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

Appellant

Versus

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

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

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 3270 of 2025

Present :- None for the parties.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 06.01.2025 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 03.06.2025 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 16.07.2026 in the Commission.

2. Today neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. He has informed on phone that he is unable to attend today's hearing. He has also sent a letter that no information has been given to him so far. Respondent has not informed the Commission about his absence for today's hearing. This is the first date of hearing, hence taking a lenient view one last and final opportunity is given to the respondent to provide pointwise, specific reply alongwith information to the appellant under intimation to the Commission. Both the parties are directed to appear, in person, on the next date of hearing for deliberations, failing this, the Commission shall proceed to decide the matter on the basis of the material available on record and may issue appropriate directions in accordance with law.

3. To come up on **15.09.2026 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

Date :16.07.2026

(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
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Appellant

Versus

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

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

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO.3268 of 2025

Present :- None for the parties

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 06.01.2025 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 03.06.2025 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 16.07.2026 in the Commission.

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Appellant

Versus

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

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

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 3264 of 2025

Present :- None for the parties

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 07.02.2025 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 03.06.2025 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 16.07.2026 in the Commission.

2. Today neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. He has informed on phone that he is unable to attend today's hearing. He has also sent a letter that no information has been given to him so far. Respondent has not informed the Commission about his absence for today's hearing. This is the first date of hearing, hence taking a lenient view **one last and final opportunity** is given to the respondent to provide pointwise, specific reply alongwith information to the appellant under intimation to the Commission. Both the parties are directed to appear, in person, on the next date of hearing for deliberations, failing this, the Commission shall proceed to decide the matter on the basis of the material available on record and may issue appropriate directions in accordance with law.

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Appellant

Versus

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

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

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 3275 of 2025

Present :- (i) None for the appellant
(ii) for the respondent : Er. Gursharanpreet Singh, SDE(9878515050)

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 06.01.2025 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 03.06.2025 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 16.07.2026 in the Commission.

2. The appellant is absent today. He has informed on phone that he is unable to attend today's hearing. He has also sent a letter that no information has been given to him so far. Respondent states that the information demanded by the appellant is not specific. Upon careful perusal of the RTI application and the record available on file, the Commission finds that the information sought by the appellant is specific and clearly identifiable. Accordingly, the respondent is directed to furnish complete, point wise and specific information to the appellant. Both the parties are directed to appear, in person, on the next date of hearing for deliberations, failing this, the Commission shall proceed to decide the matter on the basis of the material available on record and may issue appropriate directions in accordance with law.

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Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o XEN Center Works Division No.2
PWD B&R, Amritsar

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

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 3277 of 2025

Present :- None for the parties

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 01.02.2025 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 03.06.2025 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 16.07.2026 in the Commission.

2. Today neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. He has informed on phone that he is unable to attend today's hearing. He has also sent a letter that no information has been given to him so far. Respondent has sent an email that he is unable to attend today's hearing as he is busy in SIR (Special Intensive Revision) and BLO (Booth Level Officer) duties at the designated polling station by the Election Department. This is the first date of hearing, hence taking a lenient view one last and final opportunity is given to the respondent to provide pointwise, specific reply alongwith information to the appellant under intimation to the Commission. Both the parties are directed to appear, in person, on the next date of hearing for deliberations, failing this, the Commission shall proceed to decide the matter on the basis of the material available on record and may issue appropriate directions in accordance with law.

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Appellant

Versus

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

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

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4175 of 2025

Present :- None for the parties

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 05.03.2025 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 16.07.2025 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 16.07.2026 in the Commission.

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Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o XEN, Provincial Division,
PWDB&R, Gurdaspur

First Appellate Authority
O/o SEPWd B&R, Construction Circle
Pathankot

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4176 of 2025

Present :- None for the parties

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 05.03.2025 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 16.07.2025 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 16.07.2026 in the Commission.

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Appellant

Versus

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

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

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4185 of 2025

Present :- None for the parties.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 01.02.2025 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 14.07.2025 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 16.07.2026 in the Commission.

