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Shri Harvinder Singh,
Advocate, Village Gobindgarh,
Ludhiana - 141017

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o BDPO, Block - II,
Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o DDPO,
Ludhiana.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 7416 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **12.02.2026**.

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 copy of previous order was sent to both the parties through registered post despite of that, they are absent.

3. After going through the case file and in the interest of justice, **one last and final 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 01.12.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 20.08.2026

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Shri Darbara Singh (98141-61936),
S/o Shri Iqbal Singh,
Village Khajoor, Peer Colony (Saidkheri),
Tehsil Rajpura, Distt Patiala.

....Appellant

Versus

Shri Jatinder Singh Dhillon,
Public Information Officer-cum-BDPO,
Shambu Kalan, Distt Patiala.

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

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 7485 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Darbara Singh (98141-61936)
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **12.02.2026**.

2. The appellant states that no information has been given to him so far.
3. The respondent **PIO-cum-BDPO, Shambu Kalan, Shri Jatinder Singh Dhillon**, is absent without intimation. **Shri Jatinder Singh Dhillon, PIO-cum-BDPO, Shambu Kalan**, is absent despite the Show Cause Notice issued in this case. The respondent **PIO-cum-BDPO, Shambu Kalan**, was however, directed to attend today's hearing in person in Chandigarh, but he is absent without intimation which compelled the Commission to ensure his presence through service of **Bailable Warrant** as per the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.
4. Also, a copy of this order is being sent to the, Shri Mohinderjit Singh, DDPO, Patiala, for information at this stage.
5. **To come up on 28.09.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 20.08.2026

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Cc: **Shri Mohinderjit Singh (94781-01503),**
DDPO, Patiala.

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BEFORE SHRI VIRINDERJIT SINGH BILLING **State Information Commissioner** **Punjab, Chandigarh**

BAILABLE WARRANT OF PRODUCTION

In case of Shri Darbara Singh V/s Public Information Officer O/o BDPO, Shambu Kalan, District Patiala. 2.FAA o/o DDPO, District Patiala.

APPEAL CASE NO. 7485 OF 2023

UNDER SECTION 18(3) OF THE RIGHT TO INFORMATION ACT, 2005.

NEXT DATE OF HEARING: 28.09.2026

To

The Senior Superintendent of Police, Patiala.

Whereas the Public Information Officer-Cum- **PIO-cum-BDPO, Shambu Kalan, Shri Jatinder Singh Dhillon**, has failed to appear before the State Information Commissioner despite the issuance of repeated notices/directions in above mentioned Appeal Case. Therefore, you are hereby directed to serve this Bailable Warrant on **Public Information Officer-Cum-BDPO, Shambu Kalan, Shri Jatinder Singh Dhillon**, to appear before Shri Virinderjit Singh Billing, State Information Commissioner Punjab at Red Cross Building, Near Rose Garden, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh, on **28.09.2026 at 11.30 AM** and submit his written submissions in regard to the Order dated 12.02.2026 (copy enclosed) along with the information to be provided to the appellant.

(Virinderjit Singh Billing)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Dated: 20.08.2026

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Shri Labh Singh, (98156-14863)

S/o Shri Ajmer Singh,
VPO Gujjra, Tehsil Dirba,
Distt Sangrur - 148035

....Appellant

Versus

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

**First Appellate Authority,
O/o IGP, Patiala Range,
Patiala.**

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 7572 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Labh Singh (98156-14863)
Respondent: Shri Amarjeet, SA (94630-66588) and
ASI Paramjit Singh (73553-31600)

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **12.02.2026**.

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 states that he has joined recently. Hence, he has sought some time to file his reply.

4. After hearing both the parties and perusing the documents placed on record, it is ascertained that the information has not been provided to the appellant. The respondent has sought some time to provide the information. Hence, considering the request of the respondent, an opportunity is given to him to provide reply/information to the appellant, as demanded through his RTI application, within 15 days of receiving this order, under intimation to the Commission office. Further, it is also made clear that in case of non-compliance of the orders of the Commission, action u/s 20(1) of the RTI Act will be initiated.

