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Shri Naveen Kumar, (94667-37412)

S/o Shri Ram Mehar Singh,
622/22, Gali No. 14, Vikas Nagar,
NFL, Panipat - 132106
RTI Application No. 94158

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Chairman,
Punjab Public Service Commission,
Patiala.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Chairman,
Punjab Public Service Commission,
Patiala.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 7958 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated **13.10.2023** vide which the appellant has sought the information as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **24.11.2023** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **28.11.2023** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. **26.02.2026**.

2. Today neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. They have even not informed the Commission about their absence for today's hearing. It is also a fact that notice of hearing was sent to both the parties through registered post in spite of that, they are absent.

3. However, this is the first hearing before the undersigned, hence in the interest of justice **one last 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 05.08.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 26.02.2026

Sd/-
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Shri Sohan Singh, (62845-15571)

S/o Shri Suchha Singh,
R/o Village Bara, P.O Pathreri Jattan,
Tehsil & Distt Rupnagar.

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o SDO, Sub Division Sukhrampur,
PSPCL, Rupnagar.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o S.E, Distribution Division, PSPCL,
Rupnagar.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 2851 OF 2024

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent
Respondent: Shri Jagtar Singh, AAE (96461-19655)

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated **07.10.2022** vide which the appellant has sought the information as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **10.01.2023** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **15.04.2024** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. **26.02.2026**.

2. The appellant is absent. However, a letter has been received from the appellant vide Commission diary no. 4230 dated 25.02.2026, mentioning therein that he is unable to attend the hearing and requested an adjournment.

3. The respondent PIO, represented by Shri Jagtar Singh, AAE, states that the reply has already been sent to the appellant. A copy of the same is taken on record. Further, he states that the information sought by the appellant through his RTI application is third party information.

4. Keeping in view of the above and examining the case file, an opportunity is given to the appellant to appear before the Commission and state his case. It is made clear that in case the appellant does not appear on the next date of hearing, appropriate order in his absence shall be passed.

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

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Shri Sohan Singh, (62845-15571)

S/o Shri Suchha Singh,
R/o Village Bara, P.O Pathreri Jattan,
Tehsil & Distt Rupnagar.

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o BDPO, Rupnagar.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o DC, Rupnagar.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 2853 OF 2024

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated **25.10.2023** vide which the appellant has sought the information as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **28.02.2024** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **15.04.2024** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. **26.02.2026**.

2. The appellant is absent. However, a letter has been received from the appellant vide Commission diary no. 4230 dated 25.02.2026, mentioning therein that he is unable to attend the hearing and requested an adjournment.

3. The respondent is absent without intimation, which shows his carelessness and casual attitude towards the notices of the Commission. It is also a fact that notice of hearing was sent to the PIO through registered post in spite of that, he is absent. This shows that the respondent has no regard for the orders issued by the Commission. This is indeed a serious matter.

4. However, this is the first date of hearing before the undersigned hence taking a lenient view **one last and final opportunity** is given to both the parties to appear before the Commission and state their case. The respondent is directed to provide the appellant point wise complete specific reply in accordance with his RTI application and present a photocopy of the relevant postal receipt along with a copy of the reply provided, before the Commission on the next date fixed, for its perusal and records. 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

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

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Shri Lovepreet Singh, (98880-63545)

S/o Shri Gurdeep Singh,
R/o Village Mandi Kalan, Presently Residing # 22667 - E,
Near Green Park, Street No. 6, Bhagu Road,
Bathinda.

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o DPI (C), Punjab,
Phase – 8, Mohali.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o DPI (C), Punjab, Phase – 8, Mohali.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 6373 OF 2024

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Lovepreet Singh, (98880-63545)
Respondent: Ms. Meenu Sharma, SA (79865-11959) and
Shri Rajesh Kumar, Assistant Director (98724-94996)

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated **25.07.2024** vide which the appellant has sought the information as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **02.09.2024** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **24.10.2024** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. **26.02.2026**.

2. The appellant states that he has not received any reply / information from the respondent till date and further, he states that directions may be issued to the respondent to supply the sought for information pertaining to his RTI application.

3. The respondent states that the information sought by the appellant is not available in her office. Further, she requested some time to once again search for the sought information in the official records.

