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Sh Birchh Bhan, (M-9876101698)
S/o Sh Saroop Chand,
R/o House no.33, Kahangarh Road,
Pattran, Distt Patiala

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o BDPO, Patran, Distt Patiala.

First Appellate Authority
O/o BDPO, Patran, Distt Patiala.

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 6003 OF 2022

Present :- none for the parties

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 11.11.2025 vide which one last and final opportunity was given to both the parties to appear before the Commission and state their case. Accordingly, this case was adjourned to be heard on 11.12.2025. However, on 11.12.2025 this case could not be heard and hence was postponed to be heard on 26.02.2026, i.e today.

2. Today again neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. The respondent has neither informed the Commission about their absence nor filed reply to the show-cause notice.

3. Hence, an opportunity is given to both the parties to appear before the Commission and state their case. 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 **10.06.2023 at 11:30AM** in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties

Sd/-

Date :26.02.2026

(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

CC: Sh Baghel Singh, BDPO Pattran (for necessary compliance)

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Sh. Jagdev Singh, S/o Bikkar Singh,
Ghudda Near Shaheed Bhagat Singh Library,
Tehsil & Distt Bathinda-151401.
M:7696853153

RTI Application No 124324

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o BDPO, Sangat, Distt Bathinda.

First Appellate Authority
O/o BDPO, Sangat,
Distt Bathinda.

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 5469 OF 2024
(through cisco-webex)

Present :- (i) None for the appellant
(ii) For the respondent- Sh Gurpreet Singh, panchayat Secy (93697-00005)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 11.11.2025 vide which one last opportunity was given to the respondent to provide complete point-wise specific information to the appellant. Accordingly, this case was adjourned to be heard on 11.12.2026. However, on 11.12.2025 this case could not be heard and hence was postponed to be heard on 26.02.2026, i.e today.

2. The appellant is not present today.

3. This case was taken up for hearing twice but the respondent did not presented his case.

4. Hence, the respondent is again given an opportunity to be present, on the next date of hearing along with the complete information and specific reply, pertaining to the RTI of the appellant. The appellant can attend the hearing through CISCO- Webex. (the meeting number of this bench is 25154060883 and password is 12345). ***The respondent is directed to attend the next date of hearing in the Commission office.***

5. To come up on 07.04.2026 at 11:30 AM in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
State Information Commissioner
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Date :26.02.2026

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Sh Hardeep Singh,
S/o Sh Jeeta Singh,
Village Sakka wali,
Tehsil & Distt- Sri Muktsar Sahib

..... Appellant

.Vs

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

First Appellate Authority
O/o DDPO, Sri Mukatsar Sahib

.....Respondent

AC No. 441 of 2024
(through VC in the O/o DC, Sri Mukatsar Sahib)

Present :- (i) Sh Hardeep Singh, appellant
(ii) For the respondent- Sh Vakil Singh, Panchayat Secy (9914400680)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 28.08.2025 vide which a show-cause notice was issued to the Respondent-PIO. Accordingly, this case was adjourned to be heard on 11.12.2025. However, on 11.12.2025 this case could not be heard and hence was postponed to be heard on 26.02.2026, i.e today

2. The appellant states that the information as demanded through his RTI application pertaining to the Year 2019 to 2023 has been provided to him but the information pertaining to the year 2013 to Year 2018 has not been provided to him.

3. The respondent states that the information pertaining to the year 2013 to Year 2018 is missing as the same was lying under the custody of a previous panchayat Secretary, after whose demise the record could not be recovered.

4. After hearing both the parties and perusing the documents placed on record, it has been ascertained that the complete information has not been provided to the appellant. As per the respondent, information as demanded by the appellant through his RTI application, pertaining to the year 2013 to Year 2018, is missing . Hence, the respondent is directed either to furnish the necessary information to the appellant or furnish an affidavit regarding the action taken by the respondent for the missing record.

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5. A copy of this order is also sent to **DDPO, Sri Mukatsar Sahib**, to look into the matter and ensure that necessary action be taken for the missing record and submit their compliance report on the next date of hearing.

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 **10.06.2023 at 11:30AM Through Video-conferencing facility in the O/o DC Amritsar.**

Copy of the orders be sent to the parties

Sd/-

(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
State Information Commissioner
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Date :26.02.2026

THROUGH REGISTERED POST

CC: DDPO, Sri Mukatsar Sahib (for necessary compliance)

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Sh. Suresh Kumar, (M : 9814320767)
H No 175/1628, Street No 1,
Sharifpura, Near Gol Masjid,
Amritsar.

