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Shri Mohit Chandan, (9530849296)

S/o Shri Mahesh Dutt,

VPO Takhatgarh, District Roopnagar-140119

RTI Application No 219216

...Appellant

VERSUS

Public Information Officer,

O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer,

Block Nurpur Bedi, District Roopnagar.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Additional Deputy Commissioner (RD),

Roopnagar.

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First Appellate Authority,

O/o District Development and Panchayat Officer,

Roopnagar.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 1088 OF 2026

PRESENT: None for the parties.

ORDER:

This order refers to the Bench's previous order dated: 20.04.2026.

2. That the appellant remained absent during the hearing. However, an email has been received from the appellant stating that incomplete and unsatisfactory information has been provided. A copy of the said email is taken on record and placed in the case file.

3. That the PIO also failed to appear before the Commission, despite due service of the hearing notice through registered post. The Bench further observes that the PIO has remained absent on two consecutive dates of hearing without any intimation or sufficient cause. Such repeated and unexplained absence reflects a casual approach towards the proceedings of the Commission and has impeded the effective adjudication of the present appeal. The conduct of the PIO is, therefore, viewed seriously by the Bench.

4. That in view of the above, the appellant is advised to point out the specific deficiencies, if any, in the information already supplied by the respondent by way of a written representation to the PIO within 15 days. Upon receipt of the same, the PIO shall examine the deficiencies so pointed out and furnish a revised/rectified point-wise reply, if required, strictly in accordance with the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005, under intimation to the Commission before the next date of hearing. The PIO is also directed to remain present on the next date of hearing, failing which appropriate proceedings under the RTI Act, 2005, shall be initiated in accordance with law.

5. Adjourned to **27.10.2026 at 11:00 AM.**

30.07.2026

**Sd/-
(HARPREET SINGH SANDHU)
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Shri Balwinder Singh, (8054211214)

S/o Shri Maluk Singh,
292, Panchyati Gali,
Tehsil & District Gurdaspur-143521

RTI Application No 114209

.....Appellant

VERSUS

Public Information Officer,

O/o Principal Chief Conservator of Forest, Punjab,
Sector 68, S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali).

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Principal Chief Conservator of Forest, Punjab,
Sector 68, S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali).

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4144 OF 2024

PRESENT: Shri Balwinder Singh, Appellant.
Shri Sanjeev Sharma, Superintendent on behalf of the Respondents.

ORDER:

That the appellant had sought information as enumerated in his RTI application dated 11.03.2024 and First appeal filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 14.04.2024 and the Second Appeal was filed in the Commission 24.06.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Accordingly, notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. 30.07.2026.

2. That the appellant stated before the Bench that no information has been provided. On the other hand, the respondent appeared along with the information and the same is handed over to the appellant during the hearing.

3. That in view of the above, the appellant is advised to point out deficiencies in writing to the PIO and the PIO is directed to remove the same, if any, received from the appellant and supply rectified information, as per guidelines laid down in the RTI Act, 2005, under intimation to the Commission, before the next date of hearing, failing which stringent action shall be initiated as per law.

4. Adjourned to **27.10.2026 at 11:00 AM.**

30.07.2026

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Shri Amiya Halder, (9897775710)

S/o Shri Nirmal Halder,
PO South Mohanpur, Village Jayenkhan,
Magrahat-II, 24, Paraganas South,
West Bengal-743610

RTI Application No 113896

.....Appellant

VERSUS

Public Information Officer,

O/o Civil Surgeon,
Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Director, Health & Family Welfare Department, Punjab,
Pariwar Kalyan Bhawan, Sector 34A, Chandigarh.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4147 OF 2024

PRESENT: None for the parties.

ORDER:

That the appellant had sought information as enumerated in his RTI application dated 08.03.2024 and First appeal filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 08.04.2024 and the Second Appeal was filed in the Commission 24.06.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Accordingly, notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. 30.07.2026.

2. That none appeared on behalf of either party during the hearing. However, an email has been received from the appellant stating that due to financial constraints he could not attend the hearing. The appellant has further submitted that he has obtained the birth certificate of his son after a delay of about four years. The said email is taken on record and placed in the case file.

