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**Smt. Sarabjit Kaur**  
**W/o Late Sh. Jasbir Singh,**  
**Sh. Harpreet Singh**  
**Smt. Gagandeep Kaur**  
**LRs of Sh. Jasbir Singh**  
S/o Sh. Khazan Singh,  
H No. 649-D6, Gali No. 1,  
Backside of Police Chowki,  
Kot Khalsa, Amritsar  
M: 8872849419

V/s

...Complainant

**Public Information Officer,**  
**O/o Khalsa College,**  
GT Road, Amritsar

....Respondents

## **Complaint Case No. 1116 of 2021** **Converted into Appeal Case**

**Present:** Advocate, Sh. Kamal Joshi (9216190661) on behalf of the appellant  
Advocate Sh. Ashish Kaushik (7777040804) for Advocate Sh. A.P.S. Sandhu  
(9915100115) on behalf of the respondent.

### **ORDER**

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 01.04.2026.

2. The Counsel of the respondent submitted a written reply dated 22.08.2023, which is taken on record. A copy of the same is handed over to the Counsel of the appellant during the course of hearing. Further, an email has been received from the respondent PIO mentioning therein that the Ld. Counsel for the Khalsa College, Amritsar, is unable to attend hearing and requested for an adjournment, which is taken on record.

3. Request of the respondent is accepted and the case is adjourned for final arguments on **21.05.2026 at 11:30 A.M. at Chandigarh.** It is further clarified that no further adjournment will be given in this case.

**Dated: 23.04.2026**

**(Inderpal Singh)**  
**Chief Information Commissioner,**  
**Punjab.**

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**Sh. Prem Kumar Rattan**

H No. 78/8, Park Mandi,  
Navi Mandi, Dhuri,  
Distt Sangrur

...Appellant

V/s

**Sh. Harpreet Singh (M:9815606494)**

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o Executive Officer,  
Nagar Council, Bhadaur,  
Distt Barnala

**First Appellate Authority,**

O/o Additional Deputy Commissioner (UD),  
Barnala

....Respondents

## **Appeal Case No. 229 of 2022**

**Present:** None on behalf of the appellant.  
None on behalf of the respondent.

### **ORDER**

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 18.12.2025 vide which the case was fixed for hearing on 28.01.2026 but was not heard due to administrative reasons. Accordingly, a notice of hearing was issued to the parties for hearing today i.e. 23.04.2026.

2. The appellant is absent but has sent his written submissions mentioning therein that he has not received the sought information and requested for the same, which is taken on record. However, the respondent PIO is absent without intimation. It is also a fact that a copy of previous order was sent to him through registered post but even though he is absent.

3. It is appropriate to mention that a show cause notice was issued to the respondent PIO, Sh. Harpreet Singh but no written response have been received from him. In the interest of natural justice, he is given an opportunity to file the reply to the show cause notice issued to him well on/or before the next date of hearing.

4. In the absence of the respondent PIO, the Commission must proceed with the procedure as has been laid down under Section 18(3) of RTI Act read with relevant provisions of Civil Procedure Code. **Accordingly, I here by direct that Bailable Warrant be issued for appearance of concerned respondent Sh. Harpreet Singh, Executive Officer-cum-PIO, O/o Nagar Council, Bhadaur, District Barnala** to produce the record and give evidences pertaining to the RTI queries dated 20.05.2024. As such a copy of this order is endorsed to the Senior Superintendent of Police, Barnala for execution of the bailable warrants.

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**Appeal Case No. 229 of 2022**

5. To come up on **13.08.2026 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

**Dated: 23.04.2026**

**(Inderpal Singh)  
Chief Information Commissioner,  
Punjab.**

**CC:**

**Director (By Name)**

Local Government, Punjab  
Municipal Bhawan, Sector 35,  
Chandigarh

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**Sh. Amardeep Singh**

H No. 122, Sector 16-A,  
Chandigarh  
M: 9779000080

...Appellant

V/s

**Sh. Sham Sunder, Superintendent-  
-cum-Public Information Officer,  
O/o Deputy Commissioner,  
SAS Nagar**

**Public Information Officer,  
O/o M/s ATS Infrastructure PVT. Ltd.,  
Derabassi, Distt SAS Nagar, Mohali**

**First Appellate Authority,  
O/o Deputy Commissioner,  
SAS Nagar, Mohali**

....Respondents

## **Appeal Case No. 5142 of 2022**

**Present:** Sh. Amandeep Singh, the appellant.

Advocate Sh. S.S. Bedi on behalf of third party i.e. M/s ATS Infrastructure Pvt.  
Ltd. (9417777720).

Sh. Kuldeep Singh (9814592885) and Sh. Sham Sunder, Superintendent  
(9815586070) on behalf of the respondent.

## **ORDER**

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 18.12.2025 vide which the case was fixed for hearing on 28.01.2026 but was not heard due to administrative reasons. Accordingly, a notice of hearing was issued to the parties for hearing today i.e. 23.04.2026.

2. The third party i.e. M/s ATS Infrastructure Pvt. Ltd. has submitted the written submissions and also stated during the hearing that the said company does not have any objection in case the information sought may be supplied to the appellant as per the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

3. In light of the submissions made the third party, the appellant is at liberty to file the written submissions within 30 days from the issue of this order and the respondent PIO-cum-Superintendent, sh. Sham sunder is directed to file the counter submissions, if any, within 15 days after the receipt of this order. Also, the respondent PIO is directed to file the submissions, if any, with regard to the missing annexures i.e. E, F, J and L which were the part and parcel of any enquiry, a copy of which has been sought by the appellant. He is further directed to submit the names, designations and the present posting of the personal staff attached with the Deputy Commissioner and the District Revenue Officer from January 2020 onwards.

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### Appeal Case No. 5142 of 2022

4. Any defiance of this order will be viewed seriously.
5. To come up on **08.07.2026 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

**Dated: 23.04.2026**

**(Inderpal Singh)**  
**Chief Information Commissioner,**  
**Punjab.**

**CC:**

**Ms. Komal Mittal, IAS**  
Deputy Commissioner,  
SAS Nagar (Mohali)

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## Sh. Gurpreet Singh

Village-Ghandouli,  
PO- Rani Majra Tehsil Kharar,  
Distt SAS Nagar  
M: 8699769199

...Appellant

V/s

**Public Information Officer,**  
**O/o** Block Development &  
Panchayat Officer,  
Block Majri, SAS Nagar

**Public Information Officer,**  
**O/o** Panchayat Secretary,  
Block Majri, SAS Nagar

**First Appellate Authority,**  
**O/o** District Development &  
Panchayat Officer,  
SAS Nagar

...Respondents

## Appeal Case No. 2079 of 2022

**Present:** Sh. Gurpreet Singh Dhaliwal, the appellant.  
None on behalf of the respondent.

## ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 03.12.2025 vide which the case was fixed for hearing on 28.01.2026 but was not heard due to administrative reasons. Accordingly, a notice of hearing was issued to the parties for hearing today i.e. 23.04.2026. The relevant portion of the portion of the previous order is as follows:

