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Shri Vikram Singh, (94177-95435)

S/o Shri Chand Ram,
004, Tower No. 1, "The Hermitage Park" Dhakoli,
Zirakpur, S.A.S Nagar.
RTI Application No. 76442

...Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o EO, NC,
Zirakpur.

Public Information Officer,
O/o SDM, Dera Bassi, District Mohali.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o ADC (UD), Mohali.

...Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 8045 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Vikram Singh, (94177-95435)
Respondent: Shri Gulshan Mehta, Advocate (98764-68637) and
Shri Pankaj Singh, DM (70099-62008)

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **04.11.2025**.

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 states that the sought information has already been sent to the appellant vide letter dated 21.04.2026. A copy of the same is taken on record.
4. After having detailed deliberations with both the parties and going through the case file, the appellant is directed to go through the same and point out deficiencies, if any, after the receipt of the information within 10 days. On receipt of the deficiencies, the respondents are directed to remove the same before the next date of hearing
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 29.07.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 22.04.2026

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Shri Nathu Ram, (94638-22000)

S/o MahavirSihag,
R/o Village Taja Patti, Tehsil Abohar,
DistrictFazilka - 152122

...Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Astt. Returning Officer - 2,
(Vidhan Sabha Constituency Balluana 082),
BDPO Office, Abohar, District Fazilka.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Returning Officer cum SDM, Abohar,
District Fazilka.

...Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 8055 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **04.11.2025** vide which the respondent PIO was exempted for today's hearing.

2. The appellant is absent. However, an email dated 21.04.2026 has been received from the appellant mentioning therein that the information sought at point no. 5 is still pending. Further, he requested to hear the case through online mode, which is taken on record.

3. After going through the case file, it is observed that the sought information has already been provided to the appellant, but the appellant mentioned in his email that the information sought at point no. 5 is still pending. The Commission notes that there are only two points in the RTI application of the appellant.

4. In view of the above contradictory statement submitted by the appellant, both parties are directed to remain present on the next date of hearing for deliberations through Cisco Webex, to take the matter to its logical end. It is also clarified that in case of defiance of this order, the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

5. **Both parties are directed to attend the next hearing on 29.07.2026 at 11.00 A.M. through Cisco Webex. (Webex Meeting Number : 25180667401 and Password : 12345.)**
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Date: 22.04.2026

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Shri Harinder Kumar, (98886-27135)

S/o Shri Shripal,
R/o # 3485, Street No. 14, Gopal Nagar,
Haibowal Kalan, Ludhiana.

...Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o Guru Angad Dev Veterinary and Animal Sciences University,
Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Registrar, GADVASU,
Ludhiana.

...Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 6177 OF 2024

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Harinder Kumar, (98886-27135)
Respondent: Shri Jarnail Singh, SA (98763-65347)

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **04.11.2025**.

2. The appellant states that no information has been given to him so far.
3. The respondent states that the information has already been supplied to the appellant and further, he has sought some time to provide the complete requisite information.
4. After hearing both the parties and perusing the documents placed on record, it is ascertained that the complete 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 complete 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, 2005 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 29.07.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 22.04.2026

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Shri Harinder Kumar, (98886-27135)

S/o Shri Shripal,
R/o # 3485, Street No. 14, Gopal Nagar,
Haibowal Kalan, Ludhiana.

...Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o Guru Angad Dev Veterinary and Animal Sciences University,
Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Registrar, GADVASU,
Ludhiana.

...Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 6178 OF 2024

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Harinder Kumar, (98886-27135)
Respondent: Shri Jarnail Singh, SA (98763-65347)

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **04.11.2025**.

