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Sh.Gurpal Singh, S/oSh.Hardev Singh  
Village SakkaWalim Tehsil and Distt.  
Sri Mukatsar Sahib

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,  
O/o BDPO,SriMukatsar Sahib

First Appellate Authority  
O/oDDPO,SriMukatsar Sahib

Respondents

**APPEAL CASE NO. 657 of 2024**

Present :- None for the parties.

**ORDER**

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 30.04.2026 vide which the appellant was not present and the respondent brought the information pertaining to the year 2019 to 2023. Further he stated that the information prior to the year 2019 was not located .Hence Sh. Borh Singh, BDPO,Sri Mukatsar Sahib directed to come present.

2. Today neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. Appellant has not informed the Commission about his absence for today's hearing. Respondent has sent an email that he is unable to attend today's hearing as he is busy in Election duty.

3. The perusal of the case file shows that the appellant is absent for second consecutive hearing today in the commission. Respondent sought time.

4. Considering the request of the respondent , the above said appeal case is adjourned to **01.07.2026 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission. 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. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

Date :25.05.2026

**(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)**  
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Sh.Hakam singh, S/o Sh.Darsham Singh  
R/o Madhir ,Tehsil Gidderbaha, Sri Mukatsar Sahib

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,  
O/o SE, Ferozepur Canal Division,  
Water Resource Department, Ferozepur

First Appellate Authority  
O/o SE, Ferozepur Canal Division,  
Water Resource Department, Ferozepur

Respondents

**APPEAL CASE NO. 603 of 2024**

Present :- (i) Sh. Hakam Singh the appellant in the Commission  
(ii) For the respondent- None for the respondent

**ORDER**

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 30.04.2026 vide which the appellant was not present and the respondent was directed to send the information to the appellant through registered post. Further the appellant was asked to point out deficiencies if any.

2. Today the appellant states that incomplete information has been given to him so far. He further states that he has brought written deficiencies today in the Commission

3. Respondent is absent today. He has sent an email dated 22.05.2026 that the information has already been sent to the appellant.

4. Copy of the deficiencies, as submitted by the appellant today in the Commission be sent to the respondent with these directions to remove the same before the next date of hearing, failing which action under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act will be initiated. 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.

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**APPEAL CASE NO. 603 of 2024**

5. To come up on **14.07.2026 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission.  
Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

**(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)**  
**State Information Commissioner**  
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**Date :25.05.2026**

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Sh. Lajpat Rai Garg, Advocate,  
Chamber No 353A, District Court,  
Distt Bathinda. M : 9814230616

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,  
O/o Tehsildar, Rampura Phul,  
Distt Bathinda.

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o SDM, Rampura Phul,  
Distt Bathinda.

Respondents

**APPEAL CASE NO. 60 OF 2024**

Present: - None for the parties.

**ORDER**

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 22.01.2026 passed by the Commission.

2. Today neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. The appellant has sent a letter vide which he has requested for online hearing. Respondent has not informed the Commission about his absence for today's hearing.

3. Considering the request of the appellant the above said appeal case is adjourned to 06.08.2026 at 11.30 AM for further proceedings in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Bathinda through video conference facility. 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. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

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Sh.Sonu Kumar Kanojia,  
Chamber No.4, High Court,  
Chandigarh

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,  
O/o SHO, Police Station, Balongi  
Distt. SAS Nagar

First Appellate Authority  
O/o SSP, Mohali

Respondents

**APPEAL CASE NO. 143 OF 2024**

Present :- (i) Sh.Sonu Kumar Kanojia the appellant in the commission  
(ii) For the respondent- None for the respondent

**ORDER**

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 17.02.2026 passed by the Commission vide which the appellant was not present and the respondent brought the information .Further the respondent was directed to send the same to the appellant through registered post.