3. That an email has also been received from the respondent seeking permission to attend the hearing through Cisco Webex. Though the said permission was granted, the respondent failed to join the proceedings. The respondent has, however, submitted a written statement stating that the information sought by the appellant pertains to a private hospital and may be obtained by the appellant directly from the said hospital. The said written statement is taken on record and placed in the case file.

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APPEAL CASE NO. 4147 OF 2024

4. That in the interest of justice and for proper adjudication of the matter, the Bench deems it appropriate to afford one final opportunity to the parties. Accordingly, the case is adjourned to **27.10.2026 at 11:00 AM**. The respondent is directed to remain present on the next date of hearing through Cisco Webex or in person along with the complete records, failing which the matter shall be decided on the basis of the material available on record.

30.07.2026

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Shri Nirmaljit Singh, (9814600162)

S/o Shri Kirpal Singh,
Village Sherpur Tehsil Amloh,
District Fatehgarh Sahib-147203

RTI Application No 117881

.....Appellant

VERSUS

Public Information Officer,

O/o Senior Superintendent of Police,
Patiala.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Deputy Inspector General of Police,
Patiala Range, Patiala.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4156 OF 2024

PRESENT:

None on behalf of the Appellant.

Shri Charanjit Kumar and Shri Hakam Singh, ASI on behalf of the Respondents.

ORDER:

That the appellant had sought information as enumerated in his RTI application dated 04.04.2024 and First appeal filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 05.05.2024 and the Second Appeal was filed in the Commission 24.06.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Accordingly, notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. 30.07.2026.

2. That the appellant remained absent during the hearing. On the other hand, the respondent stated before the Bench that the requisite information has already been sent to the appellant. Copy of the same is taken on record and placed on the case file.

3. That in view of the above, the appellant is advised to point out deficiencies in writing to the PIO and the PIO is directed to remove the same, if any, received from the appellant and supply rectified information, as per guidelines laid down in the RTI Act, 2005, under intimation to the Commission, before the next date of hearing, failing which stringent action shall be initiated as per law.

4. Adjourned to **27.10.2026 at 11:00 AM.**

30.07.2026

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Shri Jaspal Singh Mann, (8699994733)

S/o Shri Sukhdev Singh,
152, Sehna Khera, Tehsil Malout,
District Sri Muktsar Sahib-152114

RTI Application No 120672

...Appellant

VERSUS

Public Information Officer,

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

Public Information Officer,

**O/o Regional Transport Authority,
Bathinda.**

First Appellate Authority,

**O/o Additional Deputy General of Police,
Bathinda Range, Bathinda.**

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4157 OF 2024

PRESENT: None for the parties.

ORDER:

That the appellant had sought information as enumerated in his RTI application dated 22.04.2024 and First appeal filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 23.05.2024 and the Second Appeal was filed in the Commission 24.06.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Accordingly, notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. 30.07.2026.

2. That the appellant remained absent during the hearing. However, an email seeking permission to attend the hearing through online mode was received, which was allowed for the present hearing. Nevertheless, the appellant did not join the online proceedings. A copy of the said email is taken on record and placed in the case file.

3. That the respondent also remained absent during the hearing. However, an email has been received from the PIO stating that the information sought by the appellant pertains to the PIO, O/o Regional Transport Authority, Bathinda, and that the RTI application had already been transferred to the said public authority. The appellant was also informed accordingly vide letter dated 20.05.2024. A copy of the said email is taken on record and placed in the case file.

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APPEAL CASE NO. 4157 OF 2024

4. That since the information sought is to be provided by the PIO, O/o Regional Transport Authority, Bathinda, the said authority is a necessary party to the present proceedings. Accordingly, the PIO, O/o Regional Transport Authority, Bathinda, is hereby impleaded as Respondent No. 2 and is directed to provide the requisite information to the appellant, if the same is covered under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005, failing which appropriate action shall be initiated in accordance with law.