*"This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 27.08.2025 and the relevant portion of the same is as follows:-*

- 2. "The brief of the case is that there are illegal possessions on Panchayat Land, Ghandoli, Block Majri, Mohali and Ms. TanuKeshav, IAS, JointDevelopment Commissioner (IRD) passed an order regarding the same and remanded back the matter to the Additional Deputy Commissioner. The appellant informed that as per the orders of the Commissioner, he made the written submissions to the BDPO, Majri bearing diary no. 374 dated 18.03.2021 and thereafter filed the RTI application vide which he has sought the information related to the decision given by the then Commissioner and an action taken on the application filed by him on 18.03.2021 which was to take appropriate action to vacate the illegal possession on panchayat land.*

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## Appeal Case No. 2079 of 2022

3. *Keeping in view the exigency of the case and due to non-satisfactory response given by the respondent, a show cause notice was issued to the BDPO, Sh. Ravinder Singh Sidhu and Sh. Bharat Pal, Panchayat Secretary.*
4. *It is also appropriate to mention the decision passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in W.P.No.17677 of 2010 and M.P.No.1 of 2010 and the relevant portion of the same is reproduced below:*

*“10. ....Such Officers must 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.”*

*In light of the judgment passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, **one opportunity** is given to Sh. Ravinder Singh Sidhu, BDPO and to submit as to what action has been taken by the said office in respect of order passed by the Commissioner in 2019 and to get the panchayat land vacated. It is also clarified that in case the BDPO, Sh. Ravinder Singh Sidhu will not file reply the written submissions and will not be present, in person, on the next date of hearing, a stringent action will be taken as per the procedure established by Law.*

5. *Today, Sh. Bharat Pal is present and submitted the written reply and the relevant portion of the same is reproduced below:*

*“1. ਗਰਾਮ ਪੰਚਾਇਤ ਘੰਡੋਲੀ ਦਾ ਕੋਰਟ ਕੇਸ ਮਾਨਯੋਗ ਮਿਸ ਤਨੂ ਕਸ਼ਯਪ ਜੇ.ਡੀ.ਸੀ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਜੀ ਦੀ ਅਦਾਲਤ ਵਿੱਚ ਚਲਦਾ ਸੀ। ਉਹ ਰਿਮਾਂਡ ਹੋ ਕੇ ਮਾਨਯੋਗ ਵਧੀਕ **ਡਿਪਟੀ ਕਮਿਸ਼ਨਰ (ਵਿਕਾਸ)** ਜੀ ਦੀ ਅਦਾਲਤ ਵਿੱਚ ਸੁਣਵਾਲੀ ਅਧੀਨ ਹੈ।*

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2. ਗਰਾਮ ਪੰਚਾਇਤ ਘੰਡੋਲੀ ਵਿਖੇ ਹੋ ਰਹੇ ਨਜ਼ਾਇਜ਼ ਕਬਜ਼ਿਆ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਜੋ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ ਮੰਗੀ ਗਈ ਹੈ ਉਸ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਉਪ ਮੁੱਖ ਕਾਰਜਕਾਰੀ ਜੀ ਦੇ ਦਫਤਰ ਦੇ ਪੱਤਰ ਨੰ. 2005 ਮਿਤੀ. 16.04.2025 ਰਾਹੀਂ ਗਰਾਮ ਪੰਚਾਇਤ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਮਤਾ ਪਾ ਕੇ ਨਾਇਬ ਤਹਿਸੀਲਦਾਰ ਮਾਜਰੀ ਨੂੰ ਨਿਸ਼ਾਨਦੇਹੀ ਲਈ ਲਿਖ ਦਿੱਤਾ ਗਿਆ ਹੈ। ਜਦੋਂ ਨਿਸ਼ਾਨਦੇਹੀ ਹੋ ਜਾਵੇਗੀ ਉਸ ਉਪਰੰਤ ਹੀ ਪਤਾ ਲੱਗੇਗਾ ਕਿ ਕੌਣ-ਕੌਣ ਵਿਅਕਤੀ ਨਜ਼ਾਇਜ਼ ਕਾਬਜ਼ਕਾਰ ਹੈ। ਰਿਪੋਰਟ ਆਉਣ ਉਪਰੰਤ ਆਪ ਨੂੰ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ ਦੇ ਦਿੱਤੀ ਜਾਵੇਗੀ।”
6. *After the perusal of the reply, it is evident that the decision to remand back the case to the ADC (D) was taken in 2019, which is still pending in the office of the ADC (D). So far as the illegal possession of the land is concerned, the Panchayat Secretary categorically submitted that the NaibTehsildar has already been directed vide No. 2005 dated 16.04.2025 for the ‘NISHANDEHI’ to ascertain who was having the illegal possession on the panchayat land.*
7. *The respondent informed that NaibTehsildar, Majri has already been approached vide letter dated 16.04.2025 for the ‘NISHANDEHI’ therefore, in the interest of natural justice, NaibTehsildar, Majri is impleaded as a necessary party in this case to file an action taken on the said letter. As such a copy of this order is **being sent** to the **Financial Commissioner (Revenue)** to ensure the presence of NaibTehsildar, Majri, Ms. Ramandeep Kaur. Also, the Financial Commissioner (Revenue) is at liberty to instruct the NaibTehsildars/Tehsildars of Punjab that in case of Panchayat Land ‘NISHANDEHI’, if any cases/recommendations have been received and/or pending from the Rural Development Department, the same be dealt with in a time bound manner.*
8. *After perusal of the order dated 20.02.2019 passed by the then Commissioner, which may be read as part and parcel of this order, it is ascertained that the case which was remanded back by the Commissioner is still to be decided by the ADC (D) to vacate the illegal possession on the panchayat Land.*

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## Appeal Case No. 2079 of 2022

9. *Since, the matter relates to the illegal possession on the panchayat land is concerned, therefore the matter is brought to the notice of the **Financial Commissioner, Rural Development and Panchayat** to look into this case and to adopt such a mechanism so that in case there is any illegal possession on the panchayat land in the Punjab, the same be vacated and the said cases be dealt within a time bound manner.”*

