name is duly approved by the General House and as well as Competent Authority and thus,

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Appeal Case No. 3695 of 2025

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4. After going through the submission submitted by the respondent PIO, the plea taken in the conclusion paras of the submission is as under :

"The Hon'ble Supreme Court in 'Girish Ramchandra Deshpande Vs CIC & Ors, 2012 (5) RAJ-205, has observed that in case the information sought has got no relationship to any public or activity or interest and disclosure of the same cause unwarranted invasion of privacy of third part, the claim for information can be denied.

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5. Heard both the parties and examined the submissions submitted by both the parties.

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State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Dated: 16th July, 2026



Sh. Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia,
S/o Sh. Gurcharan Singh,
H. No.458, Street No.2, Adjoining Street No.15/2-L,
Krishna Nagar, Khanna, District Ludhiana(Punjab)
(M.9464500405) RTI application No.143030

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Officer,
Nagar Council, Khanna,
District Ludhiana(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Additional Deputy Commissioner
(Urban Development), Ludhiana(Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3694 of 2025

Present : Sh. Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia, the appellant in person.
i) Sh. Charanjit Singh, Executive Officer-cum-PIO, in person ;
ii) Sh. Gulshan Mehta, Advocate(with authority letter), on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 07.09.2024 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 05.02.2025 and Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 26.06.2025 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter called the RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i. e. 16.07.2026.

2. The appellant, Sh. Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia, who appeared in person in today's hearing, has submitted that he has sent written-submission dated 12.07.2026 through an e-mail, which is on record and after going through the submission, 'Prayer & Relief sought' of the conclusion para of the submission is as under ;

"In light of the facts stated above, the Appellant respectfully prays that the Hon'ble Commission may be pleased to :

1. *Direct the Respondent to immediately disclose the specific rule, authority or executive sanction under which a non-panel private advocate has been authorized to handle municipal records of this case.*
2. *Bar any unapproved private advocate from representing the public authority or accessing the official records during these proceedings.*
3. *Order the PIO to immediately supply full, intact and correct information for points 2 and 3 – specifically the map in digital PDF form via a pen drive as originally requested – free of cost.*
4. *Invoke Section 20(1) and 20(2) of the RTI Act, 2005 to impose the maximum monetary penalty and recommend disciplinary action against the PIO for his deliberate, mala fide obstruction of justice and right to information."*

3. Sh. Charanjit Singh, Executive Officer-cum-PIO, who appeared in person in today's hearing with Sh. Gulshan Mehta, Advocate (with authority letter signed by Executive Officer-cum-PIO M. C. Khanna, certifying that Mr. Gulshan Mehta, Advocate, is Empanel Counsel of M C., Khanna for defending the RTI Appeal/Complaint cases and other miscellaneous Cases and his name is duly approved by the General House and as well as Competent Authority and thus,

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he is duly authorized to represent, appear, argue, defend and make submission as per the need, requirement & circumstances on behalf of M.C., Khanna (Ludhiana) in all the RTI Appeal/Complaint cases filed before Hon'ble Punjab Sate Information Commission, Chandigarh), has submitted a reply vide letter no. 94 dated 14.07.2026 and intimated that the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant vide letter no. 186 dated 12.03.2025 and also hands over the same to the appellant during the course of hearing.

4. An opportunity is given to the appellant to file the deficiencies, if any, to the respondent PIO within two weeks from today to enable the respondent to remove the same before the next date of hearing.

5. The parties concerned are directed to remain present on the next date of hearing, failing which the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

6. With this, the case is **adjourned to 17th August, 2026 at 12.00 Noon** for hearing at Chandigarh. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

Dated: 16th July, 2026

(Pooja Gupta)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab



Sh. Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia,
S/o Sh. Gurcharan Singh,
H. No.458, Street No.2, Adjoining Street No.15/2-L,
Krishna Nagar, Khanna, District Ludhiana(Punjab)
(M.9464500405)
RTI application No.142883

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Officer,
Nagar Council, Khanna,
District Ludhiana(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Additional Deputy Commissioner
(Urban Development), Ludhiana(Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3693 of 2025

Present : Sh. Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia, the appellant in person.
i) Sh. Charanjit Singh, Executive Officer-cum-PIO, in person ;
ii) Sh. Gulshan Mehta, Advocate(with authority letter), 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 05.02.2025 and Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 26.06.2025 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter called the RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i. e. 16.07.2026.

2. The appellant, Sh. Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia, who appeared in person in today's hearing, has submitted that he has sent written-submission dated 15.07.2026 through an e-mail, which is on record and after going through the submission, 'Prayer for Relief' of the conclusion para of the submission is as under ;

"In view of the absolute non-cooperation and illegal suppression of public data by the Respondent PIO, the Appellant most respectfully prays that this Hon'ble Commission may be pleased to :

- *A] First Decide the Status of Sh. Gulshan Mehta, Advocate and disallow any unapproved, non-panel private advocate from representing the public authority or handling municipal record in this case.*
- *B] Order the PIO to supply the complete, specific and certified copies of MB entries, vouchers, third party reports and test reports of all 7 works on a pen drive or via registered post, free of cost.*
- *C] Impose the maximum statutory penalty of ₹ 25,000/- on the PIO Sh. Charanjit Singh under Section 20(1) for deliberate denial of information and supplying 153 pages of irrelevant scrap papers.*
- *D] Recommend disciplinary action under Section 20(2) against the erring officer for blatant defiance of the RTI Act and the FAA's explicit directions."*