5 Adjourned to **27.10.2026 at 11:00 AM.**

30.07.2026

Sd/-
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Shri Madan Lal, (9872367068)

S/o Shri Om Parkash,

R/o Jain Niwas, Zone 2 H No 10803, Street No 18,

Guru Teg Bahadur Nagar, Parinda Road 18, Bathinda-151001

...Appellant

VERSUS

Public Information Officer,

O/o Municipal Corporation,

Bathinda.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Municipal Corporation,

Bathinda.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4160 OF 2024

PRESENT: None for the parties.

ORDER:

That the appellant had sought information as enumerated in his RTI application dated 26.02.2024 and First appeal filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 28.03.2024 and the Second Appeal was filed in the Commission 24.06.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Accordingly, notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. 30.07.2026.

2. That the appellant remained absent during the hearing. However, an email seeking permission to attend the hearing through online mode was received, which was allowed for the present hearing. Nevertheless, the appellant did not join the online proceedings. A copy of the said email is taken on record and placed in the case file.

3. That the PIO also remained absent in court, inspite notice issued through registered post, indicating PIO's disrespect for the Commission, the absence of the PIO is taken seriously as it has affected proceeding of the case.

4. That in view of the above, the Public Information Officer is hereby directed to furnish an appropriate point-wise reply along with the requisite information, if any, to the appellant in accordance with the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005, under intimation to the Commission, well before the next date of hearing, failing which appropriate action shall be considered in accordance with law.

5. Adjourned to **27.10.2026 at 11:00 AM.**

30.07.2026

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Shri Lakhwinder Singh,
S/o Shri Shingara Singh,
R/o Village Bhullechak,
Tehsil & District Gurdaspur-143530

.....Appellant

VERSUS

Public Information Officer,
O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer,
Gurdaspur.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o District Development and Panchayat Officer,
Gurdaspur.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4161 OF 2024

PRESENT: Shri Lakhwinder Singh, Appellant.
None on behalf of the Respondents.

ORDER:

That the appellant had sought information as enumerated in his RTI application dated 29.02.2024 and First appeal filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 30.04.2024 and the Second Appeal was filed in the Commission 24.06.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Accordingly, notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. 30.07.2026.

2. That the appellant stated before the Bench that no information has been provided, whereas the PIO remained absent in court, inspite notice issued through registered post, indicating PIO's disrespect for the Commission, the absence of the PIO is taken seriously as it has affected proceeding of the case.

3. That in view of the above, the Public Information Officer is hereby directed to furnish an appropriate point-wise reply along with the requisite information, if any, to the appellant in accordance with the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005, under intimation to the Commission, well before the next date of hearing, failing which appropriate action shall be considered in accordance with law.

4. Adjourned to **27.10.2026 at 11:00 AM.**

30.07.2026

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Shri Jagshir Singh, (8195800345)

S/o Late Shri Gian Singh,
R/o # 920, Mandi Mullanpur,
Ludhiana- 141101

...Appellant

VERSUS

Public Information Officer,

O/o Executive Officer,
Nagar Council, Mullanpur Dakha,
District Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Additional Deputy Commissioner,
(Urban Development), Ludhiana.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4165 OF 2024

PRESENT: None for the parties.

ORDER:

That the appellant had sought information as enumerated in his RTI application dated 28.11.2023 and First appeal filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 01.02.2024 and the Second Appeal was filed in the Commission 24.06.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Accordingly, notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. 30.07.2026.

2. That both parties remained absent during the hearing. The PIO also failed to appear before the Commission despite due service of the hearing notice through registered post. The unexplained absence of the PIO reflects a lack of due regard for the proceedings of the Commission. The Bench has taken the absence of the PIO seriously, as it has impeded the effective adjudication of the present appeal.

3. That in view of the above, the Public Information Officer is hereby directed to furnish an appropriate point-wise reply along with the requisite information, if any, to the appellant in accordance with the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005, under intimation to the Commission, well before the next date of hearing, failing which appropriate action shall be considered in accordance with law.

4. Adjourned to **27.10.2026 at 11:00 AM.**

30.07.2026

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Shri Gurlal Singh, (9814290703)

R/o Village Churharpur, Tehsil Tohana,
District Fatehbad, Haryana.

.....Appellant

VERSUS

Public Information Officer,

O/o Senior Superintendent of Police,
Patiala.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Senior Superintendent of Police,
Patiala.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4166 OF 2024

PRESENT: None on behalf of the Appellant.
Shri Hakam Singh, ASI on behalf of the Respondents.

