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Sh Mohinder Singh, Retd, (M-62391-41704)
Col.Sena Medal Gallantry,
#1839, Sector 34-D, Chandigarh
Appellant

.Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o SE, PWD B&R, Amritsar

First Appellate Authority
O/o Chief Engineer, PWD B&R, Patiala

.....Respondent

AC No 82 of 2026

Present :- (i) Sh Mohinder Singh, appellant
(ii) None for the respondent

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 09.12.2024 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. Thereafter, Sh Mohinder Singh filed complaint in the Commission u/s 18 which was registered as CC-215/2025. During the hearing the said complaint case was remanded back to the Concerned First appellate Authority vide orders dated 06.11.2025 of the Commission. Upon not receiving any information from the concerned, the appellant preferred his Second appeal u/s under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Accordingly, notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 18.02.2026 in the Commission

3. The appellant states that no information has been provided to him so far and requested that the information relates with the family sentiments and sacrifice of his

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brother in Indo China war and again requested that complete information be got provided to him.

4. No one has appeared on behalf of the respondent today. However, the respondent has filed his reply today through e-mail.

5. After hearing the appellant and perusing the case file, it has been observed that respondents are not taking the directions of Commission seriously. It has been noted that despite the issue of hearing notice in CC 212 of 2025, the PIO did not bother to attend the hearing and to supply the requisite information. In today's hearing, again no one appeared on behalf of the respondents and the reply sent by them is also not appropriate and is rather evasive. The same has not been signed by the PIO whereas he was required to make submissions in response to the RTI application of the applicant.

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 SE, PWD B&R, Amritsar*** to explain his position in writing before the next date of hearing as to why the RTI application was not responded in time. In addition to it he is also directed to appear in person on the next date of hearing to explain his conduct. It is made clear that in case proper reply under the signatures of the concerned PIO is not received as per aforesaid direction and the PIO does not avail the opportunity of personal hearing, the appropriate decision will be taken ex parte.

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6. It is further observed that matter concerns with the memorial of a war hero, therefor it requires proper attention at the higher level. Accordingly a copy of this order is marked to **Chief Engineer, PWD B&R Patiala** and **Secretary to Govt of Punjab, Department of PWD, B&R Chandigarh** (with relevant documents) for further necessary action required to be taken in this case.

7. To come up on **21.04.2026 at 11:30** for further proceedings in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Date :18.02.2026

THROUGH REGISTERED POST

CC: (i) Chief Engineer, PWD B&R Patiala
(ii) Secretary to Govt of Punjab, Department of PWD,
B&R Chandigarh

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Sh. Rajinder Kumar Sharma
RTI Activist and Reporter
VPO Raiser , Tehsil and distt
Barnala

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Principal SHS Sahour, Distt. Bathinda

First Appellate Authority
O/o DEO(SE) Barnala

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 592 OF 2024

Present :- (i) None for the appellant
(ii) For the respondent- Sh Sunitinder Singh, DEO (S) Barnala
(98153-61663) and Sh Hardev Singh, DPE O/o GHS Sahour (99152-63923)

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 08.08.2023 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 12.03.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 18.02.2026 in the Commission

3. The appellant is not present today. However, he has sent an e-mail through which he has sought an exemption from today's hearing. Copy of the same is taken on record.

4. Sh Sunitinder Singh, DEO (S) Barnala is appearing personally today. He states that the information sought by the appellant is not available in their official record, as their office has not conducted any verification of the Disability Certificate of working teachers Government High School Sahour, Barnala specifically in compliance of letter dated

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29.11.2022, as demanded by the appellant through his RTI application. He has also filed his reply regarding the same, which is taken on record.

5. Since the appellant is not present, therefore, the copy of reply, as filed by the respondent is sent to the appellant, with these orders, with directions to file his rejoinder regarding the same, on the next date of hearing. 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 23.06.2026 at 11:30AM** in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

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Date :18.02.2026

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Sh. Gurjant Singh, Retired
Balliff of Sessions Division
Sangrur, R/o Baba Banda Singh Bahadur
Colony, Barnala Road, Sangrur

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
Sh Ajay Garg, XEN (by Name)
O/o XEN, PWD B&R, Sangrur

First Appellate Authority
O/o XEN, PWD B&R, Sangrur

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 495 OF 2024

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

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 13.02.2023 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 01.01.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 18.02.2026 in the Commission.
3. No one has appeared on behalf of the respondent today. However, the notice of hearing sent to the respondent-PIO has been received back in the Commission office as "undelivered".
4. Sh. Gurjant Singh stated that no response whatsoever has been received from the respondents till date. No one has put in appearance on behalf of the respondents nor has any communication been received from them. In the interest of justice, Respondent PIO is afforded one more opportunity to provide the appellant point-wise complete specific



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information, duly attested, free of cost, by registered post, in accordance with his RTI application dated 13.02.2023 and present a photocopy of the relevant postal receipt along with a copy of the information provided, before the Commission on the next date fixed, for its perusal and records. Respondents to note that in case no one comes present on their behalf on the next date fixed, punitive provisions of the RTI Act, 2005 may be invoked against the erring officer(s).

6. 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 23.06.2026 at 11:30AM** in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

Date :18.02.2026

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Sh. Puneet Singh, S/o
Sh. Kewal Krishan Saini,
Mohalla Delhi Gate Hariana,
Distt. Hoshiarpur – 144208

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o MC, Hariana, Distt. Hoshiarpur

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

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 422 OF 2024

Present :- None for the parties.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 10.10.2023 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 01.01.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 18.02.2026 in the Commission.
3. This is the first date of hearing and both the parties are not present. In the interest of justice, Respondent PIO is afforded one more opportunity to file point-wise specific reply, in accordance with his RTI application and present a photocopy of the relevant postal receipt along with a copy of the information provided, before the Commission on the next date fixed, for its perusal and records, failing which action under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act 2005 will be initiated.

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4. 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 23.06.2026 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 :18.02.2026

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Sh. Kuldeep Singh,
S/o Sh.Dhanna Singh, R/o Village nathu Chahal,
Distt. Kapurthala - 144601

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o DDPO, Kapurthala

First Appellate Authority
O/o DDPO, Kapurthala

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 233 OF 2024

Present :- (i) None for the appellant
(ii) For the respondent-Sh Surjeet Singh, VDO (98558-44285)

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 25.09.2023 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 19.12.2023 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 18.02.2026 in the Commission.
3. The appellant is not present today. However, he has sent an e-mail through which he has sought an exemption from today's hearing. He has also submitted that no information has been provided to him. Copy of the same is taken on record.
4. The respondent states that he has brought the copy of the information to be provided to the appellant.
5. Since the appellant is not present, therefore, the respondent is directed to send the copy of the information to the appellant, within one week of receiving these orders, under

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intimation to the Commission office. Further, an opportunity is also given to the appellant to appear before the Commission and state his case, *failing which appropriate orders shall be passed.*

6. 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 23.06.2026 at 11:30AM** in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
State Information Commissioner
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Date :18.02.2026

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Sh. Ankit Sehgal, C/o
Bombay Studio, Near Main Post Office
Chowk, Pathankot

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o SDO, Construction Sub Division,
PWD B&R, Sultanpur Lodhi

First Appellate Authority
O/o Se, Construction Circle, Circl No. 2
PWD B&R, Jalandhar

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 404 OF 2024

Present :- (i) None for the appellant
(ii) For the respondent- Sh Manjeet Singh, Clerk (78885-77547)

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 19.09.2023 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 01.01.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 18.02.2026 in the Commission.
3. The appellant is not present today. However, he has sent an e-mail through which he has informed that the information has not been provided to him. Copy of the same is taken on record.
4. The respondent states that the information demanded by the appellant is very voluminous. Hence, he was informed to visit their office and inspect the record but the appellant did not turned up nor any communication has been received from him.

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5. In view of the above, an opportunity is given to the appellant to appear before the Commission and state his case, *failing which appropriate orders shall be passed*. 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 23.06.2026 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 :18.02.2026

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Sh. Ankit Sehgal, C/o
Bombay Studio, Near Main Post Office
Chowk, Pathankot

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o SDO, Provincial Sub Division No. 1,
PWD B&R, Bathinda

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

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 407 OF 2024

Present :- (i) None for the appellant
(ii) For the respondent- Sh Satnam Singh, Clerk (75084-21607)

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 18.09.2023 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 01.01.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 18.02.2026 in the Commission.
3. The appellant is not present today. However, he has sent an e-mail through which he has informed that the information has not been provided to him. Copy of the same is taken on record.
4. The respondent states that he has brought the information, running into 173 pages, to be provided to the appellant.
5. The perusal of the case file shows that the Respondent has brought the copy of information today. Since the Appellant is not present today therefore, the copy of the

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information, as brought by the respondent, is taken on record with directions to the Appellant to collect the same from the Commission office, on any working day, and point out deficiencies, if any. To come up **on 23.06.2026 at 11:30AM** in the Commission office.

Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
State Information Commissioner
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Date :18.02.2026

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Sh. Mohit Garu, S/o Sh
Dalip Kumar, R/o House No. B-2-696/6E
Cant Mohalla, Ludhiana

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Commissioner, MC
Ludhiana

First Appellate Authority
O/o Commissioner, MC
Ludhiana

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 594 OF 2024

Present :- (i) None for the appellant
(ii) For the respondent- Sh Vishal Rajput, JE (91258-24998)

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 06.09.2023 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 03.01.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 18.02.2026 in the Commission.
3. The appellant is not present today.
4. The respondent states that the information/reply has already been sent to the appellant. The respondent has also filed his reply regarding the same, through e-mail, which is taken on record.
5. The perusal of the case file shows that the appellant is not present today. He has not even informed the Commission about his absence. The respondent states that the

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information has been provided to the appellant. This is the first date of hearing, hence, in the interest of justice, an opportunity is given to the appellant to appear before the Commission and state his case. *However, it also made clear that in case the appellant does not appear on the next date of hearing, appropriate orders in his absence shall be passed.*

6. 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 **09.06.2026 at 11:30AM** in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties

Sd/-

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Sh. Ankit Sehgal, C/o
Bombay Studio, Near Main Post Office
Chowk, Pathankot

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o SDO, Construction, Sub Division No. 3,
PWD B&R, Batala, distt. Gurdaspur

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

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 411 OF 2024

Present :- (i) None for the appellant
(ii) For the respondent- Sh Harnoor Singh, JE (99158-71007)

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 19.09.2023 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 01.01.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 18.02.2026 in the Commission.
3. The appellant is not present today. However, he has sent an e-mail through which he has informed that the information has not been provided to him. Copy of the same is taken on record.
4. The respondent states that information has already been sent to the appellant on 16.01.2024. He has also filed posting proofs regarding the information sent to the appellant.

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5. In view of the above, an opportunity is given to the appellant to appear before the Commission and state his case, *failing which appropriate orders shall be passed*. 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 23.06.2026 at 11:30AM** in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

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Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o MC, Pathankot

First Appellate Authority
O/o Commissioner, MC, Pathankot

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 403 OF 2024

Present :- (i) None for the appellant.
(ii) For the respondent- Sh Navdeep Singh Bedi, JE and Sh Rahul, JE
(7888655969)

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 02.10.2023 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 01.01.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 18.02.2026 in the Commission

3. The appellant is not present today. However, he has sent an e-mail through which he has informed that the information has not been provided to him. Copy of the same is taken on record.

4. The respondent states that information has already been sent to the appellant on 08.01.2024.

5. The perusal of the case file shows that the appellant is not present today. The respondent submits that the information has been provided to the appellant but the

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respondent has failed to file the posting proof of the same. Hence, the respondent is directed to file the copy of the posting proof of the information sent to the appellant, on the next date of hearing. The appellant is also given an opportunity to appear before the Commission and state his case, *failing which appropriate orders shall be passed*. To come up **on 23.06.2026 at 11:30AM** in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

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Ms. Jaswinder Kaur, D/o Sh. Bachan Singh
R/o Behbal Kalan, Tehsil Jaito, Distt. Faridkot

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Tehsildar, Jaito
Distt. Faridkot

First Appellate Authority
O/o SDM, Jaito, Distt. Faridkot

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 682 OF 2024

Present :- (i) None for the appellant t
(ii) For the respondent- Sh Jaswinder Singh, Patwari (62396-28552)

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 31.07.2023 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 04.01.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 18.02.2026 in the Commission.

3. The appellant is not present today. She has not even informed the Commission about her absence.

4. The respondent has sought some time to provide the information. He has also filed his reply today which is taken on record.

5. 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. The appellant is also given an opportunity to appear before the Commission and state his case, *failing which appropriate orders shall be passed*. To come up **on 23.06.2026 at 11:30AM** in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

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Dalip Kumar, R/o House No. B-2-696/6E
Cant Mohalla, Ludhiana

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Commissioner, MC, Zone D
Ludhiana

First Appellate Authority
O/o Commissioner, MC
Ludhiana

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 595 OF 2024

Present :- (i) None for the appellant
(ii) For the respondent- Sh Baljit Singh, SDO (99884-00532)

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 06.09.2023 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 03.01.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 18.02.2026 in the Commission

3. The appellant is not present today.

4. The respondent states that the information has been sent to the appellant. He has also filed his reply along with the copy of the information sent to the appellant. Copy of the same is taken on record.

5. The perusal of the case file shows that the appellant is not present today. He has not even informed the Commission about his absence. The respondent states that the

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information has been provided to the appellant. This is the first date of hearing, hence, in the interest of justice, an opportunity is given to the appellant to appear before the Commission and state his case. *However, it also made clear that in case the appellant does not appear on the next date of hearing, appropriate orders in his absence shall be passed.*

6. 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 **09.06.2026 at 11:30AM** in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties

Sd/-

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Date :18.02.2026