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Shri Rajnish Bharara, (99188-96100)

520, Preet Colony, Zirakpur,
Distt Mohali – 140603

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Nagar Parishad,
Zirakpur.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o ADC (UD),
Mohali.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 7828 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent
Respondent: Shri Gulshan Mehta, Advocate (98764-68637) and
Shri Pankaj Singla, Draftsman (70099-62008)

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated **04.07.2023** vide which the appellant has sought the information as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **07.08.2023** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **24.11.2023** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. **17.02.2026**.

2. The appellant is absent, but he has informed the Commission of his inability to attend the hearing via email dated 15.02.2026 and requested an adjournment.

3. The respondent PIO, represented by Shri Gulshan Mehta, Advocate and Shri Pankaj Singla, Draftsman, have sought some time to provide the reply / information to the appellant.

4. After hearing the respondent and going through the case file, it is observed that this is the first hearing before the undersigned, hence in the interest of justice, respondent PIO is afforded **one opportunity** to provide the point wise reply / information to the appellant through registered post, before the next date of hearing, under intimation to the Commission, failing which punitive and stringent provisions of the RTI Act, 2005, could be invoked against him.

5. Both parties are directed to remain present on the next date of hearing for deliberations. It is also clarified that in case of defiance of this order, the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

6. **To come up on 26.08.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 17.02.2026

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Zirakpur.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Director, Local Govt. Punjab,
Chandigarh.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 7829 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent
Respondent: Shri Gulshan Mehta, Advocate (98764-68637) and
Shri Pankaj Singla, Draftsman (70099-62008)

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated **31.07.2023** vide which the appellant has sought the information as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **16.08.2023** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **24.11.2023** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. **17.02.2026**.

2. The appellant is absent, but he has informed the Commission of his inability to attend the hearing via email dated 15.02.2026 and requested an adjournment.

3. The respondent PIO, represented by Shri Gulshan Mehta, Advocate and Shri Pankaj Singla, Draftsman, have sought some time to provide the reply / information to the appellant.

4. After hearing the respondent and going through the case file, it is observed that this is the first hearing before the undersigned, hence in the interest of justice, respondent PIO is afforded **one opportunity** to provide the point wise reply / information to the appellant through registered post, before the next date of hearing, under intimation to the Commission, failing which punitive and stringent provisions of the RTI Act, 2005, could be invoked against him.

5. Both parties are directed to remain present on the next date of hearing for deliberations. It is also clarified that in case of defiance of this order, the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

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....Appellant

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Sector – 35, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Director, Local Govt. Punjab,
Sector – 35, Chandigarh.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 7830 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated **10.07.2023** vide which the appellant has sought the information as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **14.08.2023** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **24.11.2023** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. **17.02.2026**.

2. The appellant is absent, but he has informed the Commission of his inability to attend the hearing via email dated 15.02.2026 and requested an adjournment.

3. The respondent is absent without intimation, which shows his carelessness and casual attitude towards the notices of the Commission. It is also a fact that notice of hearing was sent to the PIO through registered post in spite of that, he is absent. This shows that the respondent has no regard for the notices issued by the Commission. This is indeed a serious matter. The Commission observed that there is complete negligence and laxity in the public authority in dealing with the RTI application.

4. However, this is the first date of hearing before the undersigned, hence taking a lenient view, **one opportunity** is given to the respondent PIO to provide the point wise reply / information to the appellant through registered post before the next date of hearing, under intimation to the Commission, failing which punitive and stringent provisions of the RTI Act, 2005, could be invoked against him.

5. Both parties are directed to remain present on the next date of hearing for deliberations. It is also clarified that in case of defiance of this order, the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

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....Appellant

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Zirakpur.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o ADC (UD),

Mohali.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 7831 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent

Respondent: Shri Gulshan Mehta, Advocate (98764-68637) and
Shri Pankaj Singla, Draftsman (70099-62008)

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated **03.07.2023** vide which the appellant has sought the information as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **08.08.2023** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **24.11.2023** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. **17.02.2026**.

2. The appellant is absent, but he has informed the Commission of his inability to attend the hearing via email dated 15.02.2026 and requested an adjournment.

3. The respondent PIO, represented by Shri Gulshan Mehta, Advocate and Shri Pankaj Singla, Draftsman, have sought some time to provide the reply / information to the appellant.