4. After having detailed deliberations with both the parties and examining the case file, the respondent PIO is directed to go through the official record once again and supply the information to the appellant through registered post, before the next date of hearing, under intimation to the Commission. Both parties are directed to remain present on the next date of hearing for deliberations. It is also clarified that in case of defiance of this order, the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

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

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Shri Sarwan Singh, (94175-51395)

S/o Shri Inder Singh,
R/o Street No. 3/4, Church Road,
Jumba Basti, Abohar, Distt Fazilka.

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o DPI (SE), Punjab,
Phase – 8, Mohali.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Secretary, (SE), Punjab,
Punjab Civil Sectt. – 2, Chandigarh.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 2996 OF 2025

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Sarwan Singh, (94175-51395)
Respondent: Shri Rajiv Kumar, SA (98150-69218)

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated **13.01.2025** vide which the appellant has sought the information as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **24.03.2025** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **16.05.2025** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. **26.02.2026**.

2. The appellant states that he has received a reply from the respondent mentioning therein that the sought information is available on website of the department and publically accessible. Further, he states that he desires certified copies of the information and requests the court for certified copies of the information.

3. The respondent PIO, represented by Shri Rajiv Kumar, SA, states that a reply has already been sent to the appellant and information sought by the appellant is publically accessible.

4. After having detailed deliberations with both the parties and perusing the documents placed on record, the respondent PIO is directed to supply the duly attested copies of the sought information to the appellant through registered post, within 20 days from the receipt of this order, under intimation to the Commission, failing which stringent action will be initiated against the respondent PIO, as per the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

5. Both parties are directed to remain present on the next date of hearing for deliberations. It is also clarified that in case of defiance of this order, the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

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

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Ms. Neelam Sharma, (98782-05000)

Astt. Prof. (Education), Mehsampur Road,
VPO Rurka Kalan, Tehsil Phillaur,
Distt Jalandhar – 144031

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o Vice Chancellor,
GNDU, Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Vice Chancellor, GNDU, Amritsar.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 3489 OF 2025

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent

Respondent: Shri Sukhwinder Singh, PA (98722-55888),
Shri Gurpreet Singh, SA (97814-14046), and
Shri Arun Bajaj, SA (99155-89197)

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated **11.02.2025** vide which the appellant has sought the information as enumerated in her RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **17.03.2025** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **13.06.2025** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. **26.02.2026**.

2. The appellant is absent. However, an email dated 23.02.2026 has been received from the appellant mentioning therein that she is unable to attend the hearing due to her leg surgery and requested an adjournment. Further, she mentioned that she has already pointed out deficiency in the provided information to the respondent PIO.

3. The respondent PIO states that the sought information has already been sent to the appellant after the removal of deficiencies, as pointed out by the appellant.

4. After hearing the respondent and perusing the documents placed on record, an opportunity is given to the appellant to examine the information which was sent to her after removal of deficiency as and when she receives and point out deficiencies if any, to the respondent PIO with a copy to this Commission. On receipt of the deficiencies, the respondents are directed to remove the same before the next date of hearing.

5. Both parties are directed to remain present on the next date of hearing for deliberations. It is also clarified that in case of defiance of this order, the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

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

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Shri Balbir Singh, (98764-00524)

771, Prem Nagar, Ghumar Mandi,
Civil Lines, Ludhiana - 141001

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o Principal,

Guru Nanak Dev Polytechnic College,
Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Principal, Guru Nanak Dev Polytechnic College,
Ludhiana.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 5293 OF 2025

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Balbir Singh, (98764-00524)
Respondent: Shri Gurcharan Singh, HOD (94635-30591) and
Shri Jasmer Singh, Superintendent (98154-23140)

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated **01.10.2024** vide which the appellant has sought the information as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **14.11.2024** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **09.09.2025** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. **26.02.2026**.

2. The appellant states that no information has been given to him so far.
3. The respondent states that he has brought the reply along with information today to be provided to the appellant. Copy of the information is handed over to the appellant.
4. The appellant requests that some time be given to him to go through the information provided.
5. In view of the above, an opportunity is given to the appellant to go through the information provided and point out deficiencies, if any to the respondent, under intimation to the Commission office. On receipt of the deficiencies, the respondents are directed to remove the same before the next date of hearing.
6. Both parties are directed to remain present on the next date of hearing for deliberations. It is also clarified that in case of defiance of this order, the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.
7. **To come up on 05.08.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Shri Balbir Singh, (98764-00524)
771, Prem Nagar, Ghumar Mandi,
Civil Lines, Ludhiana - 141001

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Principal,
Guru Nanak Dev Polytechnic College,
Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Principal, Guru Nanak Dev Polytechnic College,
Ludhiana.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 5294 OF 2025

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Balbir Singh, (98764-00524)
Respondent: Shri Gurcharan Singh, HOD (94635-30591) and
Shri Jasmer Singh, Superintendent (98154-23140)

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated **01.10.2024** vide which the appellant has sought the information as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **08.11.2024** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **09.09.2025** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. **26.02.2026**.