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 01.12.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 20.08.2026

**Sd/-
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Shri Dinesh Kumar (96461-00100),
S/o Shri Daulat Ram,
R/o Village Neerewara, Tehsil Balachaur,
District SBS Nagar.

....Appellant

Versus

Shri Varinder Kumar (94781-26714),
Public Information Officer-cum-BDPO,
Block Balachaur, SBS Nagar.
Encl: RTI application

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 via mobile (96461-00100)
Respondent: Ms. Manjit Kaur, PIO-cum-BDPO (97791-04199)

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **18.02.2026**.

2. The appellant attended the hearing via mobile and states that no information has been given to him so far.
3. The respondent PIO-cum-BDPO, Ms. Manjit Kaur, states that the requested information pertains to the office of, BDPO, Block Balachaur, District SBS Nagar. In view of the respondent's reply the Commission impleads the PIO, office of the, BDPO, Block Balachaur, District SBS Nagar, as deemed PIO in this appeal case.
4. Furthermore, the respondent proffered an oral explanation for the delay in addressing the RTI application, in view of which, I am satisfied that there was no malafide intent on the part of the PIO to deny or delay the sought information. Also she has requested to withdraw the show cause notice issued to her. Keeping in view all the facts the show cause notice is hereby **dropped**.
5. After hearing the respondent and going through the case file, the respondent PIO-cum-BDPO, Block Balachaur, Shri Varinder Kumar, is directed to provide the reply/information to the appellant through registered post within 20 days after 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.

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APPEAL CASE NO. 1323 OF 2023

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. The respondent PIO, office of the BDPO, SBS Nagar, is exempted from further hearing of this appeal case.

8. **To come up on 01.12.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 20.08.2026

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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: Absent
Respondent: ASI Avtar Chand (78148-93003)

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **18.02.2026**.

2. The respondent PIO, represented by ASI Avtar Chand, states that he has brought the complete information today to be provided to the appellant. Further, he submitted a reply vide letter dated 19.08.2026, which is taken on record.

3. The appellant is absent without intimation. It is also a fact that copy of previous order 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, since the appellant is not present today, therefore, the respondent is directed to send the same to the appellant through registered post, within 20 days of receiving these orders, under intimation to the Commission. Failure to comply, will compel the Commission to initiate penalties as per the RTI Act, 2005.

5. 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.

6. **To come up on 01.12.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 20.08.2026

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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

Ms. Divya Singla, PCS (98764-82116)
Public Information Officer-cum-DRO,
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 Kapil Garg, Kanungo (97794-38818)

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **18.02.2026**.

2. The appellant states that no information has been given to him so far. The appellant further states that he visited the respondent's office three to four times, but the respondent humiliated him and refused to provide the information.

3. The respondent states that the reply has already been submitted to the Commission via email this morning.

4. After hearing both parties and perusing the documents placed on record, it is ascertained that the reply submitted by the respondent is not readable and the information has not been provided to the appellant. The Commission takes a very serious view, which shows that the respondent has no regard for the RTI regime.

“Such kind of behavior of a Government servant needs to be condemned and such employees need to be taught a lesson and in my view, they are unfit to hold the post of Public Information Officer or any other post in connection with the discharge of duties under RTI Act and they should be shown the doors, so that it will be a lesson for other Officers to act in accordance with the terms of the Act, failing which they may also face the similar or more consequences.”

5. The respondent PIO-cum-DRO, Ms. Divya Singla, PCS, is directed to attend the next hearing of this appeal case in person along with a written reply/information of the requested information therein. Failure to comply, will compel the Commission, to initiate penal action as per the RTI Act, 2005.

6. **To come up on 29.09.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 20.08.2026

Sd/-
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SHOW CAUSE NOTICE

Shri Balwant Singh (97797-33566),
S/o Shri Arjan Singh,
Village Kheri Gourian, P.O Kalyan,
Tehsil & District Patiala.

....Appellant

Versus

Shri Harminder Singh (79862-36526),
Public Information Officer-cum-BDPO,
Patiala.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o DDPO, Patiala.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 7633 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Balwant Singh (97797-33566)
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **18.02.2026**.