4. After hearing the respondent and going through the case file, it is observed that this is the first hearing before the undersigned, hence in the interest of justice, respondent PIO is afforded **one opportunity** to provide the point wise reply / information to the appellant through registered post, before the next date of hearing, under intimation to the Commission, failing which punitive and stringent provisions of the RTI Act, 2005, could be invoked against him.

5. Both parties are directed to remain present on the next date of hearing for deliberations. It is also clarified that in case of defiance of this order, the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

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....Appellant

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Zirakpur.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o ADC (UD),
Mohali.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 7832 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent

Respondent: Shri Gulshan Mehta, Advocate (98764-68637) and
Shri Pankaj Singla, Draftsman (70099-62008)

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated **04.08.2023** vide which the appellant has sought the information as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **08.09.2023** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **24.11.2023** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. **17.02.2026**.

2. The appellant is absent, but he has informed the Commission of his inability to attend the hearing via email dated 15.02.2026 and requested an adjournment.

3. The respondent PIO, represented by Shri Gulshan Mehta, Advocate and Shri Pankaj Singla, Draftsman, have sought some time to provide the reply / information to the appellant.

4. After hearing the respondent and going through the case file, it is observed that this is the first hearing before the undersigned, hence in the interest of justice, respondent PIO is afforded **one opportunity** to provide the point wise reply / information to the appellant through registered post, before the next date of hearing, under intimation to the Commission, failing which punitive and stringent provisions of the RTI Act, 2005, could be invoked against him.

5. Both parties are directed to remain present on the next date of hearing for deliberations. It is also clarified that in case of defiance of this order, the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

6. **To come up on 26.08.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 17.02.2026

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Distt Mohali – 140603

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Nagar Parishad,
Zirakpur.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o ADC (UD),
Mohali.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 7833 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent
Respondent: Shri Gulshan Mehta, Advocate (98764-68637) and
Shri Pankaj Singla, Draftsman (70099-62008)

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated **03.07.2023** vide which the appellant has sought the information as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **09.08.2023** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **24.11.2023** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. **17.02.2026**.

2. The appellant is absent, but he has informed the Commission of his inability to attend the hearing via email dated 15.02.2026 and requested an adjournment.

3. The respondent states that the reply along with information has already been sent to the appellant vide letter dated 13.02.2026. A copy of the same is taken on record.

4. After hearing the respondent and going through the case file, it is observed that this is the first hearing before the undersigned, hence in the interest of justice, the appellant is given an opportunity to examine the information when received and list deficiencies, if any, to the respondent, with a copy to this Commission. The respondent is also directed to remove the deficiencies (if any), pointed out by the appellant, before the next date of hearing.

5. Both parties are directed to remain present on the next date of hearing for deliberations. It is also clarified that in case of defiance of this order, the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

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Ms. Kamaldeep Kaur, (98721-39640)

W/o Shri Ajaipal Singh,
VPO Gumtala, Near Govt. Dispensary,
Amritsar.

....Appellant

Versus

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

First Appellate Authority,
O/o DDPO,
Tarn Taran.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 7727 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated **31.08.2023** vide which the appellant has sought the information as enumerated in her RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **03.10.2023** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **21.11.2023** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. **17.02.2026**.

2. The appellant is absent without intimation. The notice of hearing was sent to her through registered post has been returned back as undelivered vide Commission diary no. 22341 dated 31.12.2025. The appellant has not submitted any written submission and nor has she opted to be present at today's hearing.

3. The respondent is absent without intimation, which shows his carelessness and casual attitude towards the notices of the Commission. It is also a fact that notice of hearing was sent to the PIO through registered post in spite of that, he is absent. This shows that the respondent has no regard for the orders issued by the Commission. This is indeed a serious matter. The Commission observed that there is complete negligence and laxity in the public authority in dealing with the RTI application.

4. However, this is the first date of hearing before the undersigned, hence taking a lenient view, **one opportunity** is given to the respondent PIO to provide the point wise reply / information to the appellant through registered post before the next date of hearing, under intimation to the Commission, failing which punitive and stringent provisions of the RTI Act, 2005, could be invoked against him. Further, an opportunity is also given to the appellant to appear before the Commission and state her case. It is made clear that in case the appellant does not appear on the next date of hearing, appropriate order in her absence shall be passed.

