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## SHOW CAUSE NOTICE

**Shri Dinesh Kumar (94661-00100)**

S/o Shri Daulat Ram,  
R/o Village Neerewara, Tehsil Balachaur,  
District SBS Nagar.

....Appellant

Versus

**Ms. Manjit (97791-04199)**

Public Information Officer-cum-BDPO,  
SBS Nagar.

**First Appellate Authority,**

O/o DDPO, SBS Nagar.

....Respondents

## APPEAL CASE NO. 1323 OF 2023

**PRESENT:** Appellant: Shri Dinesh Kumar (94661-00100)  
Respondent: Absent

### **ORDER:**

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **30.09.2025**.

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.

3. The respondent is absent without intimation, which shows his carelessness and casual attitude towards orders of the Commission. It is also a fact that copy of previous order 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. The Commission takes a very serious view of the respondent PIO's conduct in ignoring this RTI application and deems it fit to serve the respondent PIO-cum-BDPO, SBS Nagar, Ms. Manjit, with this Show Cause Notice.

5. The respondent **PIO-cum-BDPO, SBS Nagar, Ms. Manjit**, is herewith ordered to **SHOW CAUSE** as to why a penalty should not be imposed upon her under Section 20 (1) of RTI Act, 2005, for causing willful delay/denial of the information requested by the appellant as far back as on **30.09.2022**. **If there is / are other PIO / PIOs responsible for the delay in providing the information, the incumbent PIO is directed to inform such PIO(s) of the Show Cause and direct them to appear before the Commission along with written replies.**

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## APPEAL CASE NO. 1323 OF 2023

“In addition to the written reply, the respondent PIO is also given an opportunity under Section 20 (1) provision there to, for a personal hearing before the imposition of such penalty on the next date of hearing. She may take note that in case she does not file his written reply and does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the date fixed, it will be presumed that she has nothing to say and the Commission shall proceed to take further proceedings against her *ex parte*.”

6. The PIO-cum-BDPO, SBS Nagar, Ms. Manjit, is directed to supply the requested information to the appellant through registered post within 15 days after receipt of this order, under intimation to the Commission. The respondent PIO-cum-BDPO, SBS Nagar, Ms. Manjit, is further directed to attend the next hearing in person with a written reply to the Show Cause Notice. Failure to comply and attend the hearing, will compel the Commission to secure her presence through service of **Bailable Warrant**.

7. 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.

8. **To come up on 20.08.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** However, the appellant is exempted from personal hearing on the next date of hearing. He shall be contacted telephonically. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 18.02.2026

Sd/-  
(Virinderjit Singh Billing)  
State Information Commissioner  
Punjab

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

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**Shri Ranjit Singh (84277-23748),**

S/o Shri Mehar Singh,  
Village Dhilwan, Tehsil Samrala,  
Distt Ludhiana - 141114

....Appellant

**Versus**

**Public Information Officer,**

O/o SSP, Khanna,  
Distt Ludhiana

**First Appellate Authority,**

O/o SSP, Khanna,  
Distt Ludhiana.

....Respondents

## **APPEAL CASE NO. 8125 OF 2023**

**PRESENT:** Appellant: Shri Ranjit Singh (84277-23748)  
Respondent: Sub Inspector Nitish (95305-28884)

### **ORDER:**

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **30.09.2025**.

2. The appellant Shri Ranjit Singh, states that no information has been given to him so far
3. The respondent states that the complaint no. 494 - 5 D is still under investigation. He further states that as and when the enquiry is finalized, the information will be provided to the appellant.
4. After having detailed deliberations with both the parties and examining the case file, the respondent PIO is directed to look into this matter thoroughly and present the status report of this case on the next date of hearing to take the matter to its logical end.
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 20.08.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

**Date: 18.02.2026**

**Sd/-  
(Virinderjit Singh Billing)  
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**Shri Rakesh Kumar Jain,**  
S/o Shri Nem Chand Jain,  
R/o # W/2-341, Teachers Colony,  
Hira Mehal, Nabha, District Patiala.

....Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o Deputy Commissioner,  
Patiala.

**First Appellate Authority,**  
O/o Deputy Commissioner, Patiala.

....Respondents

## APPEAL CASE NO. 7614 OF 2023

**PRESENT:** Appellant: Shri Rakesh Kumar Jain accompanied by Shri Jagjit Singh (99150-21551)  
Respondent: Shri Jaspal Singh, Kanungo (90411-93100) and  
Shri Kapil Garg, Kanungo (97794-38818)

### **ORDER:**

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **01.10.2025**.

- The appellant states that he has received the information which does not pertain to his RTI application and requests the court for sought information.
- The respondent states that the information sought at point no. 3 was provided to the appellant.
- After having detailed deliberations with both the parties and examining the case file, the Commission wishes to give one more opportunity to the respondent PIO to **supply the reply / information with regard to point nos. 1, 2, and 3**, as discussed at today's hearing, to the appellant through registered post within 15 days after receipt of this order, 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.
- To come up on 20.08.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 18.02.2026

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**Shri Sawran Singh, (98157-57167)**

S/o Shri Karnail Singh,  
R/o Village Rogla, P.O Sidhuwal,  
Tehsil & District Patiala - 147001

....Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**

O/o BDPO, Patiala (Rural).

**First Appellate Authority,**

O/o DDPO, Patiala.

....Respondents

## APPEAL CASE NO. 7630 OF 2023

**PRESENT:** Appellant: Absent

Respondent: Shri Bhupinder Singh, Panchayat Secretary (80540-05107) and  
Shri Soni Singh, GRS (83605-69862)

### **ORDER:**

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **01.10.2025**.