2. The appellant states that no information has been given to him so far.
3. The respondent states that he has brought the reply along with information today to be provided to the appellant. Copy of the information is handed over to the appellant.
4. The appellant requests that some time be given to him to go through the information provided.
5. In view of the above, an opportunity is given to the appellant to go through the information provided and point out deficiencies, if any to the respondent, under intimation to the Commission office. On receipt of the deficiencies, the respondents are directed to remove the same before the next date of hearing.
6. Both parties are directed to remain present on the next date of hearing for deliberations. It is also clarified that in case of defiance of this order, the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.
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Shri Jasbir Singh, (98157-35083)

(DEO), Computer Engineering Department,
Guru Nanak Dev University,
Amritsar.

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Guru Nanak Dev University,
Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Vice Chancellor, Guru Nanak Dev University,
Amritsar.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 5970 OF 2025

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Jasbir Singh, (98157-35083)
Respondent: Shri Sukhwinder Singh, PA (98722-55888),
Shri Gurpreet Singh, SA (97814-14046), and
Shri Arun Bajaj, SA (99155-89197)

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated **04.07.2025** vide which the appellant has sought the information as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **06.08.2025** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **08.10.2025** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. **26.02.2026**.

2. The appellant states that he has received incorrect and misleading information from the respondent.
3. The respondent states that the sought information has already been provided to the appellant as available in the official records.
4. After having detailed deliberations with both the parties and perusing the documents placed on record, the respondent PIO is directed to supply a fresh point wise reply along with information after due attestation to the appellant through registered post within 20 days from the receipt of this order, under intimation to the Commission, failing which stringent action will be initiated against the respondent PIO, as per the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.
5. Both parties are directed to remain present on the next date of hearing for deliberations. It is also clarified that in case of defiance of this order, the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.
6. **To come up on 05.08.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 26.02.2026

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Shri Jasbir Singh, (98157-35083)

(DEO), Computer Engineering Department,
Guru Nanak Dev University,
Amritsar.

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Guru Nanak Dev University,
Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Vice Chancellor, Guru Nanak Dev University,
Amritsar.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 6130 OF 2025

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Jasbir Singh, (98157-35083)
Respondent: Shri Sukhwinder Singh, PA (98722-55888),
Shri Gurpreet Singh, SA (97814-14046), and
Shri Arun Bajaj, SA (99155-89197)

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated **06.06.2025** vide which the appellant has sought the information as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **23.07.2025** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **14.10.2025** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. **26.02.2026**.

2. The appellant states that he has received incorrect and misleading information from the respondent.
3. The respondent states that the sought information has already been provided to the appellant as available in the official records.
4. After having detailed deliberations with both the parties and perusing the documents placed on record, the respondent PIO is directed to supply a fresh point wise reply along with information after due attestation to the appellant through registered post within 20 days from the receipt of this order, under intimation to the Commission, failing which stringent action will be initiated against the respondent PIO, as per the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.
5. Both parties are directed to remain present on the next date of hearing for deliberations. It is also clarified that in case of defiance of this order, the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.
6. **To come up on 05.08.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 26.02.2026

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Shri H.S Hundal, (98785-00082)

Advocate, S/o Shri A.S Hundal,
1, Dutt Road, Moga - 142001
RTI Application No. 184539

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Secretary Revenue, Punjab,
Jagir Branch, Punjab Civil Secretariat,
Punjab, Chandigarh.
Encl: RTI application.

Public Information Officer,
O/o Deputy Commissioner, Amritsar.
First Appellate Authority,
O/o Deputy Commissioner, Amritsar.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 6065 OF 2025

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri H.S Hundal, (98785-00082)
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated **08.05.2025** vide which the appellant has sought the information as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **03.07.2025** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **13.10.2025** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. **26.02.2026**.

2. The appellant states that no information has been given to him so far. Further, he states that the information sought by him pertains to office of, Secretary Revenue, Punjab, Jagir Branch, Punjab, Chandigarh.