ORDER:

That the appellant had sought information as enumerated in his RTI application dated 07.02.2024 and First appeal filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 19.03.2024 and the Second Appeal was filed in the Commission 24.06.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Accordingly, notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. 30.07.2026.

2. That the appellant remained absent during the hearing. On the other hand, the respondent submitted before the Bench that the complaint referred to by the appellant in the RTI application pertains to the office of the Senior Superintendent of Police, Patiala; however, the same could not be traced as no complaint number or other identifying particulars had been provided by the appellant. Therefore, the respondent requested that the appellant be directed to furnish the complaint number or other relevant particulars to enable the respondent to trace the record and provide the requisite information.

3. That upon consideration of the submissions made by the respondent and perusal of the record, the Bench observes that the complaint referred to in the RTI application could not be traced for want of the complaint number or other sufficient particulars. Accordingly, the appellant is directed to furnish the complaint number or such other specific particulars as may enable the respondent to identify the record.

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APPEAL CASE No. 4166 OF 2026

Upon receipt of the requisite particulars from the appellant, the PIO shall trace the relevant record and furnish the available information to the appellant, if the same is covered under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005, within a period of 15 days, failing which appropriate proceedings shall be initiated in accordance with law.

4. Adjourned to **27.10.2026 at 11:00 AM.**

30.07.2026

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Shri Kewal Krishan, (8847602790)

S/o Shri Malkit Singh,

R/o VPO Baringulli,

Tehsil Mukherian, District Hoshiarpur.

.....Appellant

VERSUS

Public Information Officer,

O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer,

Talwara, District Hoshiarpur.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o District Development and Panchayat Officer

Hoshiarpur.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4167 OF 2024

PRESENT: None for the parties.

ORDER:

That the appellant had sought information as enumerated in his RTI application dated 28.06.2023 and First appeal filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 20.07.2023 and the Second Appeal was filed in the Commission 24.06.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Accordingly, notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. 30.07.2026.

2. That both parties remained absent during the hearing. The PIO also failed to appear before the Commission despite due service of the hearing notice through registered post. The unexplained absence of the PIO reflects a lack of due regard for the proceedings of the Commission. The Bench has taken the absence of the PIO seriously, as it has impeded the effective adjudication of the present appeal.

3. That in view of the above, the Public Information Officer is hereby directed to furnish an appropriate point-wise reply along with the requisite information, if any, to the appellant in accordance with the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005, under intimation to the Commission, well before the next date of hearing, failing which appropriate action shall be considered in accordance with law.

4. Adjourned to **27.10.2026 at 11:00 AM.**

30.07.2026

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Shri Birchh Bhan, (9876101698)

S/o Shri Saroop Chand,
R/o House No 33, Kahangarh Road,
Pataran, District Patiala.

.....Appellant

VERSUS

Public Information Officer,

O/o Director, Information & Public Relations, PUNJAB,
Punjab Civil Secretariat -1, Sector-1, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Director, Information & Public Relations, PUNJAB,
Punjab Civil Secretariat -1, Sector-1, Chandigarh.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4168 OF 2024

PRESENT:

None on behalf of the Appellant.

Smt. Ravinder Kaur, IPRO and Ms. Gurbir Kaur, Clerk on behalf of the Respondents.

ORDER:

That the appellant had sought information as enumerated in his RTI application dated 28.03.2024 and First appeal filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 02.05.2024 and the Second Appeal was filed in the Commission 25.06.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Accordingly, notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. 30.07.2026.

2. That the appellant remained absent during the hearing without any intimation or request for adjournment. On the other hand, the respondent appeared before the Bench and submitted a written reply stating that the information sought by the appellant was denied on the ground that the same was not available in the form sought and that generation of information is not required under Section 2(f) of the RTI Act, 2005. A copy of the said reply is taken on record and placed in the case file.

3. That upon consideration of the submissions made by the respondent and perusal of the record, the Bench deems it appropriate to afford one more opportunity to the appellant. The respondent is directed to examine the RTI application in consultation with the concerned PIO(s), as the case may be, and furnish a comprehensive point-wise reply to the appellant in accordance with the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005, within 15 days from the receipt of this order.