2. The appellant states that he has received partial information from the respondent. Further, he states that directions may be issued to the respondent to supply the complete requisite 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 despite of that, he is absent. This shows that the respondent has no regard for the orders issued by the Commission. Taking a serious view of the respondent PIO's conduct the Commission deems it fit to serve him a Show Cause Notice.

4. The respondent **PIO-cum-BDPO, Patiala, Shri Harminder Singh**, 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 **26.07.2022**. **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.**

“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. He may take note that in case he does not file his written reply and

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APPEAL CASE NO. 7633 OF 2023

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*.”

5. The PIO-cum-BDPO, Shri Harinder Singh, 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, Shri Harinder Singh, 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**.

6. **To come up on 01.12.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 20.08.2026

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[Note: Shri Ajay Kumar, Clerk, (62845-03071), appeared on behalf of the respondent after the hearing was over. He was briefed out the proceedings of the case.]

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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 **18.02.2026**.

2. The appellant is absent. However, a letter has been received from the appellant vide Commission's diary no. 16439 dated 13.08.2026 mentioning therein that he is unable to attend the hearing and requested to decide the case on merits.

3. The respondent is absent. However, an email has been received from the respondent this morning i.e. 20.08.2026 mentioning therein that he is unable to attend the hearing and requested an adjournment.

4. After going through the case file, it is observed that the requested information has not been provided to the appellant. The PIO-cum-ATP, O/o MC, Zone B, Ludhiana, is further directed to attend the next hearing of this appeal case in person at the Commission in Chandigarh, along-with a suitable reply / information to the RTI application. Failure to comply, will compel Commission to secure the presence of PIO through service of a **Bailable Warrant**.

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 01.12.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 20.08.2026

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

....Appellant

Versus

Shri Onkar Singh (88727-27249)
Public Information Officer-cum-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 **18.02.2026**.

2. The appellant was directed to attend the hearing through cisco webex, however, due to a technical glitch, the submission could not be heard.

3. The respondent PIO office of, Tehsildar (South), Ludhiana, is absent without intimation. **Shri Onkar Singh, PIO-cum-Tehsildar (South), Ludhiana**, is absent despite the Show Cause Notice issued in this case. The respondent PIO-cum-Tehsildar (South), Ludhiana, was however, directed to attend today's hearing in person in Chandigarh, but he is absent without intimation which compelled the Commission to ensure his presence through service of **Bailable Warrant** as per the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

4. Also, a copy of this order is being sent to the SDM, Ludhiana, for information at this stage.

5. **To come up on 21.09.2026 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: 20.08.2026

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Cc: SDM, Ludhiana.

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BEFORE SHRI VIRINDERJIT SINGH BILLING **State Information Commissioner** **Punjab, Chandigarh**

BAILABLE WARRANT OF PRODUCTION

In case of Shri Balbir Aggarwal V/s Public Information Officer O/o Tehsildar (South), Ludhiana.
2.FAA o/o Tehsildar (Sourth), Ludhiana.

APPEAL CASE NO. 2929 OF 2024

UNDER SECTION 18(3) OF THE RIGHT TO INFORMATION ACT, 2005.

NEXT DATE OF HEARING: 21.09.2026

To

The Commissioner of Police, Ludhiana.

Whereas the Public Information Officer-Cum-Tehsildar (South), Ludhiana, **Shri Onkar Singh**, has failed to appear before the State Information Commissioner despite the issuance of repeated notices/directions in above mentioned Appeal Case. Therefore, you are hereby directed to serve this Bailable Warrant on **Public Information Officer-Cum-Tehsildar (South), Ludhiana, Shri Onkar Singh**, to appear before Shri Virinderjit Singh Billing, State Information Commissioner Punjab at Red Cross Building, Near Rose Garden, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh, on **21.09.2026 at 11.30 AM** and submit his written submissions in regard to the Order dated 18.02.2026 (copy enclosed) along with the information to be provided to the appellant.

(Virinderjit Singh Billing)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Dated: 20.08.2026