2. Today the appellant Sh. Sonu Kumar Kanojia states that incomplete information has been given to him so far.
3. Respondent is absent today. He has sent an email stating that he is unable to attend today's hearing as he is busy in Election duty. Hence he has sought another date.
4. Considering the request of the respondent the above said appeal case is adjourned to **01.07.2026 at 11.30 AM** in the Commission office for further proceedings. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

**(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)**  
**State Information Commissioner**  
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Sh. Harmesh Singh, S/o Sh. Chet Singh  
R/o Village Ahmed Dandi, Block Mamdot,  
Tehsil Guruharsahai, Distt. Ferozepur - 15202

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,  
O/o BDPO, Mamdot, Distt. Ferozepur

First Appellate Authority  
O/o DDPO, Ferozepur

Respondents

**APPEAL CASE NO. 4816 of 2025**

Present :- (i) None for the appellant  
(ii) For the respondent- Sh. Subhash Chander, Suptd. (9876129065)

**ORDER**

The RTI application is dated 28.02.2025 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 19.08.2025 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 25.05.2026 in the Commission.
3. The appellant is absent today. A letter has been received from the appellant that he is unable to attend today's hearing hence he has sought another date.
4. Respondent Sh. Subhash Chander, Suptd states that the information has been sent to the appellant.
5. This is the first date of hearing and the appellant is not present. As per the respondent Sh. Subhash Chander, Suptd, information has been sent to the appellant. Hence taking a lenient view one opportunity is given to the appellant to point out deficiencies, if any in the information provided. 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.

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**APPEAL CASE NO. 4816 of 2025**

6. To come up on **13.08.2026 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Ferozepur through video conference facility. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

**(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)**  
**State Information Commissioner**  
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Sh. Barinder Pal Singh Channa  
Chief Editor, PACE News, R/o Gali No.  
2, Mohalla Preet Nagar, Kapurthala

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,  
O/o DDPO, Kapurthala

First Appellate Authority  
O/o DDPO, Kapurthala

Respondents

**APPEAL CASE NO. 4834 of 2025**

Present :- (i) Sh. Barinder Pal Singh Channa the appellant *through CISCO webex*  
(ii) For the respondent- None for the respondent

**ORDER**

The RTI application is dated 12.05.2025 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 19.08.2025 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 25.05.2026 in the Commission.

3. The appellant Sh. Barinder Pal Singh states that he demanded information on six points and he has received partial information of point no. 6 only. No one has put in appearance on behalf of the respondents nor has any communication been received from them. In the interest of justice, Respondent PIO is afforded one more opportunity to provide the appellant point-wise complete specific information, duly attested, free of cost, by registered post, in accordance with his RTI application dated 12.05.2025 and present a photocopy of the relevant postal receipt along with a copy of the information provided, before the Commission on the next date fixed, for its perusal and records. Respondents to note that in case no one comes present on their behalf on the next date fixed, punitive provisions of the RTI Act, 2005 may be invoked against the erring officer(s).

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**APPEAL CASE NO. 4834 of 2025**

4. To come up on **01.07.2026 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission.  
Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

**(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)**  
**State Information Commissioner**  
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Sh. Harmandeep Singh Gurm,  
S/o Sh. Baljeet Singh, BXXXI-84,  
Main Road, Guru Arjandev Nagar,  
Tehsil and Distt. Ludhiana (East) - 141008

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,  
O/o Tehsildar, Ludhiana

First Appellate Authority  
O/o SDM, Ludhiana (East)

Respondents

**APPEAL CASE NO. 4836 of 2025**

Present :- None for the parties.

**ORDER**

The RTI application is dated 12.04.2025 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 19.08.2025 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 25.05.2026 in the Commission.
3. Today neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. The perusal of the case file shows that the notice of hearing sent to the respondent was received back from the postal authorities with remarks "*that there are more than one Tehsildar in Ludhiana.*" The appellant is absent today. He has not informed the Commission about his absence. Hence copy of the RTI is sent to the Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana to look into the matter and ensure the presence concerned Tehsildar, Ludhiana on the next date of hearing. 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

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**APPEAL CASE NO. 4836 of 2025**

4. To come up on **01.07.2026 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission.  
Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

**(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)**  
**State Information Commissioner**  
**Punjab**

**Date :25.05.2026**

CC: Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana

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Sh. Sarbjit Singh, S/o Sh. Jagir Singh  
House No. 298, Sector 15, Sai Kirpa  
Village Sarna, Distt. Pathankot - 145025

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,  
O/o XEN, Construction Division,  
Pathankot

First Appellate Authority  
O/o Chief Engineer PWD B&R,  
Patiala

Respondents

**APPEAL CASE NO. 4837 of 2025**

Present :- (i) Sh. Sarabjit Singh the appellant through CISCO webex  
(ii) For the respondent- None for the respondent

**ORDER**

The RTI application is dated 01.07.2025 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 19.08.2025 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 25.05.2026 in the Commission.
3. Sh. Sarabjit Singh stated that no response whatsoever has been received from the respondents till date. He has also sent his submissions through mail which is taken on record. No one has put in appearance on behalf of the respondents nor has any communication been received from them. In the interest of justice, Respondent PIO is afforded one more opportunity to provide the appellant point-wise complete specific information, duly attested, free of cost, by registered post, in accordance with his RTI application dated 01.07.2025 and present a photocopy of the relevant postal receipt along with a copy of the information provided, before the Commission on the next date fixed, for its perusal and records. Respondents to note that in case no one comes present on their

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**APPEAL CASE NO. 4837 of 2025**

behalf on the next date fixed, punitive provisions of the RTI Act, 2005 may be invoked against the erring officer(s).

4. To come up on **01.07.2026 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

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Sh. Kabal Singh, S/o Sh. Santokh  
Singh, Near Water Tank  
Village Lauhka, Tehsil Patti, Distt. Tarn Taran - 143415

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,  
O/o Director Health and Family Welfare  
Parivar Kalyan Bhawan, Sector 34A, Chandigarh

First Appellate Authority  
O/o Director Health and Family Welfare  
Parivar Kalyan Bhawan, Sector 34A, Chandigarh

Respondents

**APPEAL CASE NO. 4838 of 2025**

Present :- (i) None for the appellant  
(ii) For the respondent- Sh. Deepak Kumar, Junior Assistant (8728982434 *in the Commission*)

**ORDER**

The RTI application is dated 08.05.2025 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 19.08.2025 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 25.05.2026 in the Commission.
3. The appellant is absent today.
4. Respondent states that the information has already been sent to the appellant.
5. This is the first date of hearing and the appellant is not present hence taking a lenient view one last opportunity is given to the appellant to appear before the Commission. He is also directed to point out deficiencies in the information provided by the respondent. 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.

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**APPEAL CASE NO. 4838 of 2025**

6. To come up on **14.07.2026 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission.  
Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

**(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)**  
**State Information Commissioner**  
**Punjab**

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Sh. Kabal Singh, S/o Sh. Santokh Singh  
Near Water Tank, Village Laukha,  
Tehsil Patti, Distt. Tarn Taran-143415

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,  
O/o Civil Surgeon, Tarn Taran

First Appellate Authority  
O/o Civil Surgeon, Tarn Taran

Respondents

**APPEAL CASE NO. 4839 of 2025**

Present :- (i) None for the appellant  
(ii) For the respondent- Dr. Komaldeep Singh, Sandhu M.O. (7696093118), Sh. Gurbhej Singh, Dealing hand (9779276658) in the Commission office

**ORDER**

The RTI application is dated 30.05.2025 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 19.08.2025 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 25.05.2026 in the Commission

3. The appellant is absent today. He has sent an email dated 20.05.2026 stating that he is unable to attend today's hearing hence he has sought another date.

4. Respondent states that the information has already been sent to the appellant. He further states that he has also brought copy of information today in the Commission.

5. The same is taken on record. This is the first date of hearing and the appellant is not present hence taking a lenient view one last opportunity is given to the appellant to appear before the Commission. ***Copy of the information, as submitted, by the respondent today in the Commission be sent to the appellant alongwith these orders with these directions*** to point out deficiencies in the information provided by the respondent. 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.