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In case any part of the information pertains to another public authority, the concerned part of the RTI application shall be dealt with in accordance with the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005. The appellant shall be at liberty to point out any remaining deficiency, if any, on the next date of hearing. It is made clear that if the appellant fails to appear on the next date of hearing without any sufficient cause, the appeal shall be decided on the basis of the material available on record.

4. Adjourned to **27.10.2026 at 11:00 AM.**

30.07.2026

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Shri Jagtar Singh, (9646664247)

S/o Shri Naib Singh,
R/o VPO Bhunder Tehsil Maur,
District Bathinda-151103

RTI Application No 115065

.....Appellant

VERSUS

Public Information Officer,

O/o Director General School Education, Punjab,
Vidya Bhawan (Punjab School Education Board)
Block E, 5th Floor, Phase- VIII, S.A.S. Nagar(Mohali)

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Director General School Education, Punjab,
Vidya Bhawan (Punjab School Education Board)
Block E, 5th Floor, Phase- VIII, S.A.S. Nagar(Mohali)

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4169 OF 2024

PRESENT: None on behalf of the Appellant.
Shri Harpal Singh, Junior Scale Steno on behalf of the Respondents.

ORDER:

That the appellant had sought information as enumerated in his RTI application dated 15.03.2024 and First appeal filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 16.04.2024 and the Second Appeal was filed in the Commission 24.06.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Accordingly, notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. 30.07.2026.

2. That the appellant remained absent during the hearing without any intimation or request for adjournment. On the other hand, the respondent stated before the Bench that the requisite information has already been sent to the appellant.

3. That in view of the above, the appellant is advised to point out deficiencies in writing to the PIO and the PIO is directed to remove the same, if any, received from the appellant and supply rectified information, as per guidelines laid down in the RTI Act, 2005, under intimation to the Commission, before the next date of hearing, failing which stringent action shall be initiated as per law.

4. Adjourned to **27.10.2026 at 11:00 AM.**

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Shri Shubam Biala, (9780959158)

S/o Shri Pardeep Kumar,
279, Gali No 5, Guru Ram Dass Nagar,
Tehsil & District Amritsar-143001

RTI Application No 112863

.....Appellant

VERSUS

Public Information Officer,

O/o District Education Officer,
(Secondary Education), Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o District Education Officer (SE),
Amritsar.

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First Appellate Authority,

O/o Director School Education (Secondary Education),
Vidya Bhawan (PSEB Complex), Phase-VIII,
SAS Nagar (Mohali).

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4170 OF 2024

PRESENT:

None on behalf of the Appellant.

Shri Rajdeep Singh, Junior Assistant (9878933044) on behalf of the Respondents.

ORDER:

That the appellant had sought information as enumerated in his RTI application dated 01.03.2024 and First appeal filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 06.04.2024 and the Second Appeal was filed in the Commission 24.06.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Accordingly, notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. 30.07.2026.

2. That the appellant remained absent during the hearing without any intimation or request for adjournment. On the other hand, the respondent stated before the Bench that the requisite information has already been sent to the appellant vide letter dated 20.05.2024.

3. That in view of the above, the appellant is advised to point out deficiencies in writing to the PIO and the PIO is directed to remove the same, if any, received from the appellant and supply rectified information, as per guidelines laid down in the RTI Act, 2005, under intimation to the Commission, before the next date of hearing, failing which stringent action shall be initiated as per law.

4. Adjourned to **27.10.2026 at 11:00 AM.**

30.07.2026

Sd/-
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Shri Balwinder Singh, (8054211214)

S/o Shri Maluk Singh,
292, Panchyati Gali,
Tehsil & District Gurdaspur-143521.

RTI Application No 114218

.....Appellant

VERSUS

Public Information Officer,

O/o Assistant Excise and Taxation Commissioner,
Gurdaspur.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Deputy Excise and Taxation Commissioner,
Gurdaspur.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4171 OF 2024

PRESENT:

Shri Balwinder Singh, Appellant.

Shri Surender Pal, Superintendent on behalf of the Respondents.

ORDER:

That the appellant had sought information as enumerated in his RTI application dated 11.03.2024 and First appeal filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 03.04.2024 and the Second Appeal was filed in the Commission 24.06.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Accordingly, notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. 30.07.2026.

2. That the appellant submitted before the Bench that no information has been provided. On the other hand, the respondent submitted that the information sought by the appellant is voluminous and the RTI application is not specific. The respondent, therefore, requested that the appellant be directed to specify the exact information required.

3. That in view of the above, the appellant is directed to visit the office of the respondent on any working day after giving prior intimation to the PIO for inspection of the relevant record and to identify the specific information required. The PIO is further directed to facilitate the inspection of the record and provide copies of the requisite information identified by the appellant, in accordance with the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005, failing which appropriate proceedings shall be initiated in accordance with law.

4. Adjourned to **27.10.2026 at 11:00 AM.**

30.07.2026

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S/o Shri Maluk Singh,
292, Panchyati Gali,
Tehsil & District Gurdaspur-143521.

RTI Application No 117964

.....Appellant

VERSUS

Public Information Officer,

O/o Excise Police,
Tarn Taran.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Assistant Commissioner Excise,
Tarn Taran.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4172 OF 2024

PRESENT: Shri Balwinder Singh, Appellant.
None on behalf of the Respondents.

ORDER:

That the appellant had sought information as enumerated in his RTI application dated 04.04.2024 and First appeal filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 07.05.2024 and the Second Appeal was filed in the Commission 24.06.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Accordingly, notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. 30.07.2026.

2. That the appellant stated before the Bench that no information has been provided, whereas the PIO remained absent in court, inspite notice issued through registered post, indicating PIO's disrespect for the Commission, the absence of the PIO is taken seriously as it has affected proceeding of the case.

3. That in view of the above, the Public Information Officer is hereby directed to furnish an appropriate point-wise reply along with the requisite information, if any, to the appellant in accordance with the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005, under intimation to the Commission, well before the next date of hearing, failing which appropriate action shall be considered in accordance with law.

4. Adjourned to **27.10.2026 at 11:00 AM.**

30.07.2026

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Shri Sandeep Kumar Gupta, (9992931181)

S/o Shri Raj Kumar Gupta,

R/o # 1722, Sector 14, Hissar-125001

RTI Application No 117377

...Appellant

VERSUS

Public Information Officer,

O/o District Education Officer,

(Secondary Education), Fazilka.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o District Education Officer (SE),

Fazilka.

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First Appellate Authority,

O/o Director School Education (Secondary Education),

Vidya Bhawan (PSEB Complex), Phase-VIII,

SAS Nagar (Mohali).

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4175 OF 2024

PRESENT: None for the parties.

ORDER:

That the appellant had sought information as enumerated in his RTI application dated 30.03.2024 and First appeal filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 02.05.2024 and the Second Appeal was filed in the Commission 24.06.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Accordingly, notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. 30.07.2026.

2. That both parties remained absent during the hearing. However, an email has been received from the appellant stating therein that no information has been provided and seeking permission to appear through online mode. On the other hand, the PIO also failed to appear before the Commission despite due service of the hearing notice through registered post. The unexplained absence of the PIO reflects a lack of due regard for the proceedings of the Commission. The Bench has taken the absence of the PIO seriously, as it has impeded the effective adjudication of the present appeal.

3. That in view of the above, the Public Information Officer is hereby directed to furnish an appropriate point-wise reply along with the requisite information, if any, to the appellant in accordance with the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005, under intimation to the Commission, well before the next date of hearing, failing which appropriate action shall be considered in accordance with law.

4. Adjourned to **27.10.2026 at 11:00 AM.**

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Shri Gurpreet Singh, (9877344254)

S/o Shri Swaran Singh,
Village Balian, Tehsil Dhuri,
District Sangrur-148106

RTI Application No 123371

...Appellant

VERSUS

Public Information Officer,

O/o Director General School Education, Punjab,
Vidya Bhawan (Punjab School Education Board)
Block E, 5th Floor, Phase- VIII, S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali)

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Director General School Education, Punjab,
Vidya Bhawan (Punjab School Education Board)
Block E, 5th Floor, Phase- VIII, S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali)

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4181 OF 2024

PRESENT: None for the parties.