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Commissioner,
MC, Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority
O/o Commissioner,
MC, Amritsar.

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 279 OF 2024

Present :- (i) Sh. Suresh Kumar, appellant (through VC in the o/o DC, Amritsar)
(ii) For the respondent- Sh Kamal Kishore, AI (O&M Cell)(9988648605) (*in the Commission office*)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 26.09.2025 vide which a compensation of Rs 2000/- was awarded to the appellant. Accordingly, this case was adjourned to be heard on 11.12.2025. However, on 11.12.2025 this case could not be heard and hence was postponed to be heard on 26.02.2026, i.e today.

2. The respondent states that the information, running into 1300 pages has been provided to the appellant.

3. The appellant states that he is not satisfied with the same.

4. After hearing the parties and perusing the documents placed on record, the appellant is directed to inspect the record in the O/o respondent. Today, both the parties mutually agreed that the applicant shall visit the office of respondent on **16.03.2026 at 11:00AM**, 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,

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APPEAL CASE NO. 279 OF 2024

in accordance with the relevant provisions of the RTI Act, 2005. *The respondent is also directed to facilitate the appellant for the inspection of record and also to provide the amount of compensation to him, failing which stringent action will be taken.*

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 **10.06.2023 at 11:30AM Through Video-conferencing facility in the O/o DC Amritsar.**

Copy of the orders be sent to the parties

Sd/-

Date :26.02.2026

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Sh. Kuldip Kumar, # 3261, Rattan Singh
Chowk, F.G.C. Road, Amritsar - 143001

Appellant

Versus

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

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

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 5009 OF 2023
(heard through VC in the O/o DC, Amritsar)

Present :- (i) Sh. Kuldip Kumar, appellant
(ii) None for the respondent

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 16.09.2025. Accordingly, this case was adjourned to be heard on 11.12.2025. However, on 11.12.2025 this case could not be heard and hence was postponed to be heard on 26.02.2026, i.e today.

2. Sh. Kuldip Kumar 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 application dated 10.04.2023 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

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APPEAL CASE NO. 5009 OF 2023

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).

3. 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 ***10.06.2023 at 11:30AM Through Video-conferencing facility in the O/o DC Amritsar.***

Copy of the orders be sent to the parties

Sd/-

Date :26.02.2026

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Sh. Sarabjit Singh,
S/o Sh. Gurdeep Singh,
VPO Gumanpura
Tehsil and Distt. Amritsar

..... Appellant

.Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o XEN, Provincial Division,
PWD, Amritsar

First Appellate Authority
O/o SE, Construction Circle,
PWD, Amritsar

.....Respondent

AC No. 44 of 2024

(heard through VC in the O/o DC, Amritsar)

Present :- (i) Sh. Sarabjit Singh, appellant
(ii) For the respondent- None

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 09.09.2025 vide which one last opportunity was given to the respondent to provide complete information to the appellant. Accordingly, this case was adjourned to be heard on 11.12.2026. However, on 11.12.2025 this case could not be heard and hence was postponed to be heard on 26.02.2026, i.e today.

2. The appellant states that no information has been provided to him till date by the respondent.

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

4. After hearing the appellant and going through the case file, it is observed that the appellant filed RTI on 01.08.2023, 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



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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 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 XEN, Provincial Division,PWD, Amritsar** 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. To come up on **10.06.2026 at 11:30AM through video conferencing facility in the O/o DC Amritsar**. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Date :26.02.2026

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Sh. Vishal Joshi,
SCO 121, ground floor,
Deep complex market,
Near swani motors,
Court Road, Amritsar

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Principal, Govt. Medical college,
Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Principal, Govt. Medical college,
Amritsar

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 675 OF 2024

Present :- (i) None for the appellant
(ii) For the respondent- Dr Harminder Kumar Attri, Associate professor
(950102-3146) and Sh Dilip Sing Sekhon, Clerk (9988357398)

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 03.10.2023 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 04.01.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 11.12.2025. However, on 11.12.2025 this case could not be heard and hence was postponed to be heard on 26.02.2026, i.e today.

3. The appellant is not present today.



APPEAL CASE NO. 675 OF 2024

4. The respondent states that the information has not been provided to the appellant as the same is third party information. He adds that the reply regarding the same has been sent to the appellant.

5. The perusal of the case file shows that the appellant is not present today. He has not even informed the Commission about his absence. The respondent states that they have sent their reply to the appellant. This is the first date of hearing, hence an opportunity is given to the appellant to appear before the Commission and state his case, *failing which appropriate orders in his absence shall be passed*. To come up on **10.06.2026 at 11:30AM through video conferencing facility in the O/o DC Amritsar**. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date :26.02.2026

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Sh Jaswant Singh Randhawa,
House No.5, Street No.3,
Aman Vihar, Bhadson Road, Patiala

..... Appellant

.Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o BDPO, Patiala (Rural)

First Appellate Authority
O/o DDPO, Patiala

.....Respondent

AC No. 423 of 2024

(heard through VC in the O/o DC, Patiala)

Present :- (i) None for the appellant

(ii) For the respondent-Sh Baljinder Singh, JE (98151-96290)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 28.08.2025 vide which the respondent had sought some time. Accordingly, this case was adjourned to be heard on 11.12.2025. However, on 11.12.2025 this case could not be heard and hence was postponed to be heard on 26.02.2026, i.e today.

2. The appellant is not present today. He was not present on the previous date of hearing also. He has not even informed the Commission about his absence.

3. The respondent states that he has brought the information to be provided to the appellant.

4. The perusal of the case file shows that the Respondent has brought the copy of information today. Since the Appellant is not present today therefore, the respondent is directed to send the same to the appellant through registered post, under intimation to the Commission office. Further, the appellant is also given an opportunity to appear before the Commission and state his case, failing which appropriate orders in his absence shall be passed. To come up on **10.06.2026 at 11:30AM through video conferencing facility in the O/o DC Patiala** in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Date :26.02.2026

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Sh Jagdev Singh,
13G, Ranjit Nagar,
Seona Chowk, Seona Road,
Patiala (M-3417329600)

..... Appellant

.Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o BDPO, Patiala (Rural)
First Appellate Authority
O/o DDPO, Patiala

.....Respondent

AC No. 425 of 2024

(heard through VC in the O/o DC, Patiala)

Present :- (i) None for the appellant

(ii) For the respondent-Sh Baljinder Singh,JE (98151-96290)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 28.08.2025 vide which the respondent had sought some time. Accordingly, this case was adjourned to be heard on 11.12.2025. However, on 11.12.2025 this case could not be heard and hence was postponed to be heard on 26.02.2026, i.e today.

2. The appellant is not present today. He was not present on the previous date of hearing also. He has not even informed the Commission about his absence.

3. The respondent states that he has brought the information to be provided to the appellant.

4. The perusal of the case file shows that the Respondent has brought the copy of information today. Since the Appellant is not present today therefore, the respondent is directed to send the same to the appellant through registered post, under intimation to the Commission office. Further, the appellant is also given an opportunity to appear before the Commission and state his case, failing which appropriate orders in his absence shall be passed. To come up on **10.06.2026 at 11:30AM through video conferencing facility in the O/o DC Patiala** in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

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Ms Sandhya Sharma, (M-98553-76282)
D/o Sh Sanjeev Kumar,
606, Sector-11B, Chandigarh-140307

.....Appellant

.Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o Registrar, Co-operative Societies, Pb
17 Bays Building, Sector-17, Chandigarh

2.Public Information Officer, (through registered post)

O/o Superintendent, Grade-I,
O/o Deptt of Cooperation, Pb
(cooperation-1 Branch)
Sector-9, Pb Civil Sectt-II, Chandigarh

First Appellate Authority

O/o Financial Commissioner,
Co-operation, Pb
Sector-9, Pb Civil Sectt-II, Chandigarh

.....Respondent

AC No 4873 of 2025

Present :- (i) Ms Sandhya Sharma, appellant
(ii) For the respondent- PIO- Sh Harjit Singh, Supdt. (98148-67108) O/o
respondent no. 2

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 14.10.2025 vide which PIO O/o Supdt Grade-I, Deptt of Cooperation, Pb was impleaded as Respondent no.2. Accordingly, this case was adjourned to be heard on 11.12.2025. However, on 11.12.2025 this case could not be heard and hence was postponed to be heard on 26.02.2026, i.e today.

2. The appellant states that the copy of her suspension order, as demanded through her RTI application has been provided to her. She adds that the notings related to the said order has not been provided to her.



AC No 4873 of 2025

3. The respondent states that the said notings cannot be provided as an enquiry is going on against the appellant. However, the respondent has failed to file any reply today.

4. After hearing both the parties and perusing the documents placed on record, it has been ascertained that the appellant has demanded information regarding the copy of her suspension orders and related notings thereon, as demanded through her RTI application. The respondent has provided the copy of the said orders but the related notings have not been provided to her. As per the appellant, she was placed under suspension vide orders dated 07.05.2025 of the concerned and she filed her RTI application on 27.05.2025 but the enquiry has been initiated after the said period. Moreover, the appellant has demanded copy of the notings related to her suspension orders, which have already been issued against her. Hence, there is no reason why the information demanded is denied. In view of the above, the respondent is directed to provide the complete information to the appellant related to the notings, as demanded through her RTI application, before the next date of hearing.

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 **10.06.2026 at 11:30AM** in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

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Date :26.02.2026

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Sh Naib Singh,
S/o Sh Darshan Singh,
VPO Mohlan, tehsil Malout,
Distt Sri Mukatsar Sahib
(M-98772-805270)

..... Appellant

.Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o BDPO, Malout,
Distt Sri Mukatsar Sahib

First Appellate Authority
O/o DDPO, Sri Mukatsar Sahib

.....Respondent

AC No 3085 of 2024

Present :- None for the parties.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 23.04.2024 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 23.04.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 26.02.2026 in the Commission office.
3. Today neither the appellant nor the respondent is present.
4. This is the first date of hearing and both the parties are not present. In the interest of justice, Respondent PIO is afforded one more opportunity to file point-wise specific reply, in accordance with his RTI 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, failing which action under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act 2005 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. To come up on **30.04.2026 at 11:30AM** in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

Date :26.02.2026

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Sh Subhash Chand Salgotra, (M-9056418940)
S/o Sh Amar Singh,
R/o H.No-448, Gobind Nagar,
Near Bank colony, village naya gaon,
Tehsil-kharar, Distt Mohali

..... Appellant

.Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o EO, MC, Naya Gaon,
Distt Mohali

First Appellate Authority

O/o MC, Naya Gaon, Distt Mohali

.....Respondent

AC No 3554 of 2024

Present :- (i) Sh Subhash Chand Salgotra, appellant
(ii) For the respondent- Sh Sourav, clerk (83605-33861)

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 15.12.2023 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 20.05.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 26.02.2026 in the Commission office.
3. The appellant states that no information has been provided to him till date.
4. The respondent has sought some time to provide the information.
5. This is the first date of hearing, hence, considering the request of the respondent, an opportunity is given to him to provide complete information to the appellant, before the next date of hearing, 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 **10.06.2026 at 11:30AM** in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties

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S/o Sh Rajinder Munjal,
Ward No. 19, Street No.4,
Roopnagar, Gidderbaha,
Distt Sri Mukatsar Sahib

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Tehsildar, Gidderbaha,
Distt Sri Mukatsar Sahib

First Appellate Authority
O/o SDM, Gidderbaha,
Distt Sri Mukatsar Sahib

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 192 OF 2024

Present :- (i) Sh Deven Munjal, appellant
(ii) For the respondent – Sh Vijay Kumar, Clerk (85910-36363)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 13.11.2025 vide which one last and final opportunity was given to the respondent to remove deficiencies as pointed out by the appellant. Accordingly, this case was adjourned to be heard on 11.12.2025. However, on 11.12.2025 this case could not be heard and hence was postponed to be heard on 26.02.2026, i.e today.

2. The appellant states that the information, after the removal of deficiencies has not been provided to him.

3. The respondent has sought some time.

4. Hence, considering the request of the respondent, a last opportunity is given to them to provide complete information to the appellant, after the removal of the said deficiencies.

Further, it is made clear that in case the respondent does not comply with the orders of the Commission, action u/s 20(1) of the RTI Act will be initiated against the Respondent-PIO. To come up on 10.06.2026 at 11:30AM in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

Date :26.02.2026

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Ms. KulwinderKaur,
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Distric Court, Patiala.

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o BDPO, Patran, Distt Patiala.

First Appellate Authority
O/o DC, Patiala.

Respondents

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Present :- (i) Ms. Kulwinder Kaur, appellant
(ii) None for the respondent

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 11.11.2025 vide which an opportunity was given to both the parties to appear before the Commission and state their case. Accordingly, this case was adjourned to be heard on 11.12.2025. However, on 11.12.2025 this case could not be heard and hence was postponed to be heard on 26.02.2026, i.e today.

2. The appellant states that no information has been provided to her till date by the respondent.

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

4. After hearing the appellant and going through the case file, it is observed that the appellant filed RTI on 21.11.2023, 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



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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 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 BDPO, Patran, Distt 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. To come up on **10.06.2026 at 11:30AM** in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

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Date :26.02.2026

CC: Sh Baghel Singh, BDPO Patran (for necessary compliance)