3. Sh. Charanjit Singh, Executive Officer-cum-PIO, who appeared in person in today's hearing with Sh. Gulshan Mehta, Advocate (with authority letter signed by Executive Officer-cum-PIO M. C. Khanna, certifying that Mr. Gulshan Mehta, Advocate, is Empanel Counsel of M C., Khanna for defending the RTI Appeal/Complaint cases and other miscellaneous Cases and his name is duly approved by the General House and as well as Competent Authority and thus,



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he is duly authorized to represent, appear, argue, defend and make submission as per the need, requirement & circumstances on behalf of M.C., Khanna (Ludhiana) in all the RTI Appeal/Complaint cases filed before Hon'ble Punjab State Information Commission, Chandigarh), has submitted a reply vide letter no. 77 dated 14.07.2026 and intimated that in response to the RTI application, a reply has already been provided to the appellant and also hands over the same to the appellant during the course of hearing.

4. After going through the submission submitted by the respondent PIO, the plea taken in the conclusion paras of the submission is as under :

"The Hon'ble Supreme Court in 'Girish Ramchandra Deshpande Vs CIC & Ors, 2012 (5) RAJ-205, has observed that in case the information sought has got no relationship to any public or activity or interest and disclosure of the same cause unwarranted invasion of privacy of third part, the claim for information can be denied.

That the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in case of UOI Vs Namita Sharma, 2013(10) SCC-539 has highlighted that RTI Act serves as tool for ensuring transparency and it should not be misused for personal grievances, private motives or as a tool to intimidate public servants.

Thus, in view of the above facts and circumstances, it is crystal clear that demanded information is having no concern with any larger public interest and these voluminous and vexatious are demanded only due to the articulation of personal grievances and grudge by misusing the tool of the RTI Act only to harass the public authority with malafide intention and oblique motive and lacking the larger public interest, Moreover, collecting and compiling of these voluminous and unspecified and vexatious information would disproportionately divert the resource of this office, and as such the information can not be provided u/s 7 (9) of the RTI Act, 2005 and in this contest also refer the judgment of Hon'ble Supreme Court in Civil Appeal No. 6454 of 2011 titled as CBSE vs Aditya Bandopadhyaya & ors."

5. Heard both the parties and examined the submissions submitted by both the parties.

6. In the interest of natural justice, an opportunity is given to the appellant to establish 'Larger Public Interest' involved in seeking the information well in time and also to file a counter reply, if any, in response to the reply of the respondent PIO within two weeks from today and send the same in advance to the respondent PIO, to enable the respondent PIO to file a re-joinder, if any, on the next date of hearing.

7. The parties concerned are directed to remain present on the next date of hearing, failing which the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

8. With this, the case is **adjourned to 17th August, 2026 at 12.00 Noon** for hearing at Chandigarh.
Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

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(Pooja Gupta)

State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Dated: 16th July, 2026



Sh. Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia,
S/o Sh. Gurcharan Singh,
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Krishna Nagar, Khanna, District Ludhiana(Punjab)
(M.9464500405)
RTI application No.14287

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Officer,
Nagar Council, Khanna,
District Ludhiana(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Additional Deputy Commissioner
(Urban Development), Ludhiana(Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3692 of 2025

Present : Sh. Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia, the appellant in person.
i) Sh. Charanjit Singh, Executive Officer-cum-PIO, in person ;
ii) Sh. Gulshan Mehta, Advocate(with authority letter), 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 05.02.2025 and Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 26.06.2025 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter called the RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i. e. 16.07.2026.

2. The appellant, Sh. Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia, who appeared in person in today's hearing, has submitted that he has sent written-submission dated 15.07.2026 through an e-mail, which is on record and after going through the submission, 'Prayer for Relief' of the conclusion para of the submission is as under ;

"In view of the absolute non-cooperation and illegal suppression of public data by the Respondent PIO, the Appellant most respectfully prays that this Hon'ble Commission may be pleased to :

- *A] First Decide the Status of Sh. Gulshan Mehta, Advocate and disallow any unapproved, non-panel private advocate from representing the PIO or accessing municipal case files in these statutory proceedings.*
- *B] Order the PIO to supply the complete, certified samples of the material from the active/ongoing works detailed in the RTI application within a strict, time bound period collected in an unauthorized manner.*
- *C] Impose the maximum statutory penalty of ₹ 25,000/- on the PIO Sh. Charanjit Singh under Section 20(1) for causing an intentional, malicious delay of nearly two years.*
- *D] Recommend disciplinary action under Section 20(2) against the erring officer for bringing the administration of the RTI Act to a complete standstill."*

3. Sh. Charanjit Singh, Executive Officer-cum-PIO, who appeared in person in today's hearing with Sh. Gulshan Mehta, Advocate (with authority letter signed by Executive Officer-cum-PIO M. C. Khanna, certifying that Mr. Gulshan Mehta, Advocate, is Empanel Counsel of M C., Khanna for defending the RTI Appeal/Complaint cases and other miscellaneous Cases and his name is duly approved by the General House and as well as Competent Authority and thus,

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he is duly authorized to represent, appear, argue, defend and make submission as per the need, requirement & circumstances on behalf of M.C., Khanna (Ludhiana) in all the RTI Appeal/Complaint cases filed before Hon'ble Punjab State Information Commission, Chandigarh), has orally intimated that in response to the RTI application, a reply has already been provided to the appellant and also hands over the same to the appellant during the course of hearing.

