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Ms. Kanwaljit Kaur, (9779907358)

W/o Shri Gurcharan Singh,
5, Gurjey Pal Nagar, Cool Road,
Jalandhar-144003

.....Appellant

VERSUS

Public Information Officer,
O/o Jalandhar Improvement Trust,
Jalandhar.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Additional Deputy Commissioner,
(Urban Development), Jalandhar.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 0686 OF 2026

PRESENT: None on behalf of the Appellant.
Shri Gursewak Singh, Sr. Assistant on behalf of the Respondents.

ORDER:

This order refers to the Bench's previous order dated 18.03.2026.

2. That the respondent-PIO submitted before the Bench that the information sought by the appellant has already been sent to the appellant vide letter dated 17.03.2026. On the other hand, the appellant remained absent during the hearing. However, an email has been received from the appellant stating that although he has received the letter dated 17.03.2026, no information was enclosed therewith. A copy of the said email is taken on record and placed in the case file.

3. That in view of the above, the respondent-PIO is directed to resend the complete information to the appellant along with a copy to the Bench. The appellant is advised to point out the deficiencies, if any, in writing to the respondent-PIO after receipt of the information. Upon receipt of such communication, the respondent-PIO shall examine and remove the deficiencies, if any, and furnish the complete and rectified information in accordance with the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005, under intimation to the Commission, before the next date of hearing, failing which appropriate action shall be initiated in accordance with law.

4. Adjourned to **21.08.2026 at 11:00 AM.**

16.07.2026

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Shri Jagjit Singh, (8591009000)

S/o Shri Daljit Singh,

H No 153/2, New Bishan Nagar,

Patiala-147001.

RTI Application No 215628

.....Appellant

VERSUS

Public Information Officer,

O/o Senior Superintendent of Police,

Patiala.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Deputy Inspector General of Police,

Patiala Range, Patiala.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 0741 OF 2026

PRESENT:

Shri Jagjit Singh, Appellant.

Shri Hakam Singh, ASI on behalf of the Respondents.

ORDER:

This order refers to the Bench's previous order dated 18.03.2026.

2. That the appellant stated before the Bench that he had visited the respondent office but no information has been provided to him. On the other hand, respondent appeared along with the information and the same is handed over to the appellant before the Bench and the appellant upon going through the information stated that incomplete information has been provided.

3. That in view of the above, the appellant is advised to point out deficiencies in writing to the PIO and the PIO is directed to remove the deficiencies, if any, received from the appellant and supply rectified information, as per guidelines laid down in the RTI Act, 2005, under intimation to the Commission, before the next date of hearing, failing which stringent action shall be initiated as per law.

4. Adjourned to **21.08.2026 at 11:00 AM.**

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Shri Santokh Singh Thind, (7986283480)

S/o Shri Bikar Singh,

R/o VPO Malopota, SBS Nagar-144505

.....Appellant

VERSUS

Public Information Officer,

O/o Sarpanch,

Gram Panchayat, Malopota,

Block Banga, District Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer,

Block Banga, District Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 0786 OF 2026

PRESENT: None for the parties.

ORDER:

This order refers to the Bench's previous order dated 18.03.2026.

2. That the appellant remained absent during the hearing. However an email has been received stating therein that no information has been provided, copy of the same is taken on record and placed in the case file.

3. That the PIO also remained absent in court, inspite notice issued through registered post, indicating PIO's disrespect for the Commission, the absence of the PIO is taken seriously as it has affected proceeding of the case.

3. That in view of the above, LAST OPPORTUNITY is given to the PIO to provide the requisite information to the appellant, if the same covered under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005, before the next hearing date, failing which stringent action shall be initiated as per law.

4. Adjourned to **21.08.2026 at 11:00 AM.**

16.07.2026

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Shri Satnam Singh, (9781987883)

S/o Shri Jangir Singh,

R/o Near Railway Quarters,

Jhugge Gangiyan, Jalalabad, District Fazilka.

....Complainant

VERSUS

Public Information Officer,

O/o Senior Superintendent of Police,

Fazilka.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Senior Superintendent of Police,

Fazilka.

....Respondents

COMPLAINT CASE NO. 0031 OF 2026

PRESENT:

Shri Satnam Singh, Appellant.

Shri Sukhdayal Singh, ASI on behalf of the Respondents.