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APPEAL CASE NO. 7727 OF 2023

5. A copy of this order is being sent to the Director, Rural Development and Panchayat Department, Punjab, Mohali, to ensure compliance of the above order.
6. **To come up on 26.08.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 17.02.2026

**Sd/-
(Virinderjit Singh Billing)
State Information Commissioner
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Cc: Director,
Rural Development and Panchayat Department,
Punjab, Mohali.

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Ms. Kamaldeep Kaur, (98721-39640)
W/o Shri Ajaipal Singh,
VPO Gumtala, Near Govt. Dispensary,
Amritsar.

....Appellant

Versus

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

First Appellate Authority,
O/o DDPO,
Tarn Taran.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 7728 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated **31.08.2023** vide which the appellant has sought the information as enumerated in her RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **03.10.2023** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **21.11.2023** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. **17.02.2026**.

2. The appellant is absent without intimation. The notice of hearing was sent to her through registered post has been returned back as undelivered vide Commission diary no. 22340 dated 31.12.2025. The appellant has not submitted any written submission and nor has she opted to be present at today's hearing.

3. The respondent is absent without intimation, which shows his carelessness and casual attitude towards the notices of the Commission. It is also a fact that notice of hearing was sent to the PIO through registered post in spite of that, he is absent. This shows that the respondent has no regard for the orders issued by the Commission. This is indeed a serious matter. The Commission observed that there is complete negligence and laxity in the public authority in dealing with the RTI application.

4. However, this is the first date of hearing before the undersigned, hence taking a lenient view, **one opportunity** is given to the respondent PIO to provide the point wise reply / information to the appellant through registered post before the next date of hearing, under intimation to the Commission, failing which punitive and stringent provisions of the RTI Act, 2005, could be invoked against him. Further, an opportunity is also given to the appellant to appear before the Commission and state her case. It is made clear that in case the appellant does not appear on the next date of hearing, appropriate order in her absence shall be passed.

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APPEAL CASE NO. 7728 OF 2023

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6. **To come up on 26.08.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 17.02.2026

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Cc: Director,
Rural Development and Panchayat Department,
Punjab, Mohali.

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Shri Vikas Moudgil, (79861-49438)

S/o Shri Deena Nath Moudgil,
Office No. 12, 2nd Floor City,
Central Marke Virk Complex, Jalandhar - II - 144001
RTI Application No. 58298

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Jalandhar Development Authority,
Jalandhar.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Jalandhar Development Authority,
Jalandhar.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 7740 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent
Respondent: Shri Manvir Singh, PIO-cum-SDE (98728-06817) and
Shri Davinder Pal Singh, JE (84375-53361)

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated **31.03.2023** vide which the appellant has sought the information as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **02.05.2023** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **21.11.2023** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. **17.02.2026**.

2. The appellant is absent without intimation. The notice of hearing was sent to him through registered post but it was received back from the postal services in the Commission office vide diary no. 22175 dated 29.12.2025 with the remarks "no such person in this address". The appellant has not submitted any written submission and nor has he opted to be present at today's hearing.

3. The respondent PIO-cum-SDE, Shri Manvir Singh, states that the reply has been received from the concerned branch, mentioning therein that the sought information does not pertain to his office. A copy of the same is taken on record.

4. After hearing the respondent and going through the case file, the respondent is directed to transfer the RTI application under Section 6(3) of the RTI Act, 2005, to the concerned PIO, who is thereafter directed to provide a reply / information to appellant before the next date of hearing, under intimation to the Commission. Further, an opportunity is also given to the appellant to appear before the Commission and state his case. It is made clear that in case the appellant does not appear on the next date of hearing, appropriate order in his absence shall be passed.

5. Both parties are directed to remain present on the next date of hearing for deliberations. It is also clarified that in case of defiance of this order, the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

6. **To come up on 26.08.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Shri Dinesh Kumar, (94661-00100)

S/o Shri Daulat Ram,
R/o Village Neelewara (Ratewal),
Tehsil Balachaur, Distt S.B.S Nagar.

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o BDPO, Anandpur Sahib,
Distt Rupnagar.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o DDPO,
Rupnagar.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 7789 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated **06.09.2023** vide which the appellant has sought the information as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **06.10.2023** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **22.11.2023** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. **17.02.2026**.

2. Today neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. They have even not informed the Commission about their absence for today's hearing. This is the first date of hearing before the undersigned hence taking a lenient view **one last and final opportunity** is given to both the parties to appear before the Commission and state their case.

3. The respondent is directed to provide the point wise reply / information to the appellant through registered post before the next date of hearing, under intimation to the Commission, failing which stringent action will be initiated against the respondent PIO, as per the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005. Both parties are directed to remain present on the next date of hearing for deliberations. It is also clarified that in case of defiance of this order, the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

4. A copy of this order is being sent to the Director, Rural Development and Panchayat Department, Punjab, Mohali, to ensure compliance of the above order.

5. **To come up on 26.08.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Cc: Director,
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....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o BDPO, Balachaur,
Distt SBS Nagar.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o DDPO,
Distt SBS Nagar.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 7791 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated **06.09.2023** vide which the appellant has sought the information as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **06.10.2023** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **22.11.2023** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. **17.02.2026**.

2. Today neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. They have even not informed the Commission about their absence for today's hearing. This is the first date of hearing before the undersigned hence taking a lenient view **one last and final opportunity** is given to both the parties to appear before the Commission and state their case.

3. The respondent is directed to provide the point wise reply / information to the appellant through registered post before the next date of hearing, under intimation to the Commission, failing which stringent action will be initiated against the respondent PIO, as per the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005. Both parties are directed to remain present on the next date of hearing for deliberations. It is also clarified that in case of defiance of this order, the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

4. A copy of this order is being sent to the Director, Rural Development and Panchayat Department, Punjab, Mohali, to ensure compliance of the above order.

5. **To come up on 26.08.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 17.02.2026

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(Virinderjit Singh Billing)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab**

Cc: Director,
Rural Development and Panchayat Department,
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S/o Shri Daulat Ram,
R/o Village Neelewara (Ratewal),
Tehsil Balachaur, Distt S.B.S Nagar.

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o BDPO, Nurpur Bedi,
Distt Rupnagar.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o DDPO,
Distt Rupnagar.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 7792 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated **06.09.2023** vide which the appellant has sought the information as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **06.10.2023** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **22.11.2023** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. **17.02.2026**.

2. Today neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. They have even not informed the Commission about their absence for today's hearing. This is the first date of hearing before the undersigned hence taking a lenient view **one last and final opportunity** is given to both the parties to appear before the Commission and state their case.

3. The respondent is directed to provide the point wise reply / information to the appellant through registered post before the next date of hearing, under intimation to the Commission, failing which stringent action will be initiated against the respondent PIO, as per the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005. Both parties are directed to remain present on the next date of hearing for deliberations. It is also clarified that in case of defiance of this order, the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

4. A copy of this order is being sent to the Director, Rural Development and Panchayat Department, Punjab, Mohali, to ensure compliance of the above order.

5. **To come up on 26.08.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 17.02.2026

Sd/-
(Virinderjit Singh Billing)
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Cc: Director,
Rural Development and Panchayat Department,
Punjab, Mohali.

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Shri Dinesh Kumar, (94661-00100)

S/o Shri Daulat Ram,
R/o Village Neelewara (Ratewal),
Tehsil Balachaur, Distt S.B.S Nagar.

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o DDPO,
Rupnagar.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o ADC (D), Rupnagar.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 7793 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent
Respondent: Shri Jagtar Singh, Panchayat Officer (88476-57189) and
Shri Surinder Singh, Clerk (95305-42971)

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated **26.08.2023** vide which the appellant has sought the information as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **04.10.2023** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **22.11.2023** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. **17.02.2026**.

2. The respondent states that he has brought the original record at today's hearing. Further, he requested some time to address this RTI application.

3. The appellant is absent without intimation. It is also a fact that notice of hearing was sent to him through registered post but even though he is absent, which seems his absence is intentional and willful. The appellant has not submitted any written submission and nor has he opted to be present at today's hearing.

4. After hearing the respondent and going through the case file, it is observed that this is the first hearing before the undersigned, hence in the interest of justice, respondent PIO is afforded **one opportunity** to provide the appellant point wise reply / information, duly attested, free of cost, by registered post, in accordance with his RTI application, under intimation to the Commission, failing which punitive and stringent provisions of the RTI Act, 2005, could be invoked against him. Further, an opportunity is also given to the appellant to appear before the Commission and state his case. It is made clear that in case the appellant does not appear on the next date of hearing, appropriate order in his absence shall be passed.