4. After going through the submission submitted by the respondent PIO, the plea taken in the paras of the submission is as under :

"The Hon'ble Supreme Court in 'Girish Ramchandra Deshpande Vs CIC & Ors, 2012 (5) RAJ-205, has observed that in case the information sought has got no relationship to any public or activity or interest and disclosure of the same cause unwarranted invasion of privacy of third part, the claim for information can be denied.

That the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in case of UOI Vs Namita Sharma, 2013(10) SCC-539 has highlighted that RTI Act serves as tool for ensuring transparency and it should not be misused for personal grievances, private motives or as a tool to intimidate public servants.

Thus, in view of the above facts and circumstances, it is crystal clear that demanded information is having no concern with any larger public interest and these voluminous and vexatious are demanded only due to the articulation of personal grievances and grudge by misusing the tool of the RTI Act only to harass the public authority with malafide intention and oblique motive and lacking the larger public interest, Moreover, collecting and compiling of these voluminous and unspecified and vexatious information would disproportionately divert the resource of this office, and as such the information can not be provided u/s 7 (9) of the RTI Act, 2005 and in this contest also refer the judgment of Hon'ble Supreme Court in Civil Appeal No. 6454 of 2011 titled as CBSE vs Aditya Bandopadhyaya & ors."

5. Heard both the parties and examined the submissions submitted by both the parties.

6. In the interest of natural justice, an opportunity is given to the appellant to establish 'Larger Public Interest' involved in seeking the information well in time and also to file a counter reply, if any, in response to the reply of the respondent PIO within two weeks from today and send the same in advance to the respondent PIO, to enable the respondent PIO to file a re-joinder, if any, on the next date of hearing.

7. The parties concerned are directed to remain present on the next date of hearing, failing which the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

8. With this, the case is **adjourned to 17th August, 2026 at 12.00 Noon** for hearing at Chandigarh.
Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

Dated: 16th July, 2026

(Pooja Gupta)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab



Sh. Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia,
S/o Sh. Gurcharan Singh,
H. No.458, Street No.2, Adjoining Street No.15/2-L,
Krishna Nagar, Khanna, District Ludhiana(Punjab)
(M.9464500405)
RTI application No.142668

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Officer,
Nagar Council, Khanna,
District Ludhiana(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Additional Deputy Commissioner
(Urban Development), Ludhiana(Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3691 of 2025

Present : Sh. Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia, the appellant in person.
i) Sh. Charanjit Singh, Executive Officer-cum-PIO, in person ;
ii) Sh. Gulshan Mehta, Advocate(with authority letter), on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 05.09.2024 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 05.02.2025 and Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 26.06.2025 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter called the RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i. e. 16.07.2026.

2. The appellant, Sh. Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia, who appeared in person in today's hearing, has submitted that he has sent written-submission dated 15.07.2026 through an e-mail, which is on record and after going through the submission, 'Prayer for Relief' of the conclusion para of the submission is as under ;

"In view of the absolute non-cooperation and illegal suppression of public data by the Respondent PIO, the Appellant most respectfully prays that this Hon'ble Commission may be pleased to:

- **A] First Decide the Status of Sh. Gulshan Mehta, Advocate, and disallow any unapproved, non-panel private advocate from representing the public authority or handling municipal records in this case.**
- **B] Order the PIO to supply the complete, certified called-for information under RTI Application No. 142668 immediately via registered post, free of cost.**
- **C] Impose the maximum statutory penalty of ₹25,000/- on the PIO Sh. Charanjit Singh under Section 20(1) for causing a deliberate, malicious delay of nearly two years.**
- **D] Recommend disciplinary action under Section 20(2) against the erring officer for blatant defiance of the FAA's explicit orders."**

3. Sh. Charanjit Singh, Executive Officer-cum-PIO, who appeared in person in today's hearing with Sh. Gulshan Mehta, Advocate (*with authority letter signed by Executive Officer-cum-PIO M. C. Khanna, certifying that Mr. Gulshan Mehta, Advocate, is Empanel Counsel of M C., Khanna for defending the RTI Appeal/Complaint cases and other miscellaneous Cases and his name is duly approved by the General House and as well as Competent Authority and thus,*

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he is duly authorized to represent, appear, argue, defend and make submission as per the need, requirement & circumstances on behalf of M.C., Khanna (Ludhiana) in all the RTI Appeal/Complaint cases filed before Hon'ble Punjab State Information Commission, Chandigarh), has submitted a reply vide letter no. 71 dated 14.07.2026 and intimated that in response to the RTI application, a reply has already been provided to the appellant and also hands over the same to the appellant during the course of hearing.

4. After going through the submission submitted by the respondent PIO, the plea taken in the conclusion paras of the submission is as under :

"The Hon'ble Supreme Court in 'Girish Ramchandra Deshpande Vs CIC & Ors, 2012 (5) RAJ-205, has observed that in case the information sought has got no relationship to any public or activity or interest and disclosure of the same cause unwarranted invasion of privacy of third part, the claim for information can be denied.

That the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in case of UOI Vs Namita Sharma, 2013(10) SCC-539 has highlighted that RTI Act serves as tool for ensuring transparency and it should not be misused for personal grievances, private motives or as a tool to intimidate public servants.