### Hearing held on 03.12.2025:

2. *The respondent VDO submitted a copy of the letter written to Naib Tehsildar, Majri for demarcation along with the copy of proceeding book to vacate the illegal possession on the panchayat land. Also, a copy of the same is handed over to the appellant during the course of hearing.*
3. *Viewing the attitude in dealing with the RTI application by the respondent casually, Sh. Ramandeep Kaur, Naib Tehsildar - cum- Public Information Officer, is, thus, issued a show cause notice to explain in a self-attested affidavit as to why a penalty @ Rs.250/- per day of delay subject to a maximum of Rs.25000/- till the complete information is furnished, be not imposed under Section 20(1) of RTI Act, 2005 on him for causing willful delay/denial of the information to the RTI applicant and to show cause why a compensation under section 19(8) of the RTI Act,2005, may not be paid to the appellant for causing willful delay/denial of the information for detriment suffered by him.*
4. *In addition to the written reply, the Public Information Officer is also given an opportunity under Section 20(1) proviso thereto, for a personal hearing before the imposition of such penalty on the next date of hearing. He may take a note that in case he does not file his written reply and does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the next date, it will be presumed that he has nothing to say and the Commission will proceed ex-parte.”*

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### Appeal Case No. 2079 of 2022

#### Today's hearing i.e. 23.04.2026:

2. None is present on behalf of the respondent Naib Tehsildar, Majri although the letter was written by the Joint Sub-Registrar, Majri to the Nain Tehsildar, Majri vide number 715/RC dated 15.12.2025 to attend the hearing but even though none is present. It is also a fact that the matter is regarding the illegal possession of the land and a letter was also issued by the BDPO, Majri for 'NISHANDEHI' but neither he is submitting an action taken nor he is appearing in this case.

3. In light of the above, **Naib Tehsildar, Majri is directed to remain present** on the next date of hearing along with the written response regarding the action taken on the letter written by the BDPO on 16.04.2025 for the 'NISHANDEHI'. Also, a copy of this order is **being sent** to the Financial Commissioner (Revenue), Punjab, to ensure the presence of the PIO-cum-Naib Tehsildar, Majri.

4. It is also a fact that BDPO, Majri issued a letter to Sh. Sarabjeet Singh VDO-cum-PIO, Gram Panchayat, Ghandouli, Block Majri vide no 395 dated 05.02.2026 but neither he is present nor any representative of the BDPO is present.

5. In the absence of the respondent PIO, the Commission must proceed with the procedure as has been laid down under Section 18(3) of RTI Act read with relevant provisions of Civil Procedure Code. **Accordingly, I here by direct that Bailable Warrant be issued for appearance of concerned respondent BDPO, Majri and VDO, c/o BDPO, Majri.** In the absence of the respondent PIO, the Commission must proceed with the procedure as has been laid down under Section 18(3) of RTI Act read with relevant provisions of Civil Procedure Code. **Accordingly, I here by direct that Bailable Warrant be issued for appearance of concerned respondent BDPO, Majri and VDO, c/o BDPO, Majri,** to produce the record and give evidences pertaining to the RTI queries dated 24.04.2021. As such a copy of this order is endorsed to the Senior Superintendent of Police, Mohali for execution of the bailable warrants.

6. They (BDPO and VDO) are also directed to file an affidavit that no panchayat land was illegally possessed by any person. Also, they are directed to submit the complete land owned by the Panchayat of village Majri and the details of any auction or any land utilization for any purpose be submitted to ascertain how much area is under illegal possession as the mandate of the RTI Act, 2005 is transparency and accountability in the working of every public authority.

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### Appeal Case No. 2079 of 2022

7. A copy of this order is **being sent** to the Financial Commissioner, Rural development & Panchayats, Punjab for the compliance of this order.
8. To come up on **19.05.2026 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

**Dated: 23.04.2026**

**(Inderpal Singh)**  
**Chief Information Commissioner,**  
**Punjab.**

**CC:**

**Sh. Anurag Verma, IAS**  
Financial Commissioner (Revenue), Punjab  
Punjab Civil Secretariat-1,  
Chandigarh

**Sh. Ajit Balaji Joshi, IAS**  
Administrative Secretary  
Rural Development & Panchayat, Punjab,  
Vikas Bhawan, Sector-62,  
Mohali

**Ms. Komal Mittal, IAS**  
Deputy Commissioner,  
SAS Nagar

**Ms. Ramandeep Kaur,**  
Naib Tehsilda, Majri  
SAS Nagar, Mohali

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Una, Himachal Pradesh  
M: 7837517939

...Appellant

V/s

**Public Information Officer,**  
**O/o** Executive Officer,  
Nagar Panchayat,  
Mahipur, Distt Hoshiarpur

**First Appellate Authority,**  
**O/o** Additional Deputy Commissioner (General),  
Hoshiarpur

....Respondents

## Appeal Case No. 6367 of 2023

**Present:** None on behalf of the appellant.  
Sh. Surjit Kumar, Clerk (7973922284) on behalf of the respondent.

### ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 29.10.2025 vide which the case was fixed for hearing on 28.01.2026 but was not heard due to administrative reasons. Accordingly, a notice of hearing was issued to the parties for hearing today i.e. 23.04.2026

2. The appellant is absent but he has sent the request to list this case through cisco webex. Accordingly, he was allowed to join the hearing through cisco but at the belated stage he informed telephonically that he is not able to join the cisco webex. However, the respondent submits that the response has already been sent to the appellant with regard to the RTI application.

3. As such, the order in this case is '**Reserved**', which will be pronounced later on. Both the parties are at liberty to make their final submissions, if any, within 30 days from the issue of this order.

**Dated: 23.04.2026**

**(Inderpal Singh)**  
**Chief Information Commissioner,**  
**Punjab.**

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**Sh. Bhupinder Singh**

S/o Sh. Dilbagh Singh,  
H No. 351, Ward No-12,  
Kurali, Distt SAS Nagar  
M: 9417800205

...Appellant

V/s

**Public Information Officer,**  
**O/o** Block Primary Education Officer,  
Bassi Pathana-1, Fatehgarh Sahib

Encl.

**First Appellate Authority,**

**O/o** District Education Officer (EE),  
Fatehgarh Sahib

....Respondents

## **Appeal Case No. 6598 of 2023**

**Present:** Sh. Bhupinder Singh, the appellant.  
None on behalf of the respondent.

### **ORDER**

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 18.09.2025, thereafter the case was fixed for hearing twice but not heard due to administrative reasons. Accordingly, a notice of hearing was issues to the parties for hearing for today i.e. 23.04.2026.

2. The appellant submits that he has already submitted the '**Larger Public Interest**' involved in seeking the sought information, which is taken on record. However, the respondent PIO is absent without intimation. it is also a fact that a notice of hearing was sent to him through registered post but even though he is absent.

3. After having detailed deliberations with the appellant, a copy of the submissions so submitted by the appellant regarding the 'Larger Public Interest' is **being sent** to the respondent PIO along with this order.

4. Accordingly, the parties concerned are at liberty to make their final submissions, if any, within 30 days, from the issue of this order, failing which, the decision will be taken as per the procedure established by Law.

5. As such, the order in this case is '**Reserved**', which will be pronounced later on.

**Dated: 23.04.2026**

**(Inderpal Singh)**  
**Chief Information Commissioner,**  
**Punjab.**

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...Appellant

V/s

**Public Information Officer,**  
**O/o Commissioner of Police,**  
Ludhiana

**First Appellate Authority,**  
**O/o Commissioner of Police,**  
Ludhiana

....Respondents

## Appeal Case No. 3529 of 2023

**Present:** Sh. Iqbal Singh, the appellant.

ASI, Sh. Tarsem Singh (9463202689) on behalf of the respondent.

### ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 18.12.2025 vide which the case was fixed for hearing on 28.01.2026 but was not heard due to administrative reasons. Accordingly, a notice of hearing was issued to the parties for hearing today i.e. 23.04.2026.

2. The respondent filed the written reply, the relevant portion of which is as follows:

ਨੰਬਰ 1077 / ਪੀ.ਸੀ. ਮਿਤੀ 21-4-26

ਵਿਸ਼ਾ:- ਸ਼ਿਕਾਇਤ ਕੇਸ ਨੰਬਰ 3529/2023 ਵਲੋਂ ਸ੍ਰੀ ਇਕਬਾਲ ਸਿੰਘ ਰਸੂਲਪੁਰ ਵਾਸੀ ਗਲੀ ਨੰਬਰ-4, ਗੁਰੂ ਨਾਨਕ ਨਗਰ, ਕੱਚਾ ਮਲਕ ਰੋਡ, ਜਗਰਾਉ, ਜਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਲੁਧਿਆਣਾ।

ਯਾਦ ਪੱਤਰ ਹਵਾਲਾ ਆਪ ਦੇ ਦਫਤਰ ਦੇ ਪੱਤਰ ਨੰਬਰ 230-ਡੀ/ਆਰ.ਟੀ.ਆਈ./ਮਿਤੀ 21-04-2026, ਵਿਸ਼ਾ ਉਕਤ ਸਬੰਧੀ।

ਉਪਰੋਕਤ ਵਿਸ਼ਾ ਵਿਚ ਦਰਜ ਕੇਸ ਨੰਬਰ 3529/2023 ਸਬੰਧੀ ਪਹਿਲਾ ਵੀ ਇਸ ਦਫਤਰ ਦੇ ਪੱਤਰ ਨੰਬਰ 4495 ਪੀ.ਸੀ.ਮਿਤੀ 17-12-2025 ਰਾਹੀਂ ਰਿਪੋਰਟ ਮਾਨਯੋਗ ਸਟੇਟ ਸੂਚਨਾ ਕਮਿਸ਼ਨ, ਪੰਜਾਬ, ਚੰਡੀਗੜ੍ਹ ਜੀ ਦੀ ਸੇਵਾ ਵਿਚ ਰਿਪੋਰਟ ਭੇਜੀ ਗਈ ਸੀ। ਜਿਸ ਦੀ ਕਾਪੀ ਵਾਚਣ ਹਿੱਤ ਲਫ ਹੈ।

ਉਕਤ ਦਰਖਾਸਤ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਰਿਕਾਰਡ ਪੜਤਾਲ ਤੋਂ ਪਾਇਆ ਗਿਆ ਕਿ ਇਹ ਦਰਖਾਸਤ ਮਿਤੀ 22-01-2019 ਨੂੰ ਸ਼ਿਕਾਇਤ ਸ਼ਾਖਾ ਵਿਖੇ ਐਨ.ਆਰ.ਆਈ.ਹੈੱਡ ਪਰ ਤਾਇਨਾਤ ਉਸ ਸਮੇਂ ਦੇ ਡੀਲਿੰਗ ਹੈਡ ਏ.ਐਸ.ਆਈ. ਹਰਦੀਪ ਸਿੰਘ ਨੰਬਰ 1747/ਲੁਧਿਆਣਾ ਪਾਸ ਰਸੀਵ ਹੋਈ ਸੀ। ਜਿਸ ਨਾਲ ਰਾਬਤਾ ਕਾਇਮ ਕੀਤਾ ਗਿਆ। ਜੋ ਬਲੱਡ ਕੈਂਸਰ ਦਾ ਮਰੀਜ਼ ਹੋਣ ਕਰਕੇ ਜਿਆਦਾ ਸੀਰੀਅਸ ਹੋਣ ਕਰਕੇ ਉਕਤ ਦਰਖਾਸਤ ਬਾਰੇ ਦੱਸਣ ਵਿਚ ਅਸਮਰੱਥ ਸੀ ਅਤੇ ਉਸਦੀ ਮਿਤੀ 16-02-2026 ਨੂੰ ਮੌਤ ਹੋ ਚੁੱਕੀ ਹੈ। ਜਿਸ ਕਰਕੇ ਦਰਖਾਸਤ ਬਾਰੇ ਕੋਈ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ ਨਹੀਂ ਮਿਲ ਸਕੀ।

ਦਰਖਾਸਤ ਕਰਤਾ ਵਲੋਂ ਇਕ ਹੋਰ ਦਰਖਾਸਤ ਮਾਨਯੋਗ ਡਾਇਰੈਕਟਰ ਬਿਊਰੋ ਆਫ ਇੰਨਵੈਸਟੀਗੇਸ਼ਨ, ਪੰਜਾਬ, ਚੰਡੀਗੜ੍ਹ ਜੀ ਦੇ ਦਫਤਰ ਦੇ ਪੱਤਰ ਨੰਬਰ 52/ਸੀ.ਬੀ-2 (ਕਰਾਇਮ) ਮਿਤੀ 05-01-2026 ਰਾਹੀਂ ਇਸ ਦਫਤਰ ਵਿਖੇ ਮੌਜੂਦ ਹੋਈ ਸੀ। ਜਿਸਦਾ ਸਬੰਧ ਸੀਨੀਅਰ ਕਪਤਾਨ ਪੁਲਿਸ-ਲੁਧਿਆਣਾ (ਦਿਹਾਤੀ) ਨਾਲ ਹੋਣ ਕਰਕੇ ਇਹ ਦਰਖਾਸਤ ਇਸ ਦਫਤਰ ਦੇ ਪੱਤਰ ਨੰਬਰ 140 ਪੀ.ਸੀ.ਮਿਤੀ 22-01-2026 ਰਾਹੀਂ ਮਾਨਯੋਗ ਡਾਇਰੈਕਟਰ ਬਿਊਰੋ ਆਫ ਇੰਨਵੈਸਟੀਗੇਸ਼ਨ, ਪੰਜਾਬ, ਚੰਡੀਗੜ੍ਹ ਜੀ ਦੀ ਸੇਵਾ ਵਿਚ ਵਾਪਸ ਭੇਜੀ ਜਾ ਚੁੱਕੀ ਹੈ।

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### **Appeal Case No. 3529 of 2023**

3. In light of the submissions made by the respondent, a copy of this order is **being sent** to Sh. Harpal Singh, Deputy Commissioner of Police, Ludhiana to look into this matter and file the reply with the supporting documents to take the matter to its logical end. He is further directed to remain present, in person, on the next date of hearing. Also, the written submissions made by the appellant are **being sent** to him along with this order.

4. To come up on **28.05.2026 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

**Dated: 23.04.2026**

**(Inderpal Singh)**  
**Chief Information Commissioner,**  
**Punjab**

**CC:**

**Sh. Harpal Singh**  
Deputy Commissioner of Police  
Ludhiana

Encl.

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## Sh. Tejinder Singh

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M: 9855546556

...Appellant

V/s

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o Police Commissioner,  
Ludhiana

**First Appellate Authority,**  
O/o Deputy Commissioner,  
Ludhiana

....Respondents

### Appeal Case No. 3201 of 2023

**Present:** Sh. Tejinder Singh, the appellant.  
Ms. Kamaldeep Kaur, Clerk (8968456769)  
ASI, Sh. Tarsem Singh (9463202689) on behalf of the respondent.

### ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 18.12.2025 vide which the case was fixed for hearing on 28.01.2026 but was not heard due to administrative reasons. Accordingly, a notice of hearing was issued to the parties for hearing today i.e. 23.04.2026

2. The respondent handed over sought information comprising 09 pages to the appellant during the course of hearing.

3. After having detailed deliberations with the parties concerned, an order in this case is '**Reserved**', which will be pronounced later on. Both the parties are at liberty to make their final submissions, if any, within 30 days, from the issue of this order.

**Dated: 23.04.2026**

**(Inderpal Singh)**  
**Chief Information Commissioner,**  
**Punjab.**

**CC:**

**Deputy Commissioner (By Name)**  
Ludhiana

**Commissioner of Police (By Name)**  
Ludhiana

**Superintendent Engineer,**  
Punjab Pollution Control Board,  
Ludhiana

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## Sh. Sukhwinder Singh

S/o Sh. Jagraj Singh  
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Tehsil Zira, Distt Ferozepur  
M: 8264556112

...Appellant

V/s

## Public Information Officer,

O/o Senior Superintendent of Police,  
Ferozepur

## First Appellate Authority,

O/o Deputy Inspector General of Police,  
Ferozepur Range,  
Ferozepur

....Respondents

### Appeal Case No. 6223 of 2024

**Present:** Sh. Sukhwinder Singh, the appellant.  
ASI, Sh. Sukhdev Singh (9463111108) on behalf of the respondent.

### ORDER

The RTI application is dated 21.06.2024 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 17.08.2024 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 14.10.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Thereafter, this case was fixed for hearing number of times but not heard due to administrative reasons. Accordingly, a notice of hearing was issues to the parties for hearing for today i.e. 23.04.2026.

2. The appellant submits that he has received the information but the statements of Sh. Pragat Singh, Sh. Baldev Singh and Sh. Gurbachan Singh has not supplied as was recorded. However, the respondent claimed that whatever information is available on record has already been supplied but the appellant assured that the statements of these three people were recorded and may be available in the official record.

3. Accordingly, this fact about the missing statements as has been claimed by the appellant is brought to the notice of the Senior Superintendent of Police, Ferozepur and he is also directed to send the concerned Deputy Superintendent of Police on the next date of hearing along with the original record pertaining to the deficiencies pointed out by the appellant regarding the statements given by three person namely, Sh. Pragat Singh, Sh. Baldev Singh and Sh. Gurbachan Singh.

The Deputy Superintendent of Police is further directed that in case, the said statements are not available then an affidavit, duly sworn be filed on/or before the next date of hearing.

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**Appeal Case No. 6223 of 2024**

4. To come up on **28.05.2026 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

**Dated: 23.04.2026**

**(Inderpal Singh)  
Chief Information Commissioner,  
Punjab**

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**Sh. Nirmaljot Singh**

S/o Sh. Kirpal Singh

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Distt Fatehgarh Sahib

M: 9814600162

**RTI Application No.139978**

...Appellant

V/s

**Public Information Officer,**

**O/o** Senior Superintendent of Police,

Shri Fatehgarh Sahib

**First Appellate Authority,**

**O/o** Deputy Inspector General of Police,

Roopnagar Range, Roopnagar

....Respondents

## **Appeal Case No. 6102 of 2024**

**Present:** None on behalf of the appellant.

Sh. Anil Kumar, Senior Assistant (9530921290)

Sh. Budh Singh, SI (9872262035) on behalf of the respondent.

### **ORDER**

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 11.12.2025 vide which the case was fixed for hearing on 28.01.2026 but was not heard due to administrative reasons. Accordingly, a notice of hearing was issued to the parties for hearing today i.e. 23.04.2026.

2. The respondent reiterated the submissions already submitted by the respondent, which is taken on record. However, the appellant is absent without intimation. It is also a fact that a notice of hearing was sent to him through registered post but even though he is absent.

3. After having detailed deliberations with the respondent, an order in this case is '**Reserved**', which will be pronounced later on. Both the parties are at liberty to make their final submissions, if any, within 30 days, from the issue of this order.

**Dated: 23.04.2026**

**(Inderpal Singh)**  
**Chief Information Commissioner,**  
**Punjab.**

**CC:**

**Station House Officer,**

Police Station, Amlloh,

Fatehgarh Sahib

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## Sh. Lal Chand Bansal

S/o Sh. Hukam Chand Bansal,  
#2795 WARD No. 16,  
Guga Mari Colony,  
Kharar

...Complainant

V/s

**Estate Officer-Cum-  
Public Information Officer,**  
O/o Chief Administrator,  
PUDA, Mohali

....Respondents

### **Complaint Case No. 245 of 2025**

**Present:** Sh. Lal Chand Bansal, the complainant  
None on behalf of the respondent.

### **ORDER**

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 02.04.2026 and the relevant portion of the same is as follows:

- "2. *The RTI application is dated 17.07.2025 vide which the complainant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application and complaint was filed in the Commission on 03.09.2025 under Section 18 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Thereafter, the complainant filed a CWP No. 338 of 2026 before the Hon'ble Punjab and Haryana High Court and the Hon'ble High Court passed the following order:*

1. Through the instant writ petition, the petitioner seeks issuance of direction to the respondent No.1 to register the complaint dated 30.08.2025 (Annexure P-2), filed under Section 18 of the Right to Information Act, 2005, and to expedite the proceedings thereon.
2. Learned State counsel, who is in receipt of advance notice, submits that he has no objection to a direction being issued to the respondent No.1 to take prompt action on the petitioner's complaint (Annexure P-2).
3. In view of the above, this Court deems it appropriate to dispose of the instant writ petition at this stage with a direction to the respondent No.1 to endeavor to decide the petitioner's complaint (Annexure P-2) expeditiously.
4. **Disposed of accordingly.**

*Accordingly, a notice of hearing was issued to the parties for hearing for today i.e. 02.04.2026.*

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## Complaint Case No. 245 of 2025

3. *The complainant sought the following information:*

ਨਿਮਰਤਾ ਸਹਿਤ ਬੇਨਤੀ ਇਹ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਮੈਨੂੰ ਪੁਡਾ ਦਫਤਰ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਜਾਰੀ ਨੋਟੀਫਿਕੇਸ਼ਨ ਨੰਬਰ PUDA/CA/2013/1713-16 ਮਿਤੀ 27-02-2013 ਦੀ ਤਸਦੀਕਸ਼ੁਦਾ ਕਾਪੀ ਦੀ RTI Act 2005 ਅਧੀਨ ਜ਼ਰੂਰਤ ਹੈ।

2. *The complainant is present but the respondent PIO is absent without intimation. It is also a fact that a notice of hearing was sent to him through registered post but even though he is absent.*
3. *Viewing the attitude in dealing with the RTI application by the respondent casually, **Public Information Officer-cum-Estate Officer, O/o Chief Administrator, PUDA, Mohali, is, thus, issued a show cause notice** to explain in a self-attested affidavit as to why a penalty @ Rs.250/- per day of delay subject to a maximum of Rs.25000/- till the complete information is furnished, be not imposed under Section 20(1) of RTI Act, 2005 on him for causing willful delay/denial of the information to the RTI applicant and to show cause why a compensation under section 19(8) of the RTI Act,2005, may not be paid to the appellant for causing willful delay/denial of the information for detriment suffered by him.*

*In addition to the written reply, the Public Information Officer is also given an opportunity under Section 20(1) proviso thereto, for a personal hearing before the imposition of such penalty on the next date of hearing. He may take a note that in case he does not file his written reply and does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the next date, it will be presumed that he has nothing to say and the Commission will proceed ex-parte.*

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### Complaint Case No. 245 of 2025

4. Also, a copy of this order is **being sent** to the Chief Administrator, PUDA, Mohali to ensure the presence of the concerned Public Information Officer on the next date of hearing. It is also clarified that in case of defiance of this order, the presence of the concerned Executive Officer, PUDA will be procured by issuing **BAILABLE WARRANTS** and/or disciplinary action may be recommended in this case to the competent authority.

#### Today's hearing i.e. 23.04.2026:

2. The complainant filed the complaint case in which no directions can be given to the pa to supply the information as per the judgment passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in its order rendered on 12.12.2011 in Civil Appeal Nos. 10787 10788 of 2011 (arising out of SLP No.32768- 32769/2010).
3. The respondent was given an opportunity to file the reply and also a show cause notice was issued to the PIO but neither he is present nor any submissions have been received. It is pertinent to mention that complaint demanded a copy of notification number PUDA/CA/2013/1713-16 dated 27.02.2013.
4. In the interest of natural justice, he is given **an opportunity** to explain why penalty amounting to Rs. 25,000/- may not be imposed upon him on next date of hearing and/or the disciplinary action may not be recommended against him.
5. The respondent PIO is further directed to file the written reply along with the day to day action taken on the RTI application along with the documentary evidence, failing which, the decision will be taken on merit, ex-parte.
6. Also, a copy of this order is **being sent** to the Chief Administrator, PUDA, Mohali to ensure the presence of the concerned Public Information Officer on the next date of hearing. It is also clarified that in case of defiance of this order, the presence of the concerned Executive Officer, PUDA will be procured by issuing **BAILABLE WARRANTS** and/or disciplinary action may be recommended in this case to the competent authority.
7. To come up on **28.05.2026 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

Dated: 23.04.2026

(Inderpal Singh)  
Chief Information Commissioner,  
Punjab.

CC:

Sh. Parminder Singh Gill, IAS  
Chief Administrator,  
PUDA, Mohali

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**Sh. Bharat Bhushan,**

S/o Sh. Raj Kumar,  
H No. 30, Gali No.2,  
Ward No. 30, Indra Colony,  
Tehsil & Distt Pathankot  
M: 8360294870

...Appellant

V/s

**Public Information Officer,**

O/o Excise Officer,  
Pathankot

**First Appellate Authority,**

O/o Deputy Excise & Taxation Commissioner  
(DETC), Jalandhar

....Respondents

**Appeal Case No. 6869 of 2024**  
**Heard through Video Conference**

**Present:** Sh. Bharat Bhushan, the appellant at PSIC, Chandigarh.  
Sh. Lakhwinder Singh,  
Sh. Ravinder Gupta, excise Officer  
Sh. Anil Kumar, Excise Officer through VC on behalf of the respondent.

**ORDER**

The RTI application is dated 29.07.2024 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 28.09.2024 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 18.11.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Thereafter this case was fixed for hearing on 28.01.2026 but was postponed due to administrative reasons and fixed for hearing today i.e. 23.04.2026

2. The appellant submits that there are deficiencies in the supplied information. Accordingly, he is directed to point out specific deficiency, in writing, to the respondent PIO with a copy to the Commission within 30 days from issue of this order. The respondent PIO is also directed to remove the deficiency, if any, pointed out by the appellant as per the queries raised in RTI application within 15 days after receipt the deficiency letter from the appellant.

3. To come up on **08.07.2026 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

**Dated: 23.04.2026**

**(Inderpal Singh)**  
**Chief Information Commissioner,**  
**Punjab.**

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S/o Sh. Raj Kumar,  
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Tehsil & Distt Pathankot  
M: 8360294870

...Appellant

V/s

**Public Information Officer,**

O/o Excise Officer,  
Pathankot

**First Appellate Authority,**

O/o Deputy Excise & Taxation Commissioner  
(DETC), Jalandhar

....Respondents

**Appeal Case No. 6870 of 2024**  
**Heard through Video Conference**

**Present:** Sh. Bharat Bhushan, the appellant at PSIC, Chandigarh.  
Sh. Lakhwinder Singh,  
Sh. Ravinder Gupta, excise Officer  
Sh. Anil Kumar, Excise Officer through VC on behalf of the respondent.

**ORDER**

The RTI application is dated 29.07.2024 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 28.09.2024 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 18.11.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Thereafter, this case was fixed for hearing on 28.01.2026 but was postponed due to administrative reasons and fixed for hearing today i.e. 23.04.2026

2. The appellant submits that there are deficiencies in the supplied information. Accordingly, he is directed to point out specific deficiency, in writing to the respondent PIO with a copy to the Commission within 30 days from issue of this order. The respondent PIO is also directed to remove the deficiency, if any, pointed out by the appellant as per the queries raised in RTI application within 15 days after receipt the deficiency letter from the appellant.

3. To come up on **08.07.2026 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

**Dated: 23.04.2026**

**(Inderpal Singh)**  
**Chief Information Commissioner,**  
**Punjab**

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## Sh. Manjit Singh

S/o Sh. Gurcharan Singh,  
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Tehsil Chamkaur Sahib,  
Distt Roopnagar  
M: 8427498620

...Appellant

V/s

## Public Information Officer,

O/o Principal Secretary  
To Government of Punjab,  
Department of Transport,  
PB, Mini Sect., Sector-9,  
Chandigarh

## First Appellate Authority,

O/o Principal Secretary  
To Government of Punjab,  
Department of Transport,  
PB, Mini Sect., Sector-9,  
Chandigarh

....Respondents

### Appeal Case No. 5897 of 2024

**Present:** None on behalf of the appellant.

Sh. Arshdeep Singh, Store attendant (9872352546)

Sh. Ikjot Dhawan, EO-CUM-PIO (773977758) on behalf of the respondent.

### ORDER

The RTI application is dated 02.05.2024 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 03.07.2024 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 23.09.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Thereafter, this case was fixed for hearing on 24.12.2025 but was postponed due to administrative reasons and fixed for hearing today i.e. 23.04.2026

2. The appellant is absent but has requested for an adjournment telephonically. However, the respondent PIO submitted that he has not received any assistance with regard to the sought information pertaining to Point No. 1 to 5 from the last one year.

3. Keeping in view the submissions made by the respondent, a copy of this order is **being sent** to the Administrative Officer, Sh. Rajeev Dutta, to ensure the presence of the concerned Superintendent on the next date of hearing to take the matter to its logical end.

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**Appeal Case No. 5897 of 2024**

4. To come up on **22.07.2026 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

**Dated: 23.04.2026**

**(Inderpal Singh)  
Chief Information Commissioner,  
Punjab**

CC:

**Sh. Rajeev Dutta**  
Administrative Officer,  
O/o Director State Transport  
Sector-17, Chandigarh

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## Sh. Manjit Singh

S/o Sh. Gurcharan Singh,  
Village Maanemajra,  
Tehsil Chamkaur Sahib,  
Distt Roopnagar  
M: 8427498620

...Appellant

V/s

## Sh. Manmohan Singh, Superintendent- -cum-Public Information Officer,

O/o Principal Secretary  
To Government of Punjab,  
Department of Transport,  
(Transport-1 Branch)  
PB, Mini Sect., Sector-9,  
Chandigarh

## First Appellate Authority,

O/o Principal Secretary  
To Government of Punjab,  
Department of Transport,  
PB, Mini Sect., Sector-9,  
Chandigarh

....Respondents

### Appeal Case No. 5896 of 2024

**Present:** None on behalf of the appellant.

Sh. Arshdeep Singh, Store attendant (9872352546)

Sh. Ikjot Dhawan, EO-CUM-PIO (773977758) on behalf of the respondent.

### ORDER

The RTI application is dated 08.05.2024 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 12.04.2024 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 06.11.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Thereafter, this case was fixed for hearing on 24.12.2025 but was postponed due to administrative reasons and fixed for hearing today i.e. 23.04.2026.

2. The appellant is absent but he has requested for an adjournment telephonically. Accordingly, the request is accepted. Also, no written response has been received from the respondent. In the interest on natural justice, **one opportunity** is given to the respondent PIO to file the written reply pertaining to the RTI application well before the next date of hearing.

3. To come up on **22.07.2026 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

**Dated: 23.04.2026**

**(Inderpal Singh)**  
**Chief Information Commissioner,**  
**Punjab**

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## Sh. Sunil

S/o Sh. Krishna Lal,  
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Penta Homes, Zirakpur,  
Distt SAS Nagar  
M: 9569806826

...Appellant

V/s

## Public Information Officer-

O/o Maharaja Ranjit Singh,  
Punjab Technical University,  
Bathinda

## First Appellate Authority,

O/o Maharaja Ranjit Singh,  
Punjab Technical University,  
Bathinda

....Respondents

### Appeal Case No. 1539 of 2024

**Present:** Sh. Sunil, the appellant.  
Sh. Arshinder Singh, APIO (9417940065)  
Dr. Gurinder Pal Singh Brar, Registrar (9815046562) on behalf of the respondent.

## ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 26.11.2025, thereafter the case was fixed for hearing number of times but not heard due to administrative reasons. Accordingly, a notice of hearing was issued to the parties for hearing for today i.e. 23.04.2026.

2. The appellant submits that in accordance with the Punjab RTI Rules no fee should be charged in case the postal charges are less than Rs. 50/-. The relevant portion of the said Rules are as follows:

4. **Fees for providing information.**-Fee for providing information under sub-section (4) of section 4 and sub-sections (1) and (5) of section 7 of the Act shall be charged at the following rates, namely:-
  - (a) rupees two for each page in A-3 or smaller size paper;
  - (b) actual cost or price of a photocopy in large size paper;
  - (c) actual cost or price for samples or models;
  - (d) rupees fifty per diskette or floppy;
  - (e) price fixed for a publication or rupees two per page of photocopy for extracts from the publication;
  - (f) no fee for inspection of records for the first hour of inspection and a fee of rupees five for each subsequent hour or fraction thereof; and
  - (g) postal charge involved in supply of information that exceeds fifty rupees.

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### Appeal Case No. 1539 of 2024

3. In accordance with the Rules, mentioned herein, the appellant requested that the direction may be issued to the respondent PIO to refund Rs. 48/- collected under the name of postal charges. Accordingly, the respondent PIO is directed to re-consider the matter and file the written submissions for the consideration of the same else refund Rs. 48/- to the appellant.

4. So far as the information is concerned, the appellant submits that he has already pointed out the deficiencies but the department has not removed the same. In the interest of natural justice, he is given **an opportunity** to send the deficiency, in writing, to the respondent PIO with a copy to the Commission within 30 days from the issue of this order. 5

The respondent PIO is also directed to remove the deficiency, if any, pointed out by the appellant within 15 days after receipt the same from the appellant.

5. To come up on **05.08.2026 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

**Dated: 23.04.2026**

**(Inderpal Singh)**  
**Chief Information Commissioner,**  
**Punjab.**

**CC:**

**Administrative Secretary (By name)**  
To Govt. of Punjab,  
Department of Technical Education,  
Punjab Civil Secretariat-2,  
Chandigarh

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...Appellant

V/s

## Ms. Neeru- Superintendent - -cum-Public Information Officer-

O/o Secretary  
Punjab School Education Board,  
Vidya Bhawan, PSEB Complex,  
Sector-62, SAS Nagar, Mohali

## First Appellate Authority,

O/o Secretary  
Punjab School Education Board,  
Vidya Bhawan, PSEB Complex,  
Sector-62, SAS Nagar, Mohali

....Respondents

### Appeal Case No. 1748 of 2024

**Present:** Sh. Sunil, the appellant.  
None on behalf of the respondent.

### ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 26.11.2026, thereafter, this case was fixed for hearing twice but not heard due to administrative reasons. Accordingly, a notice of hearing was issues to the parties for hearing for today i.e. 23.04.2026.

2. The appellant submits that the directions may be issued to the respondent PIO to supply the complete sought information. However, the respondent PIO is absent without intimation. It is also a fact that a notice of hearing was sent to her through registered post but even though she is absent.

3. After having detailed deliberations with the appellant and perusal of the case file shows that the appellant filed RTI application on 08.09.2023 and opportunities have been given but in-spite of that he is struggling to get the information. The Right to Information Act, 2005 came into existence to promote transparency and accountability in the working of every public authority.

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### Appeal Case No. 1748 of 2024

4. Viewing the attitude in dealing with the RTI application by the respondent casually, **Ms. Neeru, Superintendent-cum-Public Information Officer-cum, O/o Secretary, Punjab School Education Board, PSEB Complex, Sector-62, SAS Nagar, Mohali, is, thus, issued a show cause notice** to explain in a self-attested affidavit as to why a penalty @ Rs.250/- per day of delay subject to a maximum of Rs.25000/- till the complete information is furnished, be not imposed under Section 20(1) of RTI Act, 2005 on her for causing willful delay/denial of the information to the RTI applicant and to show cause why a compensation under section 19(8) of the RTI Act,2005, may not be paid to the appellant for causing willful delay/denial of the information for detriment suffered by her.

In addition to the written reply, the Public Information Officer is also given an opportunity under Section 20(1) proviso thereto, for a personal hearing before the imposition of such penalty on the next date of hearing. She may take a note that in case she does not file her written reply and does not avail herself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the next date, it will be presumed that she has nothing to say and the Commission will proceed ex-parte.

5. She is also directed to submit the day to day action taken on the RTI application till today i.e. 23.04.2026.

6. It is also appropriate to mention the judgment passed by the Hon'ble Madras High Court in W.P.No.17677 of 2010 and M.P.No.1 of 2010 and the relevant portion of the same is reproduced below:

*“10. ....Such Officers must 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.”*

7. It is also clarified that in case of defiance of this order, the presence of the concerned Superintendent-cum-Public Information Officer will be procured by issuing **BAILABLE WARRANTS** and/or disciplinary action may be recommended in this case to the competent authority.

8. To come up on **12.05.2026 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

Dated: 23.04.2026

(Inderpal Singh)  
Chief Information Commissioner,  
Punjab

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## Ms. Manpreet Kaur

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...Appellant

V/s

## Public Information Officer,

O/o Principal Secretary,  
Home Affairs & Justice, Punjab,  
Punjab Civil Secretariat-1,  
Sector-1, Chandigarh

## Superintendent –

-cum-Public Information Officer,  
O/o Home Affairs & Justice, Punjab,  
(Press-1 Branch),  
Punjab Civil Secretariat-1,  
Sector-1, Chandigarh

Encl. RTI application

## First Appellate Authority,

O/o Principal Secretary,  
Home Affairs & Justice, Punjab,  
Punjab Civil Secretariat-1,  
Sector-1, Chandigarh

....Respondents

## Appeal Case No. 2834 of 2026

**Present:** Ms. Manpreet Kaur, the appellant along with Sh. Iqbal Singh Rasulpur.  
Sh. Ashok Dogra, Superintendent (9417552151)  
Sh. Paramvir Singh, Senior Assistant (9888028031) on behalf of the respondent.

## ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 15.04.2026.

2. The appellant requested for the information. It is also appropriate to mention that the appellant sent the written submissions through email on 16.04.2026 that she has received the notice of hearing on 15.04.2026 evening so she was not present on the last hearing i.e. 15.04.2026 but the track record vide which a notice of hearing was served to the appellant has been retrieved and the relevant report of the same is as follows:

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## Appeal Case No. 2834 of 2026

### Consignment/MO Tracking Report

Consignment/MO Number: EP842356483IN

Article Number:

EP842356483IN

Article Type:

SP\_INLAND\_DOC

Booked At:

Chandigarh BNPL SP Hub

Booked On:

10/04/2026, 16:58:36

Destination:

Jagraon HO

Origin Pincode:

160017

Delivered On:

13/04/2026, 17:48:53

Destination Pincode:

142026

Event	Date	Time	Office	Remarks
Item Booked	10/04/2026	16:58:36	Chandigarh BNPL SP Hub	-
Item bagged	10/04/2026	21:40:55	Chandigarh BNPL SP Hub	-
Item Dispatched	10/04/2026	21:51:38	Chandigarh BNPL SP Hub	-
Item Dispatched	11/04/2026	06:09:33	Chandigarh TMO	-
Item bagged	11/04/2026	23:02:28	Chandigarh TMO	-
Item bagged	12/04/2026	00:56:28	Chandigarh TMO	-
Item Received	12/04/2026	00:56:28	Ludhiana NSH	-
Item Dispatched	12/04/2026	06:11:05	Ludhiana NSH	-
Item received at Destination	13/04/2026	09:14:37	Jagraon HO	-
Taken out for delivery	13/04/2026	10:37:23	Jagraon HO	-
Item Delivered(Addressee)	13/04/2026	17:48:53	Jagraon HO	Delivered

3. Keeping in view the above, it is evident that a notice of hearing was received by the appellant on 13.04.2026 but according to the email received on 16.04.2026 that she has received the said letter on 15.04.2026 evening, is not sustainable in the eyes of Law.

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### **Appeal Case No. 2834 of 2026**

4. Therefore, she is directed to clarify and remain present, in person, along with envelope vide which the said notice was received failing which, it will be presumed that she nothing to say in this regard and the decision will be taken as per the procedure established by Law.

5. The respondent submits that the information relates with the Press-1 Branch and also he has submitted that the said office be impleaded as a necessary party in this case. Accordingly, the Superintendent, Home Affairs Department (Press-1 Branch), Punjab Civil Secretariat-1, Chandigarh is impleaded as impleaded as a necessary party to file the written reply with regard to the RTI application. Therefore, a copy of RTI application is **being sent** to him along with this order.

6. To come up on **06.05.2026 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

**Dated: 23.04.2026**

**(Inderpal Singh)**  
**Chief Information Commissioner,**  
**Punjab**

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## Sh. Malkiat Singh

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...Appellant

V/s

**Public Information Officer,**  
**O/o** Sub Divisional Magistrate,  
Hoshiarpur

**First Appellate Authority,**  
**O/o** Deputy Commissioner,  
Hoshiarpur

....Respondents

### **Appeal Case No. 6346 of 2024**

**Present:** None on behalf of the appellant.  
None on behalf of the respondent.

### **ORDER**

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 01.04.2026

2. None is present on behalf of the parties concerned. After going through the RTI application, **last opportunity** is given to them to remain present on the next date of hearing for deliberations, failing which, the decision will be taken as per the procedure established by Law.

3. To come up on **22.07.2026 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

**Dated: 23.04.2026**

**(Inderpal Singh)**  
**Chief Information Commissioner,**  
**Punjab.**