ORDER:

This order refers to the Bench's previous order dated 18.03.2026.

2. That the respondent attended the hearing through Cisco Webex and submitted before the Bench that the requisite information has already been furnished to the complainant. On the other hand, the complainant stated before the Bench that incomplete information has been provided.

3. That in view of the above, the respondent-PIO is hereby directed to furnish the remaining information, as discussed during the hearing, to the complainant. In case the remaining information sought by the complainant is not available on the official record, the respondent-PIO shall file a sworn affidavit to that effect, clearly stating the reasons for its non-availability, in accordance with the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005, under intimation to the Commission, before the next date of hearing, failing which appropriate proceedings under the RTI Act, 2005 shall be initiated in accordance with law.

4. Adjourned to **21.08.2026 at 11:00 AM.**

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Civil Court, Tehsil Complex,

Backside Sanjh Kender, Phillaur-144410

....Appellant

VERSUS

(BY NAME)

Public Information Officer,

O/o Sub Divisional Magistrate,

Lapoke, District Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Sub Divisional Magistrate,

Lapoke, District Amritsar.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 0714 OF 2024

PRESENT: Shri Tejinder Singh, Advocate/Appellant.

None on behalf of the Respondents.

ORDER:

To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 07.07.2025, 30.10.2025, 09.01.2026 and 18.03.2026.

1. That the appellant stated before the Bench that incomplete information has been provided by the PIO. It is matter of serious concern that the PIO remained absent during the last four Bench Court hearings i.e. 07.07.2025, 30.10.2025, 09.01.2026 and 18.03.2026, despite the PIO being issued orders of the Court through registered post, pertaining to PIO's presence before the Commission Bench. The regular non-presence of the PIOs has reflected not only disregard to the Commission Bench, but set a wrong precedence in the Court working, it has adversely affected the proceedings of the said appeal case.

2. That to take the appeal matter to its logical end the presence of PIO Sh. Jagjit Singh, Senior Assistant O/o Sub Divisional Magistrate, Lopoke, District Amritsar is essential in this appeal case before the Bench.

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APPEAL CASE NO. 0714 OF 2024

3. That the constant intentional absence of the PIO before the Court, inspite specific directions issued by the Commission categorically shows that the PIO has taken the proceedings of this Commission being lightly and has virtually made mockery of the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005. Such conduct demonstrates negligence and disrespect towards the authority of the Commission.

4. That the continuous non-compliance on the part of the PIO has also caused unnecessary delay in the disposal of the present appeal case and is defeating the very purpose of the Right to Information Act, 2005, which has been enacted to promote transparency and accountability in public administration.

5. That due to the persistent non-appearance of the Public Information Officer (PIO) in the present appeal, the proceedings of the case have been adversely affected, resulting in an avoidable delay in the functioning of the Commission and hindering the expeditious disposal of the matter on merits. The conduct of the PIO reflects disregard for the proceedings of the Commission. Accordingly, bailable warrants have been issued by the Commission Bench to secure the presence of the PIO on the next date of hearing.

GROUND FOR ISSUANCE OF BAILABLE WARRANTS

6. That the bailable warrants are issued under Section 18(3)(a) of the Right to Information Act, 2005, against the PIO O/o Sub Divisional Magistrate, Lopoke, District Amritsar, on account of his repeated and unexplained non-appearance before the Commission despite due service of notices and multiple opportunities to appear as mentioned below:-

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APPEAL CASE NO. 0714 OF 2024

- a. *"That the persistent absence of the concerned officials has obstructed and delayed the proceedings, hampering the Commission's ability to adjudicate the matter effectively and expeditiously. Such conduct reflects disregard for the statutory process and the lawful directions of the Commission.*
- b. *That the repeated non-compliance has not only impeded the administration of justice but has also set an undesirable precedent, undermining the authority of the Commission and the rule of law. In these circumstances, the issuance of bailable warrants is considered necessary to secure the presence of the concerned officers and to ensure that the proceedings are conducted in accordance with law without any further delay."*

7. That it is pertinent to mention here that the Commission Bench had also issued Show Cause Notice to the PIO vide Bench order dated 09.01.2026 under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act, 2005.