Thus, in view of the above facts and circumstances, it is crystal clear that demanded information is having no concern with any larger public interest and these voluminous and vexatious are demanded only due to the articulation of personal grievances and grudge by misusing the tool of the RTI Act only to harass the public authority with malafide intention and oblique motive and lacking the larger public interest, Moreover, collecting and compiling of these voluminous and unspecified and vexatious information would disproportionately divert the resource of this office, and as such the information can not be provided u/s 7 (9) of the RTI Act, 2005 and in this contest also refer the judgment of Hon'ble Supreme Court in Civil Appeal No. 6454 of 2011 titled as CBSE vs Aditya Bandopadhyaya & ors."

5. Heard both the parties and examined the submissions submitted by both the parties.

6. In the interest of natural justice, an opportunity is given to the appellant to establish 'Larger Public Interest' involved in seeking the information well in time and also to file a counter reply, if any, in response to the reply of the respondent PIO within two weeks from today and send the same in advance to the respondent PIO, to enable the respondent PIO to file a re-joinder, if any, on the next date of hearing.

7. The parties concerned are directed to remain present on the next date of hearing, failing which the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

8. With this, the case is **adjourned to 17th August, 2026 at 12.00 Noon** for hearing at Chandigarh. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Pooja Gupta)

State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Dated: 16th July, 2026



Sh. Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia,
S/o Sh. Gurcharan Singh,
H. No.458, Street No.2, Adjoining Street No.15/2-L,
Krishna Nagar, Khanna, District Ludhiana(Punjab)
(M.9464500405)
RTI application No.142164

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Officer,
Nagar Council, Khanna,
District Ludhiana(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Additional Deputy Commissioner
(Urban Development), Ludhiana(Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3690 of 2025

Present : Sh. Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia, the appellant in person.
i) Sh. Charanjit Singh, Executive Officer-cum-PIO, in person ;
ii) Sh. Gulshan Mehta, Advocate(with authority letter), on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 03.09.2024 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 05.02.2025 and Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 26.06.2025 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter called the RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i. e. 16.07.2026.

2. The appellant, Sh. Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia, who appeared in person in today's hearing, has submitted that he has sent written-submission dated 12.07.2026 through an e-mail, which is on record and after going through the submission, 'Prayer for Relief' of the conclusion para of the submission is as under ;

"In view of the absolute non-cooperation and malicious suppression of public data by the Respondent, the Appellant most respectfully prays that this Hon'ble Commission may be pleased to:

- **A] Disallow any unapproved, non- panel private advocate from representing the public authority or handling its records in this case.**
- **B] Order the PIO to supply the complete, certified called-for information under RTI Application No. 142164 immediately via registered post, free of cost.**
- **C] Impose the maximum statutory penalty of ₹25,000/- on the PIO Sh. Charanjit Singh under Section 20(1) for causing an unjustifiable delay of nearly two years.**
- **D] Recommend disciplinary action under Section 20(2) against the erring officer for blatant defiance of the RTI Act and FAA's explicit orders."**

3. Sh. Charanjit Singh, Executive Officer-cum-PIO, who appeared in person in today's hearing with Sh. Gulshan Mehta, Advocate (*with authority letter signed by Executive Officer-cum-PIO M. C. Khanna, certifying that Mr. Gulshan Mehta, Advocate, is Empanel Counsel of M C., Khanna for defending the RTI Appeal/Complaint cases and other miscellaneous Cases and his name is duly approved by the General House and as well as Competent Authority and thus,*

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he is duly authorized to represent, appear, argue, defend and make submission as per the need, requirement & circumstances on behalf of M.C., Khanna (Ludhiana) in all the RTI Appeal/Complaint cases filed before Hon'ble Punjab State Information Commission, Chandigarh), has submitted a reply vide letter no. 68 dated 14.07.2026 and intimated that in response to the RTI application, a reply has already been provided to the appellant and also hands over the same to the appellant during the course of hearing.

4. After going through the submission submitted by the respondent PIO, the plea taken in the conclusion paras of the submission is as under :

"The Hon'ble Supreme Court in 'Girish Ramchandra Deshpande Vs CIC & Ors, 2012 (5) RAJ-205, has observed that in case the information sought has got no relationship to any public or activity or interest and disclosure of the same cause unwarranted invasion of privacy of third part, the claim for information can be denied.

That the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in case of UOI Vs Namita Sharma, 2013(10) SCC-539 has highlighted that RTI Act serves as tool for ensuring transparency and it should not be misused for personal grievances, private motives or as a tool to intimidate public servants.

Thus, in view of the above facts and circumstances, it is crystal clear that demanded information is having no concern with any larger public interest and these voluminous and vexatious are demanded only due to the articulation of personal grievances and grudge by misusing the tool of the RTI Act only to harass the public authority with malafide intention and oblique motive and lacking the larger public interest, Moreover, collecting and compiling of these voluminous and unspecified and vexatious information would disproportionately divert the resource of this office, and as such the information can not be provided u/s 7 (9) of the RTI Act, 2005 and in this contest also refer the judgment of Hon'ble Supreme Court in Civil Appeal No. 6454 of 2011 titled as CBSE vs Aditya Bandopadhyaya & ors."

5. Heard both the parties and examined the submissions submitted by both the parties.

6. In the interest of natural justice, an opportunity is given to the appellant to establish 'Larger Public Interest' involved in seeking the information well in time and also to file a counter reply, if any, in response to the reply of the respondent PIO within two weeks from today and send the same in advance to the respondent PIO, to enable the respondent PIO to file a re-joinder, if any, on the next date of hearing.

