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Shri Surjit Singh, (98559-00321)

S/o Shri Gokul Singh,
VPO Jarg, Tehsil Payal,
Distt Ludhiana - 141415

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o DPI (EE), Punjab,
Phase – 8, Mohali.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Principal Secretary, Education, Punjab,
Sectt. – 2, Chandigarh.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 1689 OF 2025

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Surjit Singh, (98559-00321)
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated **05.06.2024** 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 **28.08.2024** 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). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. **19.02.2026**.

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.

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 a point wise reply / information to the appellant through registered post within 15 days from the receipt of this order, 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 27.08.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 19.02.2026

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Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o Principal Secretary, Education, Punjab,
Sectt. – 2, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Education Minister, Punjab,
Civil Sectt. Chandigarh.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 3446 OF 2025

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Surjit Singh, (98559-00321)

Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated **04.03.2025** 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 **15.04.2025** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **12.06.2025** 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. **19.02.2026**.

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.

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 a point wise reply / information to the appellant through registered post within 15 days from the receipt of this order, 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 27.08.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Shri Parvinder Singh, (81466-16126)

S/o Shri Daljit Singh,
D - S, New Jawala Nagar Nandanpur Road,
Maqsdan, Tehsil & Distt Jalandhar - 144008
RTI Application No. 181097

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o DEO (SE),
Kapurthala.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o DEO (SE),
Kapurthala.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4431 OF 2025

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated **20.04.2025** 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 **15.05.2025** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **23.07.2025** 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. **19.02.2026**.

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

3. 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.

4. **To come up on 27.08.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Shri Jagtar Singh, (98761-20457)

S/o Shri Harchand Singh,
1302, Street No. 1, Khanna,
Distt Ludhiana - 141401
RTI Application No. 189589

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Director, (SE), Punjab,
Phase – 8, Mohali.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Director, (SE), Punjab,
Phase – 8, Mohali.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4632 OF 2025

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Jagtar Singh, (98761-20457)
Respondent: Shri Jaswinder Singh, SA (99141-81904)

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated **02.06.2025** 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 **25.06.2025** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **11.08.2025** 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. **19.02.2026**.

2. The appellant states that no information has been given to him so far.

3. The respondent PIO, represented by Shri Jaswinder Singh, SA, states that he has not received the RTI application of the appellant so far.

4. A copy of the RTI application is handed over to the appellant today in the Commission with these directions to provide point wise / information to the appellant before the next date of hearing with a copy 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 27.08.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 19.02.2026

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Shri Jagtar Singh, (98761-20457)

S/o Shri Harchand Singh,
1302, Street No. 1, Khanna,
Distt Ludhiana - 141401
RTI Application No. 194635

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o DPI, (SE), Punjab,
Phase – 8, Mohali.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o DPI, (SE), Punjab,
Phase – 8, Mohali.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 5279 OF 2025

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Jagtar Singh, (98761-20457)
Respondent: Shri Jaswinder Singh, SA (99141-81904)

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated **25.06.2025** 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 **25.07.2025** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **09.09.2025** 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. **19.02.2026**.

2. The appellant, Shri Jagtar Singh, states that no information has been given to him so far.
3. The respondent PIO, represented by Shri Jaswinder Singh, SA, states that the sought information has already been sent to the appellant vide letter dated 12.02.2026 through registered post. He further states that he also brought a copy of the same information at today's hearing and the same was handed over to the appellant during the course of hearing. After examining the information, the appellant states that he is not satisfied with the provided information.
4. After having detailed deliberations with both the parties and perusing the documents placed on record, it is ascertained that the respondent has provided the information to the appellant but the appellant is not satisfied. Today, the respondent states that whatever information was available in their official record, has been provided to the appellant. Since the appellant is not satisfied, therefore, the respondent is directed to file an affidavit that the information that has been supplied is true, complete and no other information relating to this RTI application is available in the record. The affidavit should be on a stamp paper duly signed by the PIO.
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 27.08.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Shri Sarbjit Singh, (98146-91777)

S/o Shri Jagir Singh,

298, Sector - 15, Sai Kirpa, Village Sarna,

Distt Pathankot - 145025

RTI Application No. 206455

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o Director, Technical Education & Industrial Training, Punjab,
Sector – 36, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Director, Technical Education & Industrial Training, Punjab,
Sector – 36, Chandigarh.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 5884 OF 2025

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent

Respondent: Shri Balwinder Singh, Superintendent (99142-19912) and
Shri Vickramjeet Singh Bains, Clerk (78888-34855)

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated **13.08.2025** 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 **17.09.2025** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **06.10.2025** 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. **19.02.2026**.