5. Both parties are directed to remain present on the next date of hearing for deliberations. It is also clarified that in case of defiance of this order, the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

6. **To come up on 26.08.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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S/o Shri Daulat Ram,
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Tehsil Balachaur, Distt S.B.S Nagar.

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o BDPO, Balachaur,
Distt SBS Nagar.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o DDPO, SBS Nagar.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 7794 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated **26.08.2023** vide which the appellant has sought the information as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **04.10.2023** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **22.11.2023** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. **17.02.2026**.

2. Today neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. They have even not informed the Commission about their absence for today's hearing. This is the first date of hearing before the undersigned hence taking a lenient view **one last and final opportunity** is given to both the parties to appear before the Commission and state their case.

3. The respondent is directed to provide the point wise reply / information to the appellant through registered post before the next date of hearing, under intimation to the Commission, failing which stringent action will be initiated against the respondent PIO, as per the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005. Both parties are directed to remain present on the next date of hearing for deliberations. It is also clarified that in case of defiance of this order, the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

4. A copy of this order is being sent to the Director, Rural Development and Panchayat Department, Punjab, Mohali, to ensure compliance of the above order.

5. **To come up on 26.08.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Shri Satish Kumar Bhiri, (94176-12036)

Near Nehru Park, Ward No. 10,
Jairo, Distt Faridkot – 151202

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o EO, Nagar Council, Jaito,
Distt Faridkot.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o ADC (General), Faridkot.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 7845 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Sanjeev Goel, Advocate on behalf of the appellant
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated **05.06.2023** vide which the appellant has sought the information as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **15.09.2023** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **24.11.2023** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. **17.02.2026**.

2. Shri Sanjeev Goel, Advocate, is appearing on behalf of the appellant. He states that he has not received any reply / information from the respondent till date and further, he states that directions may be issued to the respondent to supply the sought for information pertaining to his RTI application. He also requests that penalty be imposed upon the respondent PIO for delaying the information and submits his written submission regarding the same during the course of hearing.

3. The respondent is absent without intimation, which shows his carelessness and casual attitude towards the notices of the Commission. It is also a fact that notice of hearing was sent to the PIO through registered post in spite of that, he is absent. This shows that the respondent PIO has no regard for the RTI regime. This is indeed a serious matter.

4. After hearing the appellant and examining the case file, it is observed that this is the first hearing before the undersigned, hence in the interest of justice, respondent PIO is afforded **one opportunity** to provide the appellant point wise reply / information, duly attested, free of cost, by registered post, in accordance with his RTI application, under intimation to the Commission, failing which punitive and stringent provisions of the RTI Act, 2005, could be invoked against him. A copy of the submissions filed by the appellant is forwarded to the respondent PIO to file rejoinder before the next date of hearing.

5. Both parties are directed to remain present on the next date of hearing for deliberations. It is also clarified that in case of defiance of this order, the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

6. **To come up on 26.08.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 17.02.2026

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Encl: Letter dated 17.02.2026 (4 pages) sent to the respondent.

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....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o EO, Nagar Council, Jaito,
Distt Faridkot.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o ADC (General), Faridkot.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 7846 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Sanjeev Goel, Advocate on behalf of the appellant
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated **14.06.2023** vide which the appellant has sought the information as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **15.09.2023** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **24.11.2023** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. **17.02.2026**.

2. Shri Sanjeev Goel, Advocate, is appearing on behalf of the appellant. He states that he has not received any reply / information from the respondent till date and further, he states that directions may be issued to the respondent to supply the sought for information pertaining to his RTI application. He also requests that penalty be imposed upon the respondent PIO for delaying the information and submits his written submission regarding the same during the course of hearing.

3. The respondent is absent without intimation, which shows his carelessness and casual attitude towards the notices of the Commission. It is also a fact that notice of hearing was sent to the PIO through registered post in spite of that, he is absent. This shows that the respondent PIO has no regard for the RTI regime. This is indeed a serious matter.

4. After hearing the appellant and examining the case file, it is observed that this is the first hearing before the undersigned, hence in the interest of justice, respondent PIO is afforded **one opportunity** to provide the appellant point wise reply / information, duly attested, free of cost, by registered post, in accordance with his RTI application, under intimation to the Commission, failing which punitive and stringent provisions of the RTI Act, 2005, could be invoked against him. A copy of the submissions filed by the appellant is forwarded to the respondent PIO to file rejoinder before the next date of hearing.

5. Both parties are directed to remain present on the next date of hearing for deliberations. It is also clarified that in case of defiance of this order, the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

6. **To come up on 26.08.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 17.02.2026

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Encl: Letter dated 17.02.2026 (4 pages) sent to the respondent.

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....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o District Food Supply Controller,
Faridkot.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Director, PUNGRAIN,
Sector – 39, Chandigarh.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4776 OF 2024

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Sanjeev Goel, Advocate on behalf of the appellant
Respondent: Shri Sarabjit Singh, Superintendent (99880-37945) and
Shri Hardeep Singh, Clerk (80544-43181)

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated **19.04.2024** vide which the appellant has sought the information as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **30.05.2024** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **22.07.2024** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. **17.02.2026**.

2. Shri Sanjeev Goel, Advocate, is appearing on behalf of the appellant. He states that he has not received any reply / information from the respondent till date and further, he states that directions may be issued to the respondent to supply the sought for information pertaining to his RTI application. He also requests that penalty be imposed upon the respondent PIO for delaying the information and submits his written submission regarding the same during the course of hearing.

3. The respondent states that the reply has already been sent to the appellant vide letter dated 04.02.2026. A copy of the same is taken on record. During the hearing, an opportunity was given to the appellant to examine the same. After examining the reply, the appellant states that he is not satisfied with the reply furnished at point no. 5 wherein the respondent states that the information is available online portal on the website of the department, but there is nothing available online portal of the department.

4. After having detailed deliberations with both the parties and examining the case file, the respondent is directed to provide the information sought at point 5 to the appellant before the next date of hearing, under intimation to the Commission. A copy of the appellant's submission is handed over to the respondent during the course of hearing, to file a rejoinder before the next date of hearing.

5. Both parties are directed to remain present on the next date of hearing for deliberations. It is also clarified that in case of defiance of this order, the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

6. **To come up on 26.08.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 17.02.2026

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Dr. Alok Tuli, (98882-96767)

16/17, Ramlila Ground,
Pathankot.

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o SRPA Adarsh Bhartiya College,
Pathankot.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o SRPA Adarsh Bhartiya College,
Pathankot.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 7946 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated **26.08.2023** vide which the appellant has sought the information as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **30.09.2023** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **28.11.2023** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. **17.02.2026**.

2. The respondent is absent, but an email dated 10.02.2026 has been received from the respondent mentioning therein that the point wise reply has already been sent to the appellant.

3. The appellant is absent without intimation. It is also a fact that notice of hearing was sent to him through registered post but even though he is absent, which seems his absence is intentional and willful. The appellant has not submitted any written submission and nor has he opted to be present at today's hearing.

4. However, this is the first hearing before the undersigned, hence in the interest of justice **one last opportunity** is given to both the parties to appear before the Commission and state their case. It is made clear that in case both the parties do not appear on the next date of hearing, appropriate order in their absence shall be passed.

5. **To come up on 26.08.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Shri Balwinder Singh, (80542-11214)

S/o Shri Maluk Singh,
292, Panchyati Gali,
Tehsil & Distt Gurdaspur - 143521
RTI Application No. 93821

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Astt. Commissioner, Excise,
Hoshiarpur.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Astt. Excise & Taxation Commissioner,
Patiala.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 7954 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Balwinder Singh (80542-11214)
Respondent: Shri Preet Bhupinder Singh,
PIO-cum-Excise and Taxation Officer (96464-66222)

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated **10.10.2023** vide which the appellant has sought the information as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **12.10.2023** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **28.11.2023** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. **17.02.2026**.

2. The appellant states that he has not received any reply / information from the respondent till date and further, he states that directions may be issued to the respondent to supply the sought for information pertaining to his RTI application. He also demands that the respondent be penalized for the delay in providing the information.

3. The respondent PIO-cum-Excise and Taxation Officer, Shri Preet Bhupinder Singh, states that he has joined recently. Hence, he has sought some time to file his reply.

4. After having detailed deliberations with both the parties and going through the case file , it is observed that this is the first hearing before the undersigned, hence in the interest of justice, respondent PIO is afforded **one opportunity** to provide the reply / information to the appellant through registered post before the next hearing, under intimation to the Commission.

5. Both parties are directed to remain present on the next date of hearing for deliberations. It is also clarified that in case of defiance of this order, the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

6. **To come up on 26.08.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 17.02.2026

Sd/-
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