8. That the gross negligence on the part of the Public Information Officer (PIO) in failing to furnish a reply even to the Show Cause Notice issued by the Commission, despite sufficient opportunity, is evident from the record. Such conduct demonstrates a lack of diligence and disregard towards the proceedings of the Commission. The continued non-compliance and absence of any satisfactory explanation from the PIO have not only impeded the adjudication of the present matter but have also caused an unnecessary delay in the effective functioning of the Commission. The conduct of the PIO is viewed seriously by the Bench and warrants appropriate consideration under the provisions of the Right to Information Act.

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APPEAL CASE NO. 0714 OF 2024

9. That while exercising the Power conferred under Section 18(3)(a) of the RTI Act, 2005, **Bailable Warrants** are issued against PIO Sh. Jagjit Singh, Senior Assistant O/o Sub Divisional Magistrate, Lopoke, District Amritsar, with a direction to the **Senior Superintendent of Police, Amritsar Rural** to serve the bailable warrants upon the PIO and ensure PIO's presence along with the information in reference to RTI application dated 12.09.2023, before the Bench hearing on the **21.08.2026 at 11:00 A.M.**, so that appropriate proceedings can be initiated in the present appeal case in the interest of justice.

Sd/-

(HARPREET SINGH SANDHU)

State Information Commissioner, Punjab

16.07.2026

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- 1) Shri Ghanshyam Thori, IAS**
Secretary to Government of Punjab,
Department of Local Government, Punjab,
Municipal Bhawan, Sector – 35, Chandigarh.
- 2) Shri Dalwinderjit Singh, IAS**
Deputy Commissioner,
Amritsar.
- 3) Shri Kanwalpreet Singh Chahal, IPS**
Senior Superintendent of Police,
Amritsar Rural.
- 4) Shri Jagjit Singh,**
Senior Assistant
O/o Sub Divisional Magistrate,
Lopoke, District Amritsar

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Backside Sanjh Kender, Phillaur-144410

...Appellant

VERSUS

Public Information Officer,

(BY NAME)

O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer,

Block Machhiwara, District Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o District Development and Panchayat Officer,

Ludhiana.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 1133 OF 2024

PRESENT: Shri Tejinder Singh, Advocate/Appellant.

None on behalf of the Respondents.

ORDER:

To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 07.07.2025, 30.10.2025, 09.01.2026 and 18.03.2026.

1. That the appellant stated before the Bench that incomplete information has been provided by the PIO. It is matter of serious concern that the PIO remained absent during the last four Bench Court hearings i.e. 07.07.2025, 30.10.2025, 09.01.2026 and 18.03.2026, despite the PIO being issued orders of the Court through registered post, pertaining to PIO's presence before the Commission Bench. The regular non-presence of the PIOs has reflected not only disregard to the Commission Bench, but set a wrong precedence in the Court working, it has adversely affected the proceedings of the said appeal case.

2. That to take the appeal matter to its logical end the presence of PIO Smt. Rupinder Kaur, Block Development and Panchayat Officer O/o Block Development and Panchayat Office, Block Machhiwara, District Ludhiana is essential in this appeal case before the Bench.

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APPEAL CASE NO. 1133 OF 2024

3. That the constant intentional absence of the PIO before the Court, inspite specific directions issued by the Commission categorically shows that the PIO has taken the proceedings of this Commission being lightly and has virtually made mockery of the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005. Such conduct demonstrates negligence and disrespect towards the authority of the Commission.

4. That the continuous non-compliance on the part of the PIO has also caused unnecessary delay in the disposal of the present appeal case and is defeating the very purpose of the Right to Information Act, 2005, which has been enacted to promote transparency and accountability in public administration.

5. That due to the persistent non-appearance of the Public Information Officer (PIO) in the present appeal, the proceedings of the case have been adversely affected, resulting in an avoidable delay in the functioning of the Commission and hindering the expeditious disposal of the matter on merits. The conduct of the PIO reflects disregard for the proceedings of the Commission. Accordingly, bailable warrants have been issued by the Commission Bench to secure the presence of the PIO on the next date of hearing.