2. The appellant is absent, but an email dated 17.02.2026 has been received from him mentioning therein that he is unable to attend the hearing. He also mentioned that he has received the reply but the same is not satisfactory and requests the court for complete requisite information.

3. The respondent PIO states that the point wise reply has already been sent to the appellant. Further, he submits a copy of the same reply during the course of hearing, which is taken on record.

4. After having detailed deliberations with the respondent and perusing the documents placed on record, it is ascertained that the respondent has provided the reply to the appellant but the appellant is not satisfied. However, this is the first hearing before the undersigned, hence in the interest of justice **one last opportunity** is 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 27.08.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 19.02.2026

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Shri Manish Goyal, (83600-56904)

S/o Shri Jiwan Goyal,
R/o # 51, Markal Colony,
Patiala - 147001

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o DEO (EE),
Patiala.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o DEO (EE),
Patiala.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 6016 OF 2025

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated **26.09.2025** 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 **30.09.2025** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **24.10.2025** 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. **19.02.2026**.

2. The respondent is absent, but an email has been received from him today i.e. 19.02.2026, mentioning therein that the sought information has already been provided to the appellant and also submit the appellant's receiving that he has received the information and satisfied with it.

3. The appellant is absent, but an email has been received from him today i.e. 19.2.2026 mentioning therein that he is unable to attend the hearing and requested an adjournment.

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 27.08.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Shri Amarpreet Singh, (98780-20491)

S/o Shri Joginder Singh,
Sarabha Nagar, Street No. 14, # 543, Near Satpal MC,
Malout, Distt Sri Muktsar Sahib - 152107
RTI Application No. 200442

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Director, (SE), Punjab,
Phase – 8, Mohali.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Director, (SE), Punjab,
Phase – 8, Mohali.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 6020 OF 2025

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated **21.07.2025** 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 **04.09.2025** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **13.10.2025** 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. **19.02.2026**.

2. The respondent is absent, but files a reply to this Commission's Notice of Hearing vide letter dated 31.12.2025, mentioning therein that the sought information has already been provided to the appellant.

3. The appellant is absent, but an email dated 16.12.2025 has been received from him mentioning therein that he is not satisfied with the supplied information and requests the court for complete requisite information.

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. 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 27.08.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Shri Harjit Singh Dhillon, (93167-07146)

S/o Late Shri Gurbaksh Singh,
R/o 4072, Street No. 3, Gobind Colony,
Jamalpur, Ludhiana – 141015

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Astt. Town Planner, Zone B,
MC, Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Commissioner, MC,
Ludhiana.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 8128 OF 2023

Through Cisco Webex

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Harjit Singh Dhillon (93167-07146)
Respondent: Shri Paul Parneet Singh, Building Inspector (70875-47807)

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated **08.06.2023** 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 **11.07.2023** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **06.12.2023** 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. **19.02.2026**.

2. Both parties are present via Cisco Webex. During the hearing, the Cisco Webex link failed.

3. In view of the failed Webex link, both parties are given one opportunity to remain present on the next date of hearing through Cisco Webex for deliberations. It is also clarified that in case of defiance of this order, the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

4. **Both parties are directed to attend the next hearing on 27.08.2026 at 11.00 A.M. through cisco webex. (Webex Meeting Number : 25180667401 and Password : 12345.)**

Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 19.02.2026

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S/o Late Shri Gurbaksh Singh,
R/o 4072, Street No. 3, Gobind Colony,
Jamalpur, Ludhiana – 141015

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o MC, O&M Cell,
Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Commissioner, MC,
Ludhiana.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 2279 OF 2024 **Through Cisco Webex**

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Harjit Singh Dhillon (93167-07146)
Respondent: Shri Sumervir Grewal, SDO (97800-39835)

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated **30.10.2023** 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 **26.12.2023** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **14.03.2024** 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. **19.02.2026**.

2. Both parties are present via Cisco Webex. During the hearing, the Cisco Webex link failed.

3. In view of the failed Webex link, both parties are given one opportunity to remain present on the next date of hearing through Cisco Webex for deliberations. It is also clarified that in case of defiance of this order, the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

4. **Both parties are directed to attend the next hearing on 27.08.2026 at 11.00 A.M. through cisco webex. (Webex Meeting Number : 25180667401 and Password : 12345.)**

Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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