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**APPEAL CASE NO. 4839 of 2025**

6. To come up on **14.07.2026 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission.  
Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

**(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)**  
**State Information Commissioner**  
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Sh. Yogesh Kalra, S/o Sh. Harbhagwan  
Kalra, # 722, Sector 49A, PSB Society  
Chandigarh -160082

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,  
O/o Deputy Registrar  
Cooperative Societies, SBS Nagar

First Appellate Authority  
O/o Deputy Registrar  
Cooperative Societies, SBS Nagar

Respondents

**APPEAL CASE NO. 4841 of 2025**

Present :- None for the parties.

**ORDER**

The RTI application is dated 28.05.2025 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 19.08.2025 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 25.05.2026 in the Commission

3. Today neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. They have even not informed the Commission about their absence for today's hearing. This is the first date of hearing and both the parties are not present. Taking a lenient view 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 **01.07.2026 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission.

Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

sd/-

**Date :25.05.2026**

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Sh. Harnek Singh, S/o Sh. Joginder Singh  
Village Gureh, Tehsil Jagraon,  
Distt.Ludhiana - 142023

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,  
O/o DC Ludhiana

First Appellate Authority  
O/o DC Ludhiana

Respondents

**APPEAL CASE NO. 4842 of 2025**

Present :- None for the parties

**ORDER**

The RTI application is dated 07.12.2024 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 19.08.2025 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 25.05.2026 in the Commission

3. Today neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. They have even not informed the Commission about their absence for today's hearing. This is the first date of hearing and both the parties are not present. Taking a lenient view 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 01.07.2026 at 11.30 AM for further proceedings in the Commission.  
Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Sh. Raj Malhotra, House No. 4774,  
St. No.2, Shivaji Nagar, Ludhiana  
(9417000602)

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,  
O/o Food Safety Officer,  
Civil Surgeon, Jalandhar

First Appellate Authority  
O/o Food Safety Officer,  
Civil Surgeon, Jalandhar

Respondents

**APPEAL CASE NO. 5621 OF 2025**

Present :- (i) Sh Raj Malhotra, Appellant  
(ii) For the respondent- ShMukul Gill, FSO (95920-58903)

**ORDER**

The RTI application is dated 08.07.2025 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 25.09.2025 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 25.05.2026 in the Commission.

3. The respondent states that the information has already been provided to the appellant.

4. The appellant states that the information provided to him is not complete and he is not satisfied with it.

5. After hearing both the parties and perusing the documents placed on record, it is ascertained that the appellant is not satisfied with the information provided. Hence, the appellant is given an opportunity to point out deficiencies, in the information provided, to the respondent before the next date of hearing with a copy to the Commission. On receipt of the deficiencies, the respondents are directed to remove the same 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.

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**APPEAL CASE NO. 5621 OF 2025**

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**(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)**  
**State Information Commissioner**  
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**Date :25.05.2026**

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Sh. Raj Malhotra, House No. 4774,  
St. No.2, Shivaji Nagar, Ludhiana  
(9417000602)

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,  
O/o Director Food and Drugs Laboratory  
Kharar, Distt. SASNagar

First Appellate Authority  
O/o Director Food and Drugs Laboratory  
Kharar, Distt. SASNagar

Respondents

**APPEAL CASE NO. 5442 OF 2025**

Present :- (i) Sh. Raj Malhotra, appellant  
(ii) For the respondent- PIO-ShPankajSareen, Scientific officer (98151-22769)

**ORDER**

The RTI application is dated 08.07.2025 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 18.09.2025 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 25.05.2026 in the Commission.
3. The appellant states that no information has been provided to him.
4. The respondent states that the information sought by the appellant is sent to the Food Safety officers of various districts.
5. After hearing both the parties and perusing the documents placed on record, it is ascertained that the appellant has sought information regarding reports of unsafe Samples drawn by Food Safety officers O/o DHO cum designated officer Food Safety of Ludhiana District from 2018 till date. The respondent states that the information is third party hence this information is sent to Food Safety officers only. Hence, in the interest of natural justice, the appellant is directed to establish the 'Larger Public Interest' in seeking the information.

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**APPEAL CASE NO. 5442 OF 2025**

Further, it has also been ascertained that the respondent has failed to file any reply today. Hence, the respondent is also given an opportunity to file their specific point wise reply, pertaining to the RTI of the appellant.

6. 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 **29.07.2026 at 11:30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

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Sh.Paramjeet Singh, S/o Sh.Sukhdev Singh  
R/o Village MauliBaidwan  
Tehsil and Distt. SAS Nagar -140308  
(M-9463836813)

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,  
O/o Labour commissioner, Punjab  
Mohali

First Appellate Authority  
O/o Labour commissioner, Punjab  
Mohali

Respondents

**APPEAL CASE NO. 648 of 2024**

Present :- (i) Sh. Paramjit Singh along with Sh. Sanjeev Kumar the appellant in the Commission  
(ii) For the respondent- Sh. Baljeet Singh, Clerk (7696572849) through CISCO webex

**ORDER**

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 30.04.2026 vide which the appellant was not present and the respondent stated that the information has been sent to the appellant.

2. Today the appellant states that no information has been given to him so far.
3. Respondent states that the registry sent to the appellant was returned back as "undelivered".
4. In view of the above, the Respondent is directed to bring complete information along with proper reply on the next date of hearing, failing which action under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act will be initiated. 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.

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**APPEAL CASE NO. 648 of 2024**

5. To come up on **21.07.2026 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission.  
Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

**(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)**  
**State Information Commissioner**  
**Punjab**

**Date :25.05.2026**

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ShSukhpalNahar,(M-9915494191)  
S/o ShJoginder Singh,  
Village Surkha, Tehsil-Bhulath,  
Distt- Kapurthala

..... Appellant

.Vs

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o BDPO, Nadala,  
DisttKapurthala  
**First Appellate Authority**  
O/o ADC(RD) Kapurthala

.....Respondent

**APPEAL CASE NO. 469 OF 2025**

Present :- (i)Sh. Sukhpal Nahar the appellant in the Commission  
(ii) For the respondent- Sh.Sukhdev Singh, Panchayat Secretary (6280325167) in  
the Commission

**ORDER**

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 28.04.2026 passed by the Commission vide which the respondent brought record pertaining to year 2019 to 2024. He stated that the record prior to year 2019 is not available .Hence Sh.Kulwinder Singh Randhawa BDPO,Nadala was directed to come present.

2. Today the respondent Sh.Sukhdev Singh, Panchayat Secretary states that he has brought complete information prior to year 2019 to deliver it to the appellant. The same is handed over to the appellant. Further the appellant has sought some time to go through the same.

3. Considering the request of the appellant the above said appeal case is adjourned on 21.07.2026 at 11.30 AM for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

**(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)**  
**State Information Commissioner**  
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**Date :25.05.2026**

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Sh.Sukhmanjeet Singh,  
S/o Sh. Jasmail Singh, Village  
Harnampura, Tehsil Ludhiana (west)-  
141122

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,  
O/o DC, Ludhiana

First Appellate Authority  
O/oDc,Ludhiana

Respondents

**APPEAL CASE NO. 4835 of 2025**

Present :- (i) Sh. Sukhmanjeet Singh the appellant through CISCO webex  
(ii) For the respondent- Sh. Sadhu Singh, Patwari (9814592966) in the  
Commission

**ORDER**

The RTI application is dated 23.04.2025 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 19.08.2025 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 25.05.2026 in the Commission.
3. The appellant states that no information has been given to him so far.
4. Sh. Sadhu Singh, Patwari is appearing on behalf of the respondent
5. After hearing both the parties and going through the case file, it is observed that the notice of hearing sent to the appellant was returned back as “undelivered”. However the appellant was informed on his mobile number i.e 9915006768 about the hearing. Today, both the parties mutually agreed that the applicant shall visit the office of respondent on 28.05.2026 at 9.00 AM, inspect the relevant records, identify the documents copies whereof are required by him; and the respondent shall provided copies thereof, according to his RTI application dated 23.04.2025, within a fortnight, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

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**APPEAL CASE NO. 4835 of 2025**

6. To come up on **21.07.2026 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the commission.  
Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

**Date :25.05.2026**

Sd/-  
**(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)**  
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Sh. Harvinder Singh Advocate,  
Chamber No 7009, District Court,  
Ludhiana.