2. The appellant states that no information has been given to him so far.
3. The respondent states that the information has already been supplied to the appellant and further, he has sought some time to provide the complete requisite information.
4. After hearing both the parties and perusing the documents placed on record, it is ascertained that the complete 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 complete 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, 2005 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 29.07.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Shri Satnam Singh, (98555-21804)

S/o Shri Nachhattar Singh,
Village Bela, Tehsil Chamkaur Sahib,
District Roopnagar - 140111
RTI Application No. 165481

...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 NOS. 1926 OF 2025 and 2673 OF 2025 **HEARD TOGETHER**

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Satnam Singh, (98555-21804)
Respondent: Shri Balwinder Singh, Superintendent (99142-19912) and
Shri Vikram Singh, Clerk (78888-39855)

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **04.11.2025**.

2. The appellant, Shri Satnam Singh, states that the information supplied by the respondent does not pertain to his RTI application.

3. The respondent states that the required information of 327 pages has already been provided to the appellant.

4. Further, both the parties state that the information sought in AC No. 1926 of 2025 and AC No. 2673 of 2025 are similar and requested to hear both cases together. Accordingly, both cases were heard together.

5. After hearing both the parties and going through the case file, the respondent is directed to invite (in writing) the appellant for inspection of the official record pertaining to the RTI application on a mutually acceptable date and time. Accordingly, the respondent and concerned officials are directed to remain present at the time of inspection. The PIO is to thereafter provide the information, which will be pointed out by the appellant, free of cost. This must be done under intimation to the Commission on or before the next Hearing.

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 29.07.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Ms. Harpreet Kaur, (79866-63147)

D/o Shri Dharampal Singh,
702, Ranjit Enclave, Deep Nagar,
Tehsil & District Jalandhar - 144005
RTI Application No. 151731

...Appellant

Versus

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

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

...Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 1477 OF 2025

PRESENT: Appellant: Ms. Harpreet Kaur via Webex (79866-63147)
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **04.11.2025** vide which the respondent PIO stated that the sought information had already been provided to the appellant and the PIO was exempted for today's hearing.

2. The appellant, Ms. Harpreet Kaur, is present via Cisco Webex. The appellant states that she has received partial information after a long period, approximately one year. Further, she desires action against the respondent PIO for not providing complete requisite information.

3. After hearing the appellant and going through the case file, the Commission notes that the respondent PIO has failed to provide any reply / information to the appellant within the stipulated 30 days period, infact said reply / information was delayed approximately one year, 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, falling which they may also face the similar or more consequences.”

4. Keeping in view of the above, the respondent PIO is directed to provide the complete requisite information to the appellant before the next hearing. The respondent PIO, office of, DEO (SE), Jalandhar, is further directed to submit a written explanation for the long delay in addressing this RTI application. This must be done in 10 working days of this hearing.

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 05.08.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 22.04.2026

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Ms. Harpreet Kaur, (79866-63147)

D/o Shri Dharampal Singh,
702, Ranjit Enclave, Deep Nagar,
Tehsil & District Jalandhar - 144005

...Appellant

Versus

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

First Appellate Authority,

**O/o Director, State Council of Education, Research & Training,
Mohali.**

...Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 2904 OF 2025

PRESENT: Appellant: Ms. Harpreet Kaur via Webex (79866-63147)
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **04.11.2025** vide which the respondent PIO stated that the sought information had already been provided to the appellant and the PIO was exempted for today's hearing.

2. The appellant, Ms. Harpreet Kaur, is present via Cisco Webex. The appellant states that she has received partial information after a long period, approximately one year. Further, she desires action against the respondent PIO for not providing complete requisite information.

3. After hearing the appellant and going through the case file, the Commission notes that the respondent PIO has failed to provide any reply / information to the appellant within the stipulated 30 days period, infact said reply / information was delayed approximately one year, 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, falling which they may also face the similar or more consequences.”

4. Keeping in view of the above, the respondent PIO is directed to provide the complete requisite information to the appellant before the next hearing. The respondent PIO, office of, DEO (SE), Jalandhar, is further directed to submit a written explanation for the long delay in addressing this RTI application. This must be done in 10 working days of this hearing.

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 05.08.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Ms. Harpreet Kaur, (79866-63147)

D/o Shri Dharampal Singh,
702, Ranjit Enclave, Deep Nagar,
Tehsil & District Jalandhar - 144005

...Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o DEO (SE), Jalandhar.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Director, State Council of Education, Research & Training,
Mohali.

...Respondents

COMPLAINT CASE NO. 116 OF 2025

PRESENT: Complainant: Ms. Harpreet Kaur via Webex (79866-63147)

Respondent: Absent

RDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **04.11.2025** vide which the respondent PIO stated that the sought information had already been provided to the appellant and the PIO was exempted for today's hearing.

2. The complainant, Ms. Harpreet Kaur, is present via Cisco Webex. The complainant states that she has received partial information after a long period, approximately one year. Further, she desires action against the respondent PIO for not providing complete requisite information.

3. After hearing the complainant and going through the case file, it is observed that this is a complaint case and the only question before the Commission is to determine whether there was any malafied intention on the part of PIO to delay / deny the information. The Commission notes that the respondent PIO has failed to provide any reply / information to the complainant within the stipulated 30 days period, infact said reply / information was delayed approximately one year, 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, falling which they may also face the similar or more consequences."

4. Keeping in view of the above, the respondent PIO, office of, DEO (SE), Jalandhar, is directed to submit a written explanation for the long delay in addressing this RTI application. This must be done in 10 working days of this hearing.

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 05.08.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Shri Rajinder Singh, (98151-86419)

S/o Late Shri Sohan Singh,
108, Satnam Nagar, Neelapur,
Tehsil Rajpura, District Patiala - 140401

...Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o Director, Industry & Commerce Deptt. Punjab,
Sector – 17, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Director, Industry & Commerce Deptt. Punjab,
Sector – 17, Chandigarh.

...Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 5253 OF 2024

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent

Respondent: Shri Darshan Singh, JA (79868-19510) and
Shri Anik Kumar, SA (82838-13535)

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **04.11.2025**.

2. The appellant is absent. However, an email has been received from him today i.e. 22.04.2026 mentioning therein that the sought information is still pending and requests penalty be imposed upon the respondent PIO for delaying the information. The said email is taken on record.

3. The respondent states that the reply along with information has already been sent to the appellant as directed at the last hearing. Further, he submitted the covering letter of the said information during the course of hearing.

4. After hearing the respondent and going through the reply filed by the respondent, it is observed that the information sought at point nos. 1, 2, and 3 has been provided to the appellant. The information sought at point nos. 4 and 5 denied as third party information. The Commission notes that the information sought at point no. 4 is in the question form. Accordingly, the respondent is directed to supply the information sought at point no. 5 of the RTI application to the appellant. In case, information is not available then the **specific undertaking** be sent to the appellant 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 05.08.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Shri Ramesh Mittal, (84273-34500)

S/o Shri Subhash Mittal,
Opposite Maura WaliDharamshala,
Water Works Road, Mansa.

...Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Director, Land Record,
Kapurthala Road, Jalandhar.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Financial Commissioner Revenue, Punjab,
Chandigarh.

...Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 7429 OF 2024 **Through cisco webex**

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Ramesh Mittal via webex (84273-34500)
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **04.11.2025** vide which the respondent PIO stated that the reply along with information had already been provided to the appellant and the PIO was exempted for today's hearing.

2. The appellant, Shri Ramesh Mittal, is present via Webex. He states that he has received the information sought at point nos. 1 and 2 only and rest of the information is still pending.

3. After hearing the appellant and going through the case file, the respondent PIO is directed to file a point wise reply, in an annotated form, by way of an affidavit. The affidavit should be on a stamp paper duly signed by the PIO. The original affidavit be sent to the appellant with a copy to the Commission, failing which stringent action will be initiated against the respondent PIO, as per the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

4. 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.

5. **To come up on 05.08.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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