GROUND FOR ISSUANCE OF BAILABLE WARRANTS

6. That the bailable warrants are issued under Section 18(3)(a) of the Right to Information Act, 2005, against the PIO O/o Block Development and Panchayat Office, Block Machhiwara, District Ludhiana on account of his repeated and unexplained non-appearance before the Commission despite due service of notices and multiple opportunities to appear as mentioned below:-

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APPEAL CASE NO. 1133 OF 2024

- a. *"That the persistent absence of the concerned officials has obstructed and delayed the proceedings, hampering the Commission's ability to adjudicate the matter effectively and expeditiously. Such conduct reflects disregard for the statutory process and the lawful directions of the Commission.*
- b. *That the repeated non-compliance has not only impeded the administration of justice but has also set an undesirable precedent, undermining the authority of the Commission and the rule of law. In these circumstances, the issuance of bailable warrants is considered necessary to secure the presence of the concerned officers and to ensure that the proceedings are conducted in accordance with law without any further delay."*

7. That it is pertinent to mention here that the Commission Bench had also issued Show Cause Notice to the PIO vide Bench order dated 09.01.2026 under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act, 2005.

8. That the gross negligence on the part of the Public Information Officer (PIO) in failing to furnish a reply even to the Show Cause Notice issued by the Commission, despite sufficient opportunity, is evident from the record. Such conduct demonstrates a lack of diligence and disregard towards the proceedings of the Commission. The continued non-compliance and absence of any satisfactory explanation from the PIO have not only impeded the adjudication of the present matter but have also caused an unnecessary delay in the effective functioning of the Commission. The conduct of the PIO is viewed seriously by the Bench and warrants appropriate consideration under the provisions of the Right to Information Act.

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APPEAL CASE NO. 1133 OF 2024

9. That while exercising the Power conferred under Section 18(3)(a) of the RTI Act, 2005, **Bailable Warrants** are issued against PIO Smt. Rupinder Kaur, Block Development and Panchayat Officer O/o Block Development and Panchayat Office, Block Machhiwara, District Ludhiana, with a direction to the **Senior Superintendent of Police, Khanna, District Ludhiana** to serve the bailable warrants upon the PIO and ensure PIO's presence along with the information in reference to RTI application dated 04.07.2023, before the Bench hearing on the **21.08.2026 at 11:00 A.M.**, so that appropriate proceedings can be initiated in the present appeal case in the interest of justice.

Sd/-

(HARPREET SINGH SANDHU)

State Information Commissioner, Punjab

16.07.2026

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- 1) Shri Himanshu Jain, IAS**
Deputy Commissioner,
Ludhiana.
- 2) Smt. Darpan Ahluwalia, IPS**
Senior Superintendent of Police,
Khanna, District Ludhiana.
- 3) Smt. Dilawar Kaur,**
District Development and Panchayat Officer,
Ludhiana.
- 4) Smt. Rupinder Kaur,**
PIO – cum – BDPO
O/o Block Development and Panchayat Office,
Block Machhiwara, District Ludhiana.

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Shri Satpall Sharma, (9463292433)

S/o Shri Gian Chand Sharma,
H No 3623, Street No 1, Durga Puri
Haibowal Kalan, Ludhiana.

....Appellant

VERSUS

Public Information Officer,

O/o Commissioner of Police,
Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Commissioner of Police,
Ludhiana.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 3679 OF 2025

PRESENT: Shri Satpal Sharma, Appellant.
Shri Tarsem Singh, ASI (9878935381) on behalf of the Respondents.

ORDER:

This order refers to the Bench's previous order dated 15.01.2026.

2. That both the appellant and the respondent attended the hearing through Cisco Webex. The respondent submitted before the Bench that, in compliance with the previous order, the appellant visited the office, inspected the relevant records and obtained the information. The respondent further produced a written acknowledgment signed by the appellant stating that he had "received complete information free of cost except Point No. 1(a)." The same is taken on record.

3. That the appellant submitted before the Bench that the information pertaining to Point No. 1(a) of the RTI application has not yet been provided.

4. That upon perusal of the case file and the submissions made, the Bench directs the PIO to furnish the information pertaining to Point No. 1(a) of the RTI application to the appellant within 15 days from the date of receipt of this order. In case the said information is not available on record or cannot be furnished for any lawful reason, the PIO shall file a sworn affidavit to that effect before the Commission, with a copy thereof to the appellant, within the aforesaid period, failing which appropriate proceedings shall be initiated as per law.

4. Adjourned to **21.08.2026 at 11:00 AM.**

16.07.2026

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State Information Commissioner, Punjab