2. Today neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. He has informed on phone that he is unable to attend today's hearing. He has also sent a letter that no information has been given to him so far. Respondent has sent an email that he is unable to attend today's hearing as he is busy in Election Duty. This is the first date of hearing, hence taking a lenient view one last and final opportunity is given to the respondent to provide pointwise, specific reply alongwith information to the appellant under intimation to the Commission. Both the parties are directed to appear, in person, on the next date of hearing for deliberations, failing this, the Commission shall proceed to decide the matter on the basis of the material available on record and may issue appropriate directions in accordance with law.

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Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o XEN, Center Works Division No. 2
PWD B&R, Amritsar

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

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4186of 2025

Present :- None for the parties

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 01.02.2025 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 16.07.2025 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 16.07.2026 in the Commission.

2. Today neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. He has informed on phone that he is unable to attend today's hearing. He has also sent a letter that no information has been given to him so far. Respondent has sent an email that he is unable to attend today's hearing as he is busy in SIR (Special Intensive Revision) and BLO (Booth Level Officer) duties at the designated polling station by the Election Department. This is the first date of hearing, hence taking a lenient view one last and final opportunity is given to the respondent to provide pointwise, specific reply alongwith information to the appellant under intimation to the Commission. Both the parties are directed to appear, in person, on the next date of hearing for deliberations, failing this, the Commission shall proceed to decide the matter on the basis of the material available on record and may issue appropriate directions in accordance with law.

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Appellant

Versus

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

First Appellate Authority
O/o SE, Construction Circle
PWDB&R, Amritsar

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4190 of 2025

Present :- None for the parties.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 06.01.2025 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 16.07.2025 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 16.07.2026 in the Commission.

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Appellant

Versus

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

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

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4189 of 2025

Present :- None for the parties.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 06.01.2025 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 16.07.2025 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 16.07.2026 in the Commission.

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Appellant

Versus

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

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

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4188 of 2025

Present :- None for the parties.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 01.02.2025 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 16.07.2025 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 16.07.2026 in the Commission.

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ShJasbir Singh, (M-9888296107)
Guru Nanak Nagar, Village Bholapur,
PO Ramgarh, Chandigarh Road,
Distt Ludhiana

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o SHO, Police Station,
Jamalpur, Ludhiana

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

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 161 OF 2024

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

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 22.04.2026, passed by the Commission

2. Today the appellant, Sh. Jasbir Singh, appeared before the Commission and submitted that despite the passage of considerable time and repeated hearings before this Commission, he has neither received the information sought under the Right to Information Act, 2005, nor any reply whatsoever from the respondent public authority. He further submitted that the respondent has failed to comply with the directions issued by this Commission on every occasion. The appellant requested the Commission to take appropriate action against the erring officials and to ensure that the information is furnished without any further delay.

3. Despite repeated opportunities, no one appeared on behalf of the respondent public authority. The respondent has neither filed any written reply nor placed on record any material to demonstrate compliance with the provisions of the RTI Act or with the directions issued by this Commission.

4. The Commission has carefully considered the submissions of the appellant and perused the record available on file. It is observed that this is the seventh hearing in the matter. Not only has the respondent remained absent, but no information has been supplied to the appellant and no explanation has been offered for such continued default.



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5. The record further reveals that a Show Cause Notice has already been issued to the concerned respondent requiring him to explain why action under Section 20 of the Right to Information Act, 2005, should not be initiated against him. However, even after issuance of the Show Cause Notice, the respondent has chosen not to appear before the Commission or submit any explanation. Such conduct clearly reflects deliberate, wilful and persistent disregard of the statutory proceedings before this Commission.

6. The Commission is constrained to observe that the conduct of the respondent is wholly unacceptable. Repeated absence from the proceedings, failure to furnish information, failure to submit any written explanation and continued disregard of the Commission's directions amount to gross negligence in the discharge of statutory duties. Such conduct also results in unnecessary harassment to the appellant, who has been compelled to attend repeated hearings without any fault on his part. The Commission, therefore, takes a serious view of the continued and deliberate non-compliance by the respondent public authority.

7. Accordingly, a copy of this order be forwarded to the **Commissioner of Police, Ludhiana**, with the direction to personally examine the matter, identify the officer(s) responsible for the repeated non-compliance of the proceedings before this Commission, and ensure that appropriate administrative action is initiated against the defaulting official(s). The Commissioner of Police, Ludhiana, shall also ensure that the information sought by the appellant is furnished strictly in accordance with the provisions of the Right to Information Act, 2005, if not otherwise exempt under the Act, and shall submit a detailed Action Taken Report/Compliance Report before this Commission.

8. The respondent is once again directed to remain personally present before the Commission on the next date of hearing along with a point-wise reply, complete records pertaining to the RTI application, proof of dispatch of the information, if any, and a detailed explanation in response to the pending Show Cause Notice. In case of failure to comply with these directions or continued absence, the Commission shall be constrained to proceed further in accordance with law, including the continuation of proceedings under Section 20 of the Right to Information Act, 2005, without granting any further opportunity.

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

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Date :16.07.2026

CC: 1. Sh. Swapan Sharma, I.P.S.
Commissioner of Police, Ludhiana (for compliance)

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Distt.Ludhiana - 141010

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Sub Registrar East,
Ludhiana

First Appellate Authority
O/o SDM East, Ludhiana

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4992 of 2025

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

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 21.05.2026 vide which the respondent was not present.

2. Today the appellant Sh. Jasbir Singh states that no information has been given to him so far.
3. Respondent is absent today. He has not informed the Commission about his absence for today's hearing.
4. The Commission has carefully examined the records of the case as well as the conduct of the respondent during the course of these proceedings. It is observed that the matter remained pending before the Commission for a considerable period primarily on account of the repeated non-appearance of the respondent/PIO, O/o Joint Sub Registrar, East, Distt. Ludhiana. A careful perusal of the record reveals that the respondent has persistently failed to participate in the proceedings. Despite repeated opportunities, the respondent has neither appeared before the Commission on any of the previous dates of hearing nor submitted any written response to the RTI application. Moreover, no communication explaining such absence has been received by the Commission. Such continued non-compliance demonstrates a casual and indifferent approach towards the statutory obligations under the RTI Act and reflects a lack of respect for the proceedings of the Commission.
5. Therefore, the Commission deem it appropriate to issue show cause notice under section 20 (1) of the RTI Act , 2005, to PIO, O/o Joint Sub Registrar, Koomkalan, Distt. Ludhiana as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay / denial in providing the information to the RTI applicant. He is directed to file reply to the show cause notice in writing before the next date of hearing.

In addition to his submission, the PIO is also hereby given an opportunity under Section 20(1) proviso thereto, for a personal hearing before the imposition of such penalty on the next date of hearing. He may note that in case he does not file his submission and does not avail himself of the

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opportunity of personal hearing on the next date fixed, it will be presumed that he has nothing to say and the Commission shall proceed to take further proceedings against him ex-parte.

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

Sd/-

(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Date :16.07.2026

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Sh. Jasbir Singh, R/o Guru Nanak
Nagar, PORamgarh, Distt. Ludhiana - 141010

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Joint Sub Registrar
Koomkalan, Distt. Ludhiana

First Appellate Authority
O/o SDM (East), Distt. Ludhiana

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4994 of 2025

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

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 21.05.2026 vide which the respondent was not present.

2. Today the appellant Sh. Jasbir Singh states that no information has been given to him so far.
3. Respondent is absent today. He has not informed the Commission about his absence for today's hearing.
4. The Commission has carefully examined the records of the case as well as the conduct of the respondent during the course of these proceedings. It is observed that the matter remained pending before the Commission for a considerable period primarily on account of the repeated non-appearance of the respondent/PIO, O/o Joint Sub Registrar, Koomkalan, Distt. Ludhiana. A careful perusal of the record reveals that the respondent has persistently failed to participate in the proceedings. Despite repeated opportunities, the respondent has neither appeared before the Commission on any of the previous dates of hearing nor submitted any written response to the RTI application. Moreover, no communication explaining such absence has been received by the Commission. Such continued non-compliance demonstrates a casual and indifferent approach towards the statutory obligations under the RTI Act and reflects a lack of respect for the proceedings of the Commission.
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Sh.Tejinder Singh, Advocate
Civil Court, Tehsil Complex,
Backside SanjhKender, Phillaur - 144410

..... Appellant

.Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o MC, Amritsar

First Appellate Authority
O/o MC, Amritsar

.....Respondent

AC No. 2399 of 2023

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

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 28.04.2026 passed by the Commission vide which bailable warrant was issued to the respondent -PIO.

2. Today the appellant Sh. Tejinder Singh states that no information has been given to him so far.

3. Respondent is absent today. He has not informed the Commission about his absence for today's hearing.

4. The Commission has carefully examined the records of the case as well as the conduct of the respondent during the course of these proceedings. It is observed that the matter remained pending before the Commission for a considerable period primarily on account of the repeated non-appearance of the respondent-PIO, O/o MC, Amritsar. A careful perusal of the record reveals that the respondent has persistently failed to participate in the proceedings. Despite repeated opportunities, the respondent has neither appeared before the Commission on any of the previous dates of hearing nor submitted any written response to the RTI application. Moreover, no communication explaining such absence has been received by the Commission. Such continued non-compliance demonstrates a casual and indifferent approach towards the statutory obligations under the RTI Act and reflects a lack of respect for the proceedings of the Commission.

5. Therefore, the Commission deem it appropriate to issue show cause notice under section 20 (1) of the RTI Act, 2005, to PIO, o/o MC, Amritsar as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay / denial in providing the information to the RTI applicant. He is directed to file reply to the show cause notice in writing before the next date of hearing.

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Sd/-

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Date :16.07.2026

Commissioner, MC, Amritsar :*It is brought to his personal notice that inspite repeated notices of hearings conveyed by various orders of the Commission, the PIO are not coming present. And rather they depute junior official of the department to represent them. The Commission has taken a very serious view of this deliberate and disrespectful action of the PIO. It is further clarified that in case of absence on the next date of hearing it will be presumed that the respondent is absent willfully and intentionally and the disciplinary action may be recommended.*

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Sh. Ankit Grover, (M : 8968165400)
29, Street No 1, Vijay Colony,
Tehsil & Distt Fazilka.-152123.

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o MC, Fazilka.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o ADC (G), Fazilka.

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 36 OF 2024

Present :- (i) Sh. Ankit Grover the appellant
(ii) for the respondent : Sh. Rakesh Kumar, Clerk (9814670132)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 22.04.2026 vide which neither the appellant nor the respondent was present and a bailable warrant was issued to the respondent -PIO.

2. The appellant, Shri Ankit Grover, appeared before the Commission and submitted that he has not received the information sought under the RTI Act. He further submitted that even during the proceedings before the First Appellate Authority, the concerned Public Information Officer failed to appear.

3. The respondent also appeared and submitted that the requisite information had already been dispatched to the appellant through registered post. The respondent produced a copy of the information during the hearing as well. However, upon hearing both the parties, it was observed that the appellant remained dissatisfied with the information furnished.

4. In view of the above circumstances, Shri Veer Vikram Dhuria, Executive Officer, is directed to come present on the next date of hearing along with the complete original record relating to the RTI application and the information supplied to the appellant. Failure to comply with these directions shall be viewed seriously and appropriate action shall be taken in accordance with the provisions of the Right to Information Act, 2005.

5. To come up on 22.09.2026 at 11.30 AM for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.
sd/-

Date :16.07.2026

(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
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CC: Sh. Veer Vikram Dhuriya, Executive Officer, O/oMC, Fazilka

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