7. The parties concerned are directed to remain present on the next date of hearing, failing which the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

8. With this, the case is **adjourned to 17th August, 2026 at 12.00 Noon** for hearing at Chandigarh. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Pooja Gupta)

State Information Commissioner
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Dated: 16th July, 2026



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H. No.458, Street No.2, Adjoining Street No.15/2-L,
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RTI application No.141750

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Officer,
Nagar Council, Khanna,
District Ludhiana(Punjab)
First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Additional Deputy Commissioner
(Urban Development), Ludhiana(Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3689 of 2025

Present : Sh. Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia, the appellant in person.
i) Sh. Charanjit Singh, Executive Officer-cum-PIO, in person ;
ii) Sh. Gulshan Mehta, Advocate(with authority letter), on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 01.09.2024 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 05.02.2025 and Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 26.06.2025 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter called the RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i. e. 16.07.2026.

2. The appellant, Sh. Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia, who appeared in person in today's hearing, has submitted that he has sent written-submission dated 15.07.2026 through an e-mail, which is on record and after going through the submission, 'Prayer for Relief' of the conclusion para of the submission is as under ;

"In view of the absolute non-cooperation and illegal suppression of public data by the Respondent PIO, the Appellant most respectfully prays that this Hon'ble Commission may be pleased to:

- **A] First Decide the Legal Standing of Sh. Gulshan Mehta, Advocate, and disallow any unapproved, non-panel private advocate from representing the PIO or accessing municipal case files in these statutory proceedings.**
- **B] Reject any "Third-Party" or "Personal Information" claims raised by the PIO, and direct them to immediately supply the complete, certified contractor enlistment, category upgrade, and tender records free of cost.**
- **C] Impose the maximum statutory penalty of ₹25,000/- on the PIO Sh. Charanjit Singh under Section 20(1) for causing an intentional, malicious delay of nearly two years.**
- **D] Recommend disciplinary action under Section 20(2) against the erring officer for bringing the administration of the RTI Act to a complete standstill and defying the FAA's order."**

3. Sh. Charanjit Singh, Executive Officer-cum-PIO, who appeared in person in today's hearing with Sh. Gulshan Mehta, Advocate (*with authority letter signed by Executive Officer-cum-PIO M. C. Khanna, certifying that Mr. Gulshan Mehta, Advocate, is Empanel Counsel of M C., Khanna for defending the RTI Appeal/Complaint cases and other miscellaneous Cases and his name is duly approved by the General House and*

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as well as Competent Authority and thus, he is duly authorized to represent, appear, argue, defend and make submission as per the need, requirement & circumstances on behalf of M.C., Khanna (Ludhiana) in all the RTI Appeal/Complaint cases filed before Hon'ble Punjab Sate Information Commission, Chandigarh), has submitted a reply vide letter no. 65 dated 14.07.2026 and intimated that in response to the RTI application, a reply has already been provided to the appellant and also hands over the same to the appellant during the course of hearing.

4. After going through the submission submitted by the respondent PIO, the plea taken in the conclusion paras of the submission is as under :

"The Hon'ble Supreme Court in 'Girish Ramchandra Deshpande Vs CIC & Ors, 2012 (5) RAJ-205, has observed that in case the information sought has got no relationship to any public or activity or interest and disclosure of the same cause unwarranted invasion of privacy of third part, the claim fro information can be denied.

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Thus, in view of the above facts and circumstances, it is crystal clear that demanded information is having no concern with any larger public interest and these voluminous and vexatious are demanded only due to the articulation of personal grievances and grudge by misusing the tool of the RTI Act only to harass the public authority with malafide intention and oblique motive and lacking the larger public interest, Moreover, collecting and compiling of these voluminous and unspecified and vexatious information would disproportionately divert the resource of this office, and as such the information can not be provided u/s 7 (9) of the RTI Act, 2005 and in this contest also refer the judgment of Hon'ble Supreme Court in Civil Appeal No. 6454 of 2011 titled as CBSE vs Aditya Bandopadhyaya & ors."

5. Heard both the parties and examined the submissions submitted by both the parties.

6. In the interest of natural justice, an opportunity is given to the appellant to **establish 'Larger Public Interest'** involved in seeking the information well in time and also to file a **counter reply, if any**, in response to the reply of the respondent PIO within two weeks from today and send the same in advance to the respondent PIO, to enable the respondent PIO to file a re-joinder, if any, on the next date of hearing.

7. The parties concerned are directed to remain present on the next date of hearing, failing which the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

8. With this, the case is **adjourned to 17th August, 2026 at 12.00 Noon** for hearing at Chandigarh. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Pooja Gupta)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Dated: 16th July, 2026



Sh. Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia,
S/o Sh. Gurcharan Singh,
H. No.458, Street No.2, Adjoining Street No.15/2-L,
Krishna Nagar, Khanna, District Ludhiana(Punjab)
(M.9464500405)
RTI application No.141732

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Officer,
Nagar Council, Khanna,
District Ludhiana(Punjab)
First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Additional Deputy Commissioner
(Urban Development), Ludhiana(Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3688 of 2025

Present : Sh. Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia, the appellant in person.
i) Sh. Charanjit Singh, Executive Officer-cum-PIO, in person ;
ii) Sh. Gulshan Mehta, Advocate(with authority letter), on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 01.09.2024 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 05.02.2025 and Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 26.06.2025 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter called the RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i. e. 16.07.2026.

2. The appellant, Sh. Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia, who appeared in person in today's hearing, has submitted that he has sent written-submission dated 15.07.2026 through an e-mail, which is on record and after going through the submission, 'Prayer for Relief' of the conclusion para of the submission is as under ;

"In view of the absolute non-cooperation and illegal suppression of public data by the Respondent PIO, the Appellant most respectfully prays that this Hon'ble Commission may be pleased to:

- **A] First Decide the Status of Sh. Gulshan Mehta, Advocate, and disallow any unapproved, non-panel private advocate from representing the public authority or handling municipal records in this case.**
- **B] Order the PIO to supply the complete, certified called-for information under RTI Application No. 141732 immediately via registered post on a pen drive, free of cost.**
- **C] Impose the maximum statutory penalty of ₹25,000/- on the PIO Sh. Charanjit Singh under Section 20(1) for causing a deliberate, malicious delay of nearly two years.**
- **D] Recommend disciplinary action under Section 20(2) against the erring officer for blatant defiance of the RTI Act and the FAA's explicit orders."**

3. Sh. Charanjit Singh, Executive Officer-cum-PIO, who appeared in person in today's hearing with Sh. Gulshan Mehta, Advocate (*with authority letter signed by Executive Officer-cum-PIO M. C. Khanna, certifying that Mr. Gulshan Mehta, Advocate, is Empanel Counsel of M C., Khanna for defending the RTI Appeal/Complaint cases and other miscellaneous Cases and his name is duly approved by the General House and*

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as well as Competent Authority and thus, he is duly authorized to represent, appear, argue, defend and make submission as per the need, requirement & circumstances on behalf of M.C., Khanna (Ludhiana) in all the RTI Appeal/Complaint cases filed before Hon'ble Punjab Sate Information Commission, Chandigarh), has submitted a reply vide letter no. 63 dated 14.07.2026 and intimated that in response to the RTI application, a reply has already been provided to the appellant and also hands over the same to the appellant during the course of hearing.

4. After going through the submission submitted by the respondent PIO, the plea taken in the conclusion paras of the submission is as under :

"The Hon'ble Supreme Court in 'Girish Ramchandra Deshpande Vs CIC & Ors, 2012 (5) RAJ-205, has observed that in case the information sought has got no relationship to any public or activity or interest and disclosure of the same cause unwarranted invasion of privacy of third part, the claim fro information can be denied.

That the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in case of UOI Vs Namita Sharma, 2013(10) SCC-539 has highlighted that RTI Act serves as tool for ensuring transparency and it should not be misused for personal grievances, private motives or as a tool to intimidate public servants.

Thus, in view of the above facts and circumstances, it is crystal clear that demanded information is having no concern with any larger public interest and these voluminous and vexatious are demanded only due to the articulation of personal grievances and grudge by misusing the tool of the RTI Act only to harass the public authority with malafide intention and oblique motive and lacking the larger public interest, Moreover, collecting and compiling of these voluminous and unspecified and vexatious information would disproportionately divert the resource of this office, and as such the information can not be provided u/s 7 (9) of the RTI Act, 2005 and in this contest also refer the judgment of Hon'ble Supreme Court in Civil Appeal No. 6454 of 2011 titled as CBSE vs Aditya Bandopadhyaya & ors."

5. Heard both the parties and examined the submissions submitted by both the parties.

6. In the interest of natural justice, an opportunity is given to the appellant to **establish 'Larger Public Interest'** involved in seeking the information well in time and also to file a **counter reply, if any**, in response to the reply of the respondent PIO within two weeks from today and send the same in advance to the respondent PIO, to enable the respondent PIO to file a re-joinder, if any, on the next date of hearing.

7. The parties concerned are directed to remain present on the next date of hearing, failing which the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

8. With this, the case is **adjourned to 17th August, 2026 at 12.00 Noon** for hearing at Chandigarh. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Pooja Gupta)

State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Dated: 16th July, 2026



Sh. Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia,
S/o Sh. Gurcharan Singh,
H. No.458, Street No.2, Adjoining Street No.15/2-L,
Krishna Nagar, Khanna, District Ludhiana(Punjab)
(M.9464500405)
RTI application No.141050

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Officer,
Nagar Council, Khanna,
District Ludhiana(Punjab)
First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Additional Deputy Commissioner
(Urban Development), Ludhiana(Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3687 of 2025

Present : Sh. Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia, the appellant in person.
i) Sh. Charanjit Singh, Executive Officer-cum-PIO, in person ;
ii) Sh. Gulshan Mehta, Advocate(with authority letter), on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 29.08.2024 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 05.02.2025 and Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 26.06.2025 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter called the RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i. e. 16.07.2026.