3. The respondent is absent without intimation, which shows his carelessness and casual attitude towards the notices of the Commission. It is also a fact that notice of hearing was sent to the PIO through registered post in spite of that, he is absent. This shows that the respondent has no regard for the orders issued by the Commission. This is indeed a serious matter.

4. After hearing the appellant and examining the case file, the respondent PIO office of, Secretary Revenue, Punjab, Jagir Branch, Punjab, Chandigarh, is impleaded as necessary party in this case with the directions to file a point wise reply to the RTI request by or on the next date of hearing. A copy of the RTI request along with this order is being sent to him for reference.

5. Both parties are directed to remain present on the next date of hearing for deliberations. It is also clarified that in case of defiance of this order, the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

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

Date: 26.02.2026

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Shri Damanjeet Singh, (74287-18135)

S/o Shri Sarabjit Singh,

255, Ram Gali Jaura Pipple, Amritsar - I - 143001

RTI Application No. 217613

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o DEO (SE),

Tarn Taran.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o DEO (SE), Tarn Taran.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 6990 OF 2025

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent

Respondent: Shri Gurcharan Singh, Head Master (98721-97721)

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated **27.09.2025** vide which the appellant has sought the information as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **28.10.2025** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **26.11.2025** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. **26.02.2026**.

2. The appellant is absent. However, an email dated 25.02.2026 has been received from the appellant mentioning therein that he has not received any reply / information from the respondent till date. Further, he requests that penalty be imposed on the respondent PIO for delaying the information and also requests compensation for harassment. The said mail is taken on record.

3. The respondent states that the reply has already been sent to the appellant vide letter dated 21.11.2025 wherein the sought information was denied under section 8(1)(j). Furthermore, the respondent proffered an oral explanation for the delay in addressing the RTI application, in view of which, I am satisfied that there was no malafide intent on the part of the PIO to deny or delay the sought information.

4. After hearing the respondent and perusing the documents placed on record, it is ascertained that the that the information sought by the appellant through his RTI application is third party information. However, this is the first hearing before the undersigned, hence in the interest of justice **one last opportunity** is given to the appellant to appear before the Commission and state his case. It is made clear that in case the appellant does not appear on the next date of hearing, appropriate order in his absence shall be passed.

5. **To come up on 05.08.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** However, the respondent PIO is exempted from personal hearing on the next date of hearing. He shall be contacted telephonically. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 26.02.2026

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Shri Davinder Bansal, (94642-60219)

S/o Shri Kashi Ram,

R/o # 978, Subhash Street, Amrik Singh Road,

Bathinda - 151001

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o DEO (SE),

Bathinda.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o DEO (SE),

Bathinda.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 6533 OF 2025

Through Cisco Webex

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Davinder Bansal, (94642-60219)

Respondent: Shri Chamkaur Singh, Deputy DEO (96462-70900) and

Ms. Reeta Bansal, Principal (94173-10615)

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated **07.04.2025** vide which the appellant has sought the information as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **21.06.2025** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **29.10.2025** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. **26.02.2026**.

2. The appellant, Shri Davinder Bansal, is present in person at Commission office and states that he has not received any reply / information from the respondent till date and further, he states that directions may be issued to the respondent to supply the sought for information pertaining to his RTI application.

3. The respondent PIO, represented by Shri Chamkaur Singh, Deputy DEO and Ms. Reeta Bansal, are present via Cisco Webex. They states that a reply has already been sent to the appellant. Shri Chamkaur Singh, Deputy DEO, states that a letter was written to the school cited in the RTI application to provide the information to the appellant, but a reply has been received from the said school that the Arya Girls Senior Secondary School, Bathinda is not a public authority.

4. After hearing both the parties and examining the case file, it has been observed that the respondent states that the government is giving 95% salaries of school employees. Accordingly, the respondent PIO is directed to retrieve the requested information from the concerned School and provide certified copies of the same to the appellant, under intimation to the Commission, failing which punitive and stringent provisions of the RTI Act, 2005 could be invoked against him.

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5. The respondent PIO is further directed to appear in person before the Commission on the next date of hearing for deliberations. It is also clarified that in case of defiance of this order, the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

6. **To come up on 05.08.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** However, the appellant is exempted from personal hearing on the next date of hearing. He shall be contacted telephonically. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 26.02.2026

Sd/-
(Virinderjit Singh Billing)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab