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Sh.Manjinder Singh, # 2469  
Sunny Enclave, Sector 125, Kharar  
Distt. Mohali -140301

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,  
O/o Secretary, Regional Transport  
Authority, Patiala

First Appellate Authority  
O/o Secretary, Regional Transport  
Authority, Patiala

Respondents

**APPEAL CASE NO. 5033 OF 2023**

Present :- (i) Sh.Manjinder Singh, appellant  
(ii) For the respondent- None

**ORDER**

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 28.10.2025 vide an opportunity was given to the respondent to appear before the Commission and state his case.

2. The appellant states that the no information has been provided to him. He adds that the respondent has sent a reply mentioning that the information sought relates to N.I.C Branch, STC, Pb. But the same is irrelevant as the information is lying with the O/o respondent-PIO only.

3. No one has appeared on behalf of the respondent today. However, the respondent has sent an e-mail through which he has sought exemption from today's personal hearing.

4. The perusal of the case file shows that no one has appeared on behalf of the respondent today. The respondent-PIO was not present on the previous date of hearing



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also. The appellant informs that no information has been provided to him. However, in the interest of justice, a ***last and final opportunity*** is given to the respondent- PIO to appear before the Commission on the next date of hearing, along with the complete information and specific reply, pertaining to the RTI of the appellant. *It is also made clear that in case the Respondent-PIO fails to comply with the orders of the Commission, action u/s 20(1) of the RTI Act will be initiated.*

5. Both the parties are directed to appear, in person, on the next date of hearing for deliberations, failing which the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte. To come up on **06.05.2026 at 11:30AM** in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

Dated :17.02.2026

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First Appellate Authority  
O/o Secretary, Regional Transport  
Authority, Ferozepur

Respondents

**APPEAL CASE NO. 5032 OF 2023**

Present :- (i) Sh.Manjinder Singh, appellant  
(ii) For the respondent- None

**ORDER**

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 28.10.2025 vide which the respondent had sought some time.

2. The appellant states that the information provided to him is misleading and he is not satisfied with it.

3. No one has appeared on behalf of the respondent today. However, the respondent has sent an e-mail through which the respondent has sought exemption from today's personal hearing. Further, the respondent has also filed the copy of the information sent to the appellant.

4. The perusal of the case file shows that no one has appeared on behalf of the respondent today. The respondent has provided the information to the appellant but as per the appellant the same is misleading. Hence, a ***last and final opportunity*** is given to the respondent- PIO to appear before the Commission on the next date of hearing, along with

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the complete information and specific reply, pertaining to the RTI of the appellant. *It is also made clear that in case the Respondent-PIO fails to comply with the orders of the Commission, action u/s 20(1) of the RTI Act will be initiated.*

5. Both the parties are directed to appear, in person, on the next date of hearing for deliberations, failing which the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte. To come up on **06.05.2026 at 11:30AM** in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

**Dated :17.02.2026**

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Sh.Sonu Kumar Kanojia,  
Chamber No.4, High Court,  
Chandigarh

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,  
O/o SHO, Police Station, Balongi  
Distt. SAS Nagar

First Appellate Authority  
O/o SSP, Mohali

Respondents

**APPEAL CASE NO. 143 OF 2024**

Present :- (i) None for the appellant  
(ii) For the respondent- Sh Gurtej Singh, Head constable (95929-43901)

**ORDER**

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 12.11.2025 vide which a last and final opportunity was given to the respondent to appear before the Commission along with the complete information and state his case.

2. The appellant is not present today. He has not informed the Commission about his absence.

3. The respondent states that he has brought the information today to be provided to the appellant.

4. Since the appellant is not present today, therefore, the respondent is directed to send the copy of the information to the appellant, through registered post, within one week of receiving these orders, under intimation to the Commission office. The appellant is also given an opportunity to appear before the Commission on the next date of hearing and state his case failing which, appropriate orders in his absence shall be passed. To come up on **25.05.2026 at 11:30AM** in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

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Municipal Market, Mission Road,  
Pathankot

Appellant

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O/o XEN, Draining cum Mining or Geology Division,  
WRD, Ferozepur

First Appellate Authority  
O/o SE, Draining cum Mining & Geology Circle,  
WRD, Ferozepur.

Respondents

**APPEAL CASE NO.6675 OF 2024**

Present :- None for the parties

**ORDER**

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 14.10.2025 vide which one last opportunity was given to the respondent to appear before the Commission and state his case.

2. The appellant is not present today. However, he has informed telephonically that he shall not be able to attend the hearing today and that he has not received the information till date.

3. After going through the case file, it is observed that the appellant filed RTI on 01.08.2024, but after lapse of more than fifteen months, no information has been given to him, which shows that the respondent has no regard for the orders issued by the Commission. Neither the respondent has bothered to inform the Commission about his absence nor he has sent any reply. As a matter of fact, the respondent has not attended any hearing in the Commission office. This is indeed a serious matter.

4. The Commission observed that there is complete negligence and laxity in the public authority in dealing with the RTI application. It is abundantly clear that such matters are



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being ignored which reflects disrespect towards that RTI act 2005 itself. The Commission expressed its displeasure on the casual and callous approach adopted by the Respondent in responding to the RTI application. It is felt that conduct of Respondent is against the spirit of the RTI Act 2005, which has been enacted to ensure greater transparency and effective access to the information. Such kind of behavior of a Government servant needs to be condemned and such employees need to be taught a good lesson so that rest of the employees have a right kind of message to wake up and perform their duties under the RTI Act for ensuring complete transparency and due accountability in the governance affairs of the public authorities.

5. Looking at the lackadaisical attitude of the respondents, the Commission, deem it appropriate to issue show cause notice under section 20 (1) of the RTI Act , 2005, to **PIO , O/o XEN, Draining cum Mining & Geology Division, WRD, Ferozepur** 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 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 **19.05.2026 at 11:30AM** in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

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Municipal Market, Mission Road,  
Pathankot

Appellant

Versus

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O/o XEN, Draining cum Mining and Geology, WRD,  
Amritsar

First Appellate Authority  
O/o SE, Draining cum Mining & Geology Circle, WRD, Amritsar

Respondents

**APPEAL CASE NO. 6672 OF 2024**

Present :- None for the parties

**ORDER**

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 14.10.2025 vide which one last opportunity was given to the respondent to appear before the Commission and state his case.

2. The appellant is not present today. However, he has informed telephonically that he shall not be able to attend the hearing today and that he has not received the information till date.

3. After going through the case file, it is observed that the appellant filed RTI on 10.09.2024, but after lapse of more than fifteen months, no information has been given to him, which shows that the respondent has no regard for the orders issued by the Commission. Neither the respondent has bothered to inform the Commission about his absence nor he has sent any reply. As a matter of fact, the respondent has not attended any hearing in the Commission office. This is indeed a serious matter.

4. The Commission observed that there is complete negligence and laxity in the public authority in dealing with the RTI application. It is abundantly clear that such matters are



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being ignored which reflects disrespect towards that RTI act 2005 itself. The Commission expressed its displeasure on the casual and callous approach adopted by the Respondent in responding to the RTI application. It is felt that conduct of Respondent is against the spirit of the RTI Act 2005, which has been enacted to ensure greater transparency and effective access to the information. Such kind of behavior of a Government servant needs to be condemned and such employees need to be taught a good lesson so that rest of the employees have a right kind of message to wake up and perform their duties under the RTI Act for ensuring complete transparency and due accountability in the governance affairs of the public authorities.

5. Looking at the lackadaisical attitude of the respondents, the Commission, deem it appropriate to issue show cause notice under section 20 (1) of the RTI Act , 2005, to ***PIO , O/o XEN, Draining cum Mining & Geology Division, WRD, 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.

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 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 **19.05.2026 at 11:30AM** in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

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Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,  
O/o XEN, Draining cum Mining & Geology Division,  
WRD, Tarn Taran

First Appellate Authority  
O/o SE, Draining cum Mining & Geology Circle, WRD,  
Amritsar

Respondents

**APPEAL CASE NO. 6682 OF 2024**

Present :- None for the parties

**ORDER**

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 14.10.2025 vide which one last opportunity was given to the respondent to appear before the Commission and state his case.

2. The appellant is not present today. However, he has informed telephonically that he shall not be able to attend the hearing today and that he has not received the information till date.

3. After going through the case file, it is observed that the appellant filed RTI on 05.08.2024, but after lapse of more than fifteen months, no information has been given to him, which shows that the respondent has no regard for the orders issued by the Commission. Neither the respondent has bothered to inform the Commission about his absence nor he has sent any reply. As a matter of fact, the respondent has not attended any hearing in the Commission office. This is indeed a serious matter.

4. The Commission observed that there is complete negligence and laxity in the public authority in dealing with the RTI application. It is abundantly clear that such matters are



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being ignored which reflects disrespect towards that RTI act 2005 itself. The Commission expressed its displeasure on the casual and callous approach adopted by the Respondent in responding to the RTI application. It is felt that conduct of Respondent is against the spirit of the RTI Act 2005, which has been enacted to ensure greater transparency and effective access to the information. Such kind of behavior of a Government servant needs to be condemned and such employees need to be taught a good lesson so that rest of the employees have a right kind of message to wake up and perform their duties under the RTI Act for ensuring complete transparency and due accountability in the governance affairs of the public authorities.

5. Looking at the lackadaisical attitude of the respondents, the Commission, deem it appropriate to issue show cause notice under section 20 (1) of the RTI Act , 2005, to ***PIO , O/o XEN, Draining cum Mining & Geology Division, WRD, Tarn Taran*** 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 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 **19.05.2026 at 11:30AM** in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

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Village Bholapur Jhabewal, PO Ramgarh,  
Distt. Ludhiana

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,  
O/o State Transport Commissioner, Punjab  
Sector 17, Chandigarh

2.Public Information Officer,  
O/o PIO O/o SDM, Ludhiana (East)

First Appellate Authority  
O/o State Transport Commissioner, Punjab  
Sector 17, Chandigarh

Respondents

**APPEAL CASE NO. 4906 OF 2023**

Present :- (i) Sh.Jasbir Singh, appellant  
(ii) For the respondent- PIO- Sh Gurbir Singh Cheema, Sr Asstt. (98767-91056)

**ORDER**

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 28.10.2025 vide which PIO O/o SDM, Ludhiana (East) was impleaded as a necessary party in this case.

2. The appellant states that information has not been provided to him.
3. The respondent appearing today states that the information demanded by the appellant is under enquiry in the O/o RTO, Ludhiana. He has also filed his reply regarding the same.
4. After hearing both the parties and perusing the documents placed on record, it is observed that, on the last date of hearing the respondent had submitted that the information is related to PIO O/o SDM, Ludhiana (East), hence, the said-PIO was impleaded as a necessary party in this case. However, today the respondent has filed another reply stating that the information is under enquiry in the O/o RTO, Ludhiana. This clearly shows that the respondent is misleading the Commission.



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The Commission observed that there is complete negligence and laxity in the public authority in dealing with the RTI application. It is abundantly clear that such matters are being ignored and set aside without application of mind which reflects disrespect towards that RTI act 2005 itself. The Commission expressed its displeasure on the casual and callous approach adopted by the Respondent in responding to the RTI application. It was felt that conduct of Respondent was against the spirit of the RTI Act 2005, which was enacted to ensure greater transparency and effective access to the information.

However, before taking any action against the Respondent PIO, the Commission wishes to give one last opportunity to him to appear before the Commission on the next date of hearing and file his correct reply along with the status of the information demanded by the appellant. The PIO is however, cautioned to exercise due care in future to ensure that correct and complete information is furnished timely to the RTI applicant(s) as provisions of the Act failing which penal proceedings under Section 20 shall be initiated. Also *PIO O/o SDM, Ludhiana (East) is exempt from further hearings.*

5. Both the parties are directed to appear, in person, on the next date of hearing for deliberations, failing which the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte. To come up on **13.05.2026 at 11:30AM** in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

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Village Bholapur, PO Ramgarh,  
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Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,  
O/o Secretary, Health and Family Welfare, Punjab  
Parivar Kalyan Bhawan, Himalaya Marg,  
Sector 34A, Chandigarh  
First Appellate Authority  
O/o Secretary, Health and Family Welfare, Punjab  
Parivar Kalyan Bhawan, Himalaya Marg,  
Sector 34A, Chandigarh

Respondents

**APPEAL CASE NO.369 OF 2024**

Present :- (i) Sh.Jasbir Singh, appellant

(ii) For the respondent- Sh Sukhjith Singh, Clerk (98558-24169)

**ORDER**

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 14.10.2025 vide which an opportunity was given to the respondent to appear before the Commission and state his case.

2. The appellant states that he has not received the information till date.

3. Sh Sukhjith Singh, Clerk is appearing on behalf of PIO O/o Commissioner, Food and Drugs Administration, Pb. He states that the RTI of the appellant has been forwarded to them. Further, he has sought some time to file his reply.

4. Hence, considering the request of the respondent, an opportunity is given to him to provide complete information to the appellant, before the next date of hearing and also file their reply. To come up on **14.05.2026 at 11:30AM** in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)  
State Information Commissioner  
Punjab

Date :17.02.2026

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Appellant

Versus

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O/o Secretary, Regional Transport  
Authority, Ferozepur

First Appellate Authority  
O/o Secretary, Regional Transport  
Authority, Ferozepur

Respondents

**APPEAL CASE NO. 5034 OF 2023**

Present :- (i) Sh.Manjinder Singh, appellant  
(ii) For the respondent- None

**ORDER**

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 28.10.2025 vide which the respondent had sought some time.

2. The appellant states that the information provided to him is misleading and he is not satisfied with it.

3. No one has appeared on behalf of the respondent today. However, the respondent has sent an e-mail through which the respondent has sought exemption from today's personal hearing.

4. The perusal of the case file shows that no one has appeared on behalf of the respondent today. The appellant informs that the information provided to him is misleading. Hence, a ***last and final opportunity*** is given to the respondent- PIO to appear before the Commission on the next date of hearing, along with the complete information and specific reply, pertaining to the RTI of the appellant. *It is also made clear that in case*

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*the Respondent-PIO fails to comply with the orders of the Commission, action u/s 20(1) of the RTI Act will be initiated.*

5. Both the parties are directed to appear, in person, on the next date of hearing for deliberations, failing which the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte. To come up on **06.05.2026 at 11:30AM** in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

**(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)**  
**State Information Commissioner**  
**Punjab**

**Dated :17.02.2026**