2. The appellant, Sh. Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia, who appeared in person in today's hearing, has submitted that he has sent written-submission dated 12.07.2026 through an e-mail, which is on record and after going through the submission, 'Prayer for Relief' of the conclusion para of the submission is as under ;

"In view of the absolute non-cooperation and illegal suppression of public data by the Respondent PIO, the Appellant most respectfully prays that this Hon'ble Commission may be pleased to:

- **A] Disallow any unapproved, non-panel private advocate from representing the public authority or handling its records in this case.**
- **B] Order the PIO to supply the complete, certified called-for information under RTI Application No. 141050 immediately, free of cost.**
- **C] Impose the maximum statutory penalty of ₹25,000/- on the PIO under Section 20(1) for causing a deliberate, malicious delay of nearly two years.**
- **D] Recommend disciplinary action under Section 20(2) against the erring officer for blatant defiance of the RTI Act and the FAA's explicit orders."**

3. Sh. Charanjit Singh, Executive Officer-cum-PIO, who appeared in person in today's hearing with Sh. Gulshan Mehta, Advocate (*with authority letter signed by Executive Officer-cum-PIO M. C. Khanna, certifying that Mr. Gulshan Mehta, Advocate, is Empanel Counsel of M C., Khanna for defending the RTI Appeal/Complaint cases and other miscellaneous Cases and his name is duly approved by the General House and*

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as well as Competent Authority and thus, he is duly authorized to represent, appear, argue, defend and make submission as per the need, requirement & circumstances on behalf of M.C., Khanna (Ludhiana) in all the RTI Appeal/Complaint cases filed before Hon'ble Punjab Sate Information Commission, Chandigarh), has submitted a reply vide letter no. 60 dated 14.07.2026 and intimated that in response to the RTI application, a reply has already been provided to the appellant and also hands over the same to the appellant during the course of hearing.

4. After going through the submission submitted by the respondent PIO, the plea taken in the conclusion paras of the submission is as under :

"The Hon'ble Supreme Court in 'Girish Ramchandra Deshpande Vs CIC & Ors, 2012 (5) RAJ-205, has observed that in case the information sought has got no relationship to any public or activity or interest and disclosure of the same cause unwarranted invasion of privacy of third part, the claim fro information can be denied.

That the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in case of UOI Vs Namita Sharma, 2013(10) SCC-539 has highlighted that RTI Act serves as tool for ensuring transparency and it should not be misused for personal grievances, private motives or as a tool to intimidate public servants.

Thus, in view of the above facts and circumstances, it is crystal clear that demanded information is having no concern with any larger public interest and these voluminous and vexatious are demanded only due to the articulation of personal grievances and grudge by misusing the tool of the RTI Act only to harass the public authority with malafide intention and oblique motive and lacking the larger public interest, Moreover, collecting and compiling of these voluminous and unspecified and vexatious information would disproportionately divert the resource of this office, and as such the information can not be provided u/s 7 (9) of the RTI Act, 2005 and in this contest also refer the judgment of Hon'ble Supreme Court in Civil Appeal No. 6454 of 2011 titled as CBSE vs Aditya Bandopadhyaya & ors."

5. Heard both the parties and examined the submissions submitted by both the parties.

6. In the interest of natural justice, an opportunity is given to the appellant to **establish 'Larger Public Interest'** involved in seeking the information well in time and also to file a **counter reply, if any**, in response to the reply of the respondent PIO within two weeks from today and send the same in advance to the respondent PIO, to enable the respondent PIO to file a re-joinder, if any, on the next date of hearing.

7. The parties concerned are directed to remain present on the next date of hearing, failing which the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

8. With this, the case is **adjourned to 17th August, 2026 at 12.00 Noon** for hearing at Chandigarh. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Pooja Gupta)

State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Dated: 16th July, 2026



Sh. Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia,
S/o Sh. Gurcharan Singh,
H. No.458, Street No.2, Adjoining Street No.15/2-L,
Krishna Nagar, Khanna, District Ludhiana(Punjab)
(M.9464500405) **RTI application No.177338**

....Appellant

V/s

- i) **Public Information Officer,**
O/o The Director, Local Government, Punjab,
Municipal Bhawan, Sector 35 - A,
Plot No. 03, Chandigarh
- ii) **Public Information Officer,**
O/o The Executive Officer,
Nagar Council, Khanna,
District Ludhiana(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Director, Local Government, Punjab,
Municipal Bhawan, Sector 35 - A,
Plot No. 03, Chandigarh

...Respondents

Appeal Case No.3615 of 2025

Present : Sh. Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia, the appellant in person.
i) Sh. Rajeev Kumar, Building Inspector (M.-9888806340) of Town Planning Wing O/o Director, Local Government Punjab, Chandigarh .
ii) Sh.Charanjit Singh, Executive Officer-cum-PIO, O/o Nagar Council, Khanna;
iii) Sh. Gulshan Mehta, Advocate(with authority letter), on behalf of the respondent..

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 03.04.2025 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 04.05.2025 and Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 23.06.2025 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter called the RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i. e. 16.07.2026.

2. The appellant, Sh. Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia, who appeared in person in today's hearing, has submitted that he has sent written-submission dated 12.07.2026 through an e-mail, which is on record and after going through the submission, 'Prayer for Relief' of the conclusion para of the submission is as under ;

"In view of the absolute non-cooperation and illegal suppression of public data by the Respondent PIO, the Appellant most respectfully prays that this Hon'ble Commission may be pleased to:

- **A] First Decide the Status of Sh. Gulshan Mehta, Advocate, and disallow any unapproved, non-panel private advocate from representing the public authority or handling municipal records in this case.**
- **B] Order the PIO-cum-STP, Ludhiana (or the concerned PIO of MC, Khanna through statutory transfer) to supply the complete, certified called-for boundary notifications and layout maps immediately via registered post, free of cost.**
- **C] Impose the maximum statutory penalty of ₹25,000/- on the PIO Sh. Gautam Kumar under Section 20(1) for causing a deliberate, malicious delay of over a year and defying his own commitments made before the FAA.**
- **D] Recommend disciplinary action under Section 20(2) against the erring officer for blatant defiance of the RTI Act."**