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,  
O/o Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panchayat,  
Gobindgarh, Distt Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o DDPO, Ludhiana.

Respondents

**APPEAL CASE NO. 175 OF 2024**

Present :- (i) ShHarvinder Singh, advocate (*through CISCO-Webex*)  
(ii) For the respondent- None

**ORDER**

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 10.02.2026 vide which an opportunity was given to both the parties to appear before the Commission and state their case.

2. The appellant states that he has not received the complete information pertaining to point no. 2 and 3.

3. No one has appeared on behalf of the respondent today nor he has filed any reply.

4. After hearing the appellant and going through the case file, it is observed that the appellant filed RTI on 12.09.2023, but after lapse of more than two years, no information has been given to him, which shows that the respondent has no regard for the orders issued by the Commission. Neither the respondent has bothered to inform the Commission about his absence nor he has sent any reply. 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



**APPEAL CASE NO. 175 OF 2024**

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 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, the Commission deem it appropriate to issue show cause notice under section 20 (1) of the RTI Act , 2005, to **PIO , O/o Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panchayat, Gobindgarh, Distt Ludhiana** 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. Also the respondent-PIO is directed to be present personally on the next date of hearing along with the complete information pertaining to point no. 2 and 3. To come up on **29.07.2026 at 11:30 AM** in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

sd/-

Date :25.05.2026

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(9417000602)

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,  
O/o Assistant Town Planner, Zone D,  
Ludhiana

First Appellate Authority  
O/o Commissioner, MC, Ludhiana

Respondents

**APPEAL CASE NO. 5620 OF 2025**

Present :- (i) Sh. Raj Malhotra the appellant in the commission  
(ii) For the respondent- None

**ORDER**

The RTI application is dated 16.05.2025 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 24.09.2025 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 25.05.2026 in the Commission.
3. The appellant states that no information has been provided to him.
4. No one has appeared on behalf of the respondent today.
5. Sh. Raj Malhotra stated that no response whatsoever has been received from the respondents till date. No one has put in appearance on behalf of the respondents nor has any communication been received from them. In the interest of justice, Respondent PIO is afforded one more opportunity to provide the appellant point-wise complete specific information, duly attested, free of cost, by registered post, in accordance with his RTI

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application and present a photocopy of the relevant postal receipt along with a copy of the information provided, before the Commission on the next date fixed, for its perusal and records. Respondents to note that in case no one comes present on their behalf on the next date fixed, punitive provisions of the RTI Act, 2005 may be invoked against the erring officer(s).

6. 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 **29.07.2026 at 11:30 AM** in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

**Date :25.05.2026**

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(9417000602)

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,  
O/o Director Food and Drugs Laboratory  
Kharar, Distt. SASNagar

First Appellate Authority  
O/o Director Food and Drugs Laboratory  
Kharar, Distt. SASNagar

Respondents

**APPEAL CASE NO. 5443 OF 2025**

Present :- (i) Sh. Raj Malhotra, appellant  
(ii) For the respondent- PIO-ShPankajSareen, Scientific officer (98151-22769)

**ORDER**

The RTI application is dated 08.07.2025 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 18.08.2025 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 25.05.2026 in the Commission.
3. The respondent states that the information sought by the appellant is sent to the Food Safety officers of various districts.
5. After hearing both the parties and perusing the documents placed on record, it is ascertained that the appellant has sought information regarding reports of Surveillance Samples drawn by Food Safety officers and Assistant Commissioner cum Designated Food Safety of Jalandhar District from 2022 to till date. The respondent states that the information is third- party hence this information is sent to Food Safety officers only. Hence, in the interest of natural justice, the appellant is directed to establish the 'Larger Public Interest' in seeking the information.

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**APPEAL CASE NO. 5443 OF 2025**

Further, it has also been ascertained that the respondent has failed to file any reply today. Hence, the respondent is also given an opportunity to file their specific point wise reply, pertaining to the RTI of the appellant.

6. 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 **29.07.2026 at 11:30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

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**State Information Commissioner**  
**Punjab**

**Date :25.05.2026**