ORDER:

That the appellant had sought information as enumerated in his RTI application dated 11.05.2024 and First appeal filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 15.05.2024 and the Second Appeal was filed in the Commission 24.06.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Accordingly, notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. 30.07.2026.

2. That both parties remained absent during the hearing. The PIO also failed to appear before the Commission despite due service of the hearing notice through registered post. The unexplained absence of the PIO reflects a lack of due regard for the proceedings of the Commission. The Bench has taken the absence of the PIO seriously, as it has impeded the effective adjudication of the present appeal.

3. That in view of the above, the Public Information Officer is hereby directed to furnish an appropriate point-wise reply along with the requisite information, if any, to the appellant in accordance with the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005, under intimation to the Commission, well before the next date of hearing, failing which appropriate action shall be considered in accordance with law.

4. Adjourned to **27.10.2026 at 11:00 AM.**

30.07.2026

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Shri Nishant, (7986319114)

S/o Shri Ravinder Kumar,
Mohalla Sheikhpur Colony,
Kapurthala-144620

RTI Application No 124120

...Appellant

VERSUS

Public Information Officer,

O/o Director General School Education, Punjab,
Vidya Bhawan (Punjab School Education Board)
Block E, 5th Floor, Phase- VIII, S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali)

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Director General School Education, Punjab,
Vidya Bhawan (Punjab School Education Board)
Block E, 5th Floor, Phase- VIII, S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali)

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4182 OF 2024

PRESENT: None on behalf of the Appellant.
Shri Daljit Singh, Senior Assistant (8168554858) on behalf of the Respondents.

ORDER:

That the appellant had sought information as enumerated in his RTI application dated 17.05.2024 and First appeal filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 22.05.2024 and the Second Appeal was filed in the Commission 24.06.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Accordingly, notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. 30.07.2026.

2. That the appellant remained absent during the hearing. On the other hand, the respondent appeared and requested before the Bench that some additional time be granted to furnish the requisite information/reply to the appellant.

3. That in view of the above, the PIO is hereby directed to provide the requisite information/reply to the appellant, strictly in accordance with the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005, before the next date of hearing, failing which stringent action shall be initiated as per law.

4. Adjourned to **27.10.2026 at 11:00 AM.**

30.07.2026

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S/o Shri Sunil Kumar,
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Jalalabad West, District Fazilka-152024.

RTI Application No 108629

.....Appellant

VERSUS

Public Information Officer,

O/o Director General School Education, Punjab,
Vidya Bhawan (Punjab School Education Board)
Block E, 5th Floor, Phase- VIII, S.A.S. Nagar(Mohali)

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Director General School Education, Punjab,
Vidya Bhawan (Punjab School Education Board)
Block E, 5th Floor, Phase- VIII, S.A.S. Nagar(Mohali)

.....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4183 OF 2024

PRESENT: None on behalf of the Appellant.
Shri Harpal Singh, Junior Scale Steno (8284000767) on behalf of the Respondents.

ORDER:

That the appellant had sought information as enumerated in his RTI application dated 30.01.2024 and First appeal filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 01.03.2024 and the Second Appeal was filed in the Commission 24.06.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Accordingly, notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. 30.07.2026.

2. That the appellant remained absent during the hearing. However, an email seeking permission to attend the hearing through online mode was received and the same was allowed for the present hearing. Nevertheless, the appellant did not join the online proceedings. A copy of the said email is taken on record and placed in the case file.

3. That the respondent submitted before the Bench that the information sought by the appellant pertains to the entire State of Punjab and, therefore, cannot be supplied collectively in view of Section 7(9) of the RTI Act, 2005. It was further submitted that the disclosure of the information sought is also governed by the instructions issued by the Government of Punjab vide letter dated 09.08.2021 relating to personal information and the judgment dated 28.11.2016 passed by the Hon'ble Punjab and Haryana High Court in Civil Writ Petition No. 2175 of 2014, *Mohinder Singh Vs. State Information Commission, Punjab*. A copy of the written reply submitted by the respondent is taken on record