3. Sh. Rajeev Kumar, Building Inspector of Town Planning Wing O/o Director, Local Government Punjab, Chandigarh, who appeared in today's hearing has submitted a reply vide letter no. 1407 dated 15.07.2026, showing that **RTI application No.177338 of the appellant has been forwarded to the PIO O/o Nagar Council, Khanna as te sought information relates with that office.**

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3. Sh. Rajeev Kumar, Building Inspector of Town Planning Wing O/o Director, Local Government Punjab, Chandigarh, who appeared in today's hearing has submitted a reply vide letter no. 1407 dated 15.07.2026, showing that RTI application No.177338 of the appellant has been forwarded to the PIO O/o Nagar Council, Khanna as the sought information relates with that office.

4. Sh. Charanjit Singh, Executive Officer-cum-PIO, who appeared in person in today's hearing with Sh. Gulshan Mehta, Advocate (*with authority letter signed by Executive Officer-cum-PIO M. C. Khanna, certifying that Mr. Gulshan Mehta, Advocate, is Empanel Counsel of M C., Khanna for defending the RTI Appeal/Complaint cases and other miscellaneous Cases and his name is duly approved by the General House and as well as Competent Authority and thus, he is duly authorized to represent, appear, argue, defend and make submission as per the need, requirement & circumstances on behalf of M.C., Khanna (Ludhiana) in all the RTI Appeal/Complaint cases filed before Hon'ble Punjab State Information Commission, Chandigarh*), has intimated that in response to the RTI application, a reply has already been provided to the appellant and also hands over the same to the appellant during the course of hearing.

4. After going through the submission submitted by the respondent PIO, the plea taken in the paras of the submission is as under :

"The Hon'ble Supreme Court in 'Girish Ramchandra Deshpande Vs CIC & Ors, 2012 (5) RAJ-205, has observed that in case the information sought has got no relationship to any public or activity or interest and disclosure of the same cause unwarranted invasion of privacy of third part, the claim for information can be denied.

That the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in case of UOI Vs Namita Sharma, 2013(10) SCC-539 has highlighted that RTI Act serves as tool for ensuring transparency and it should not be misused for personal grievances, private motives or as a tool to intimidate public servants.

Thus, in view of the above facts and circumstances, it is crystal clear that demanded information is having no concern with any larger public interest and these voluminous and vexatious are demanded only due to the articulation of personal grievances and grudge by misusing the tool of the RTI Act only to harass the public authority with malafide intention and oblique motive and lacking the larger public interest, Moreover, collecting and compiling of these voluminous and unspecified and vexatious information would disproportionately divert the resource of this office, and as such the information can not be provided u/s 7 (9) of the RTI Act, 2005 and in this contest also refer the judgment of Hon'ble Supreme Court in Civil Appeal No. 6454 of 2011 titled as CBSE vs Aditya Bandopadhyaya & ors."

5. Heard both the parties and examined the submissions submitted by both the parties.

6. In the interest of natural justice, an opportunity is given to the appellant to establish 'Larger Public Interest' involved in seeking the information well in time and also to file a counter reply, if any, in response to the reply of the respondent PIO within two weeks from today and send the same in advance to the respondent PIO, to enable the respondent PIO to file a re-joinder, if any, on the next date of hearing.

7. The parties concerned are directed to remain present on the next date of hearing, failing which the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

8. With this, the case is **adjourned to 17th August, 2026 at 12.00 Noon** for hearing at Chandigarh. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Pooja Gupta)

**State Information Commissioner
Punjab**

Dated: 16th July, 2026



Sh. Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia,
S/o Sh. Gurcharan Singh,
H. No.458, Street No.2, Adjoining Street No.15/2-L,
Krishna Nagar, Khanna, District Ludhiana(Punjab)
(M.9464500405)
RTI application No.171075

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Officer,
Nagar Council, Khanna,
District Ludhiana(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Additional Deputy Commissioner
(Urban Development),
Ludhiana(Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3121 of 2025

Present : Sh. Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia, the appellant in person.
i) Sh. Charanjit Singh, Executive Officer-cum-PIO, in person ;
ii) Sh. Gulshan Mehta, Advocate(with authority letter), on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 28.02.2025 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 01.04.2025 and Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 23.05.2025 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter called the RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i. e. 16.07.2026.

2. The appellant, Sh. Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia, appeared in person in today's hearing.
3. Sh. Charanjit Singh, Executive Officer-cum-PIO, who appeared in person with Sh. Gulshan Mehta, Advocate(with authority letter), in today's hearing, has submitted a reply vide letter no. 92 dated 14.07.2026 and intimated that the required information with a point wise reply has already been provided to the appellant and also hands over the same to the appellant during the course of hearing.
4. An opportunity is given to the appellant to file the deficiencies, if any, to the respondent PIO within three weeks from today to enable the respondent to remove the same before the next date of hearing.
5. The parties concerned are directed to remain present on the next date of hearing, failing which the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.
6. With this, the case is **adjourned to 17th August, 2026 at 12.00 Noon** for hearing at Chandigarh. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Pooja Gupta)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Dated: 16th July, 2026