2. The appellant is absent, but a letter has been received from him vide Commission diary no. 3103 dated 10.02.2026, mentioning therein that he is unable to attend the hearing and requested an adjournment.

3. The respondent states that the appellant was invited for inspection twice, but instead of inspecting the records, the appellant asked to provide the complete information.

4. After having detailed deliberations with the respondent and examining the case file, **one last opportunity** is awarded to the appellant to visit the respondent's office and inspect the official record pertaining to the RTI application. Accordingly, the respondent and concerned officials are directed to remain present on the mutually fixed date and time of inspection. The respondent is also directed to supply the identified information pertaining to the RTI application within one week after the inspection. 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 20.08.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

**Date: 18.02.2026**

**Sd/-**  
**(Virinderjit Singh Billing)**  
**State Information Commissioner**  
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**Shri Balwant Singh, (97797-33566)**  
S/o Shri Arjan Singh,  
Village Kheri Gourian, P.O Kalyan,  
Tehsil & District Patiala.

....Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o BDPO,  
Patiala.

**First Appellate Authority,**  
O/o DDPO, Patiala.

....Respondents

## APPEAL CASE NO. 7633 OF 2023

**PRESENT:** Appellant: Absent  
Respondent: Absent

### **ORDER:**

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **01.10.2025**.

2. The respondent is absent, but an email dated 12.02.2026 has been received from him mentioning therein that the sought information has already been provided to the appellant.
3. The appellant is absent, but he has informed the Commission of his inability to attend the hearing via telephone today morning i.e. 18.02.2026 and requested an adjournment.
4. Accordingly, the case is adjourned with directions 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 20.08.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

**Date: 18.02.2026**

**Sd/-**  
**(Virinderjit Singh Billing)**  
**State Information Commissioner**  
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**Shri Sohan Singh, (98761-89714)**  
S/o Shri Banta Singh,  
# 13370, Street No. 1, Vishkarma Colony,  
Ludhiana.

....Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer-cum-ATP,**  
O/o MC, Zone B,  
Ludhiana.

**First Appellate Authority,**  
O/o MC, Zone A, Ludhiana.

....Respondents

## APPEAL CASE NO. 7646 OF 2023

**PRESENT:** Appellant: Absent  
Respondent: Absent

### **ORDER:**

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **01.10.2025**.

2. The appellant is absent, but a letter has been received from him vide Commission diary no. 2228 dated 29.01.2026, mentioning therein that he is unable to attend the hearing.

3. The respondent is absent without intimation, which shows his carelessness and casual attitude towards orders of the Commission. It is also a fact that copy of previous order 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, before taking any penal proceedings against the respondent PIO, the Commission wishes to give **one last opportunity** to the respondent PIO to provide a 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. A copy of this order is being sent to the Commissioner, MC, Ludhiana, to ensure compliance of the above order.

6. 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.

7. **To come up on 20.08.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

**Date: 18.02.2026**

**Cc:** Commissioner, MC, Ludhiana.

**Sd/-**  
**(Virinderjit Singh Billing)**  
**State Information Commissioner**  
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## SHOW CAUSE NOTICE

**Shri Balbir Aggarwal (94636-66155),**  
# 1525/1, Strret No. 33, Preet Nagar,  
Shimlapuri, Ludhiana – 141003

....Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o Tehsildar (South),  
Ludhiana.

**First Appellate Authority,**  
O/o Tehsildar (South),  
Ludhiana.

....Respondents

## APPEAL CASE NO. 2929 OF 2024 Through Cisco Webex

**PRESENT:** Appellant: Absent  
Respondent: Absent

### **ORDER:**

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **30.09.2025**.

2. Today neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. They have even not informed the Commission about their absence for today's hearing. It is also a fact that copy of previous order was sent to both the parties through registered post in spite of that, they are absent.

3. The perusal of the case file shows that the respondent PIO is consecutively absent for the fourth successive hearing of this appeal case despite clear directions given by the Commission. This shows that the respondent has no regard for the orders issued by the Commission. This is indeed a serious matter.

4. The Commission takes a very serious view of the respondent PIO's conduct in ignoring this RTI application and deems it fit to serve the respondent PIO O/o Tehsildar (South), Ludhiana, with this Show Cause Notice.

5. The respondent **PIO O/o Tehsildar (South), Ludhiana,** is herewith ordered to **SHOW CAUSE** as to why a penalty should not be imposed upon him under Section 20 (1) of RTI Act, 2005, for causing willful delay/denial of the information requested by the appellant as far back as on **09.09.2023**. **If there is / are other PIO / PIOs responsible for the delay in providing the information, the incumbent PIO is directed to inform such PIO(s) of the Show Cause and direct them to appear before the Commission along with written replies.**

"In addition to the written reply, the respondent PIO is also given an opportunity under Section 20 (1) provision there to, for a personal hearing before the imposition of such penalty on

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## APPEAL CASE NO. 2929 OF 2024 Through Cisco Webex

the next date of hearing. He may take note that in case he does not file his written reply and does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the 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. The PIO O/o Tehsildar (South), Ludhiana, is directed to supply the requested information to the appellant through registered post within 15 days after receipt of this order, under intimation to the Commission. The respondent PIO O/o Tehsildar (South), Ludhiana, is further directed to attend the next hearing in person with a written reply to the Show Cause Notice. Failure to comply and attend the hearing, will compel the Commission to secure his presence through service of **Bailable Warrant**.

7. A copy of this order is being sent to the Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana, to ensure compliance of the above order.

8. **To come up on 20.08.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** However, the appellant is directed to attend the next hearing **through cisco webex. (Webex Meeting Number : 25180667401 and Password : 12345.)** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 18.02.2026

Sd/-  
(Virinderjit Singh Billing)  
State Information Commissioner  
Punjab

Cc: Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana.