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Sh. Harbhagat Singh Grewal,
S/o Sardar Jasbir Singh Grewal,
R/o House No. 151 m Block J,
Sarabha Nagar, Ludhiana - 141001

..... Appellant

.Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o Civil Surgeon, Ludhiana

First Appellate Authority
O/o Civil Surgeon, Ludhiana

.....Respondent

AC No. 2140 of 2023

Present :- (i) Sh. Harbhagat Singh Grewal, appellant
(ii) For the respondent – Sh Chandan, Clerk

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 17.12.2025 vide which the respondent was not present and hence, a bailable warrant was issued to the Respondent-PIO.

2. The appellant states that he has neither received the complete information pertaining to point no's 2, 3 and 4 nor the amount of compensation.

3. Sh Chandan, Clerk is appearing on behalf of the respondent today. He assures the bench that the information will positively be provided to the appellant on Monday i.e 02.03.26.

4. In view of the above, an opportunity is given to the respondent to provide the information to the appellant, under intimation to the Commission office. Both the parties are directed to appear, in person, on the next date of hearing for deliberations, failing which the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte. To come up on **12.05.2026 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Date :25.02.2026



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Sh Tejinder Singh, (M-9041004313)
Civil Courts, Tehsil Complex,
Backside Sanjh Kendra,
Phillaur-144410

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o SDM, Sri Mukatsar Sahib

First Appellate Authority
O/o SDM, Sri Mukatsar Sahib

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 213 OF 2024

Present :- (i) None for the appellant
(ii) For the respondent- Sh Neeraj Kumar, Jr Asstt. (81461-00028)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 03.12.2025 vide which the copy of reply, as filed by the respondent was sent to the appellant along with direction to file his rejoinder.

2. The appellant is not present today. However, he has sent an e-mail through which he has sought an exemption from today's hearing. Copy of the same is taken on record.
3. The respondent states that, as directed, the appellant has not filed any rejoinder.
4. Hence considering the request of the appellant, an opportunity is given to him to file his rejoinder, before the next date of hearing. Both the parties are directed to appear, in person, on the next date of hearing for deliberations, failing which the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte. To come up on **25.06.2026 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date :25.02.2026

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Sh. Manjinder Singh, # 2469, Sunny Enclave
Sector 125, Kharar, Distt. Mohali -140301

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Secretary Regional Transport Authority,
Patiala

First Appellate Authority
O/o Secretary Regional Transport Authority,
Patiala

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 5037 OF 2023

Present :- (i) Sh. Manjinder Singh, appellant
(ii) For the respondent- Sh Sher Singh, Sr Asstt. (98760-24728)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 29.10.2025 vide which the respondent had sought some time to provide the information.

2. The appellant states that no information has been provided to him.

3. The respondent states that the information is lying with Sh Charanjit Singh, Clerk, O/o RTO, Patiala, who is the concerned dealing clerk. He adds that various reminders have been sent to him but he is not parting with the information.

4. After hearing the appellant and going through the case file, it is observed that the appellant filed RTI on 06.03.2023, but after lapse of almost two years, no information has been given to him, which shows that the respondent has no regard for the orders issued by the Commission. This is indeed a serious matter

5. The Commission observed that there is complete negligence and laxity in the public authority in dealing with the RTI application. It is abundantly clear that such matters are being ignored which reflects disrespect towards that RTI act 2005 itself. The Commission expressed its displeasure on the casual and callous approach adopted by the Respondent in responding to the RTI application. It is felt that conduct of Respondent is against the spirit of the RTI Act 2005, which has been enacted to ensure greater transparency and effective access to the information. Such kind of behavior of a Government servant needs to be



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condemned and such employees need to be taught a good lesson so that rest of the employees have a right kind of message to wake up and perform their duties under the RTI Act for ensuring complete transparency and due accountability in the governance affairs of the public authorities.

6. Looking at the lackadaisical attitude of the respondents, the Commission deem it appropriate to issue show cause notice under section 20 (1) of the RTI Act , 2005, to **PIO , O/o Secretary Regional Transport Authority, Patiala**, as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay / denial in providing the information to the RTI applicant. He is directed to file reply to the show cause notice in writing before the next date of hearing.

In addition to his submission, the PIO is also hereby 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 note that in case he does not file his submission and does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the next 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.

7. A copy of this order is also sent to **Ms Poonamdeep Kaur, RTO, Patiala** to look into the matter and ensure that information be provided to the appellant before the next date of hearing.

8. Both the parties are directed to appear, in person, on the next date of hearing for deliberations, failing which the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte. To come up on **25.06.2026 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Date :25.02.2026

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CC: Ms Poonamdeep Kaur, RTO, Patiala (for compliance) (through registered post)

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Sh.Karnail Singh, Ex Beldar,
S/o Sh. Maghar Singh
R/o Village Surtapur,
Tehsil and Distt.Ropar

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o XEN, Water Management Investigation Division
Ropar
First Appellate Authority
O/o Chief Engineer,
Drainage and Mining, Sector 18 Chandigarh

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO.576 OF 2025

APPEAL CASE NO.577 OF 2025

ALONGWITH

APPEAL CASE NO.578 OF 2025

Present :- (i) Sh.Karnail Singh, appellant along with Sh Mukhtiar Singh
(ii) For the respondent- Sh Nishant Garg, SDO (98889-96609) and
Sh Harinder Singh, Sr Asstt. (98883-24798)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 27.11.2025 vide which a penalty amounting to Rs 25,000/- was imposed on Sh Amrinder Singh, XEN, Drainage and Mining division, Ropar.

2. The appellant has sought an adjournment today.

3. The respondent states that the information has been provided to the appellant. The respondent has also filed copy of the same along with their point-wise specific reply vide Commission dairy no.4117 dated 24.02.2026. Further, the respondent has also filed application of Sh Amrinder Singh, XEN for recalling of the penalty orders dated 27.11.2025.

4. In view of the above, considering the request of the appellant, an opportunity is given to both the parties to be present on the next date of hearing and state their case. To come up on **25.06.2026 at 11:30AM** in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

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Sh. Manjinder Singh, # 2469, Sunny Enclave
Sector 125, Kharar, Distt. Mohali -140301

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Secretary Regional Transport Authority,
Bathinda
2. Public Information Officer,
O/o Secretary Regional Transport Authority,
Mansa
First Appellate Authority
O/o Secretary Regional Transport Authority,
Bathinda

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 5039 OF 2023

Present :- (i) Sh. Manjinder Singh, appellant
(ii) For the respondent- PIO- Sh Gurtej Singh, ATO (99156-16771)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 29.10.2025 vide which the appellant was not satisfied with the reply of the respondent. Hence, the respondent was directed to file his reply on affidavit, duly attested.

2. The appellant states that the information has not been provided to him.

3. The respondent states that the information sought by the appellant is lying with PIO O/o Secy, RTA, Mansa. Hence, they have forwarded the RTI of the appellant to them. The respondent has also filed his reply regarding the same, which is taken on record.

4. In view of the above, PIO O/o Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Mansa is impleaded as a necessary party in this case. Further, he is directed to be present on the next date of hearing along with the complete information and specific reply, pertaining to the RTI of the appellant. *Copy of the RTI application is sent herewith.*

5. To come up on **25.06.2026 at 11:30AM** in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

Date :25.02.2026

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Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Secretary Regional Transport Authority,
Bathinda
First Appellate Authority
O/o Secretary Regional Transport Authority,
Bathinda

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 5038 OF 2023

Present :- (i) Sh. Manjinder Singh, appellant
(ii) For the respondent- PIO- Sh Gurtej Singh, ATO (99156-16771)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 29.10.2025 vide which the appellant was not satisfied with the reply of the respondent. Hence, the respondent was directed to file his reply on affidavit, duly attested.

2. The respondent states that he has brought the information to be provided to the appellant. Copy of the same is handed over to the appellant.

3. The appellant has gone through the same and states that he is not satisfied with it.

4. After hearing both the parties and perusing the document placed on record, it is ascertained that the information has not been provided to the appellant. Hence, the respondent is again given an opportunity to provide complete information to the appellant, as demanded through his RTI application and in case any information is not available in their official record, then Respondent to file his reply on affidavit duly signed by the PIO and notarized by the notary public.

5. Both the parties are directed to appear, in person, on the next date of hearing for deliberations, failing which the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte. To come up on **25.06.2026 at 11:30AM** in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

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Date :25.02.2026

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Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Civil Surgeon, Ludhiana

First Appellate Authority
O/o Civil Surgeon, Ludhiana

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 1484 of 2025

Present :- (i) Sh A.P.S Chibber, Advocate on behalf of the appellant
(ii) None for the respondent

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 17.12.2025 vide which the appellant was not present. However, she was given an opportunity to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information provided by the respondent.

2. Today Sh A.P.S Chibber, Advocate, is appearing on behalf of the appellant. He has filed his memo of appearance. Further, he has sought another date.

3. No one has appeared on behalf of the respondent.

4. The perusal of the case file shows that no one has appeared on behalf of the respondent today. However, the representative of the appellant has sought another date. Hence, again an opportunity is given to the appellant to point out deficiencies, in the information to the respondent, under intimation to the Commission office.

5. Both the parties are directed to appear, in person, on the next date of hearing for deliberations, failing which the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte. To come up on

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APPEAL CASE NO. 1484 of 2025

25.06.2026 at 11:30AM in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

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Note: Sh Chandan, Clerk appeared after the hearing was over. He was read out the above said order.

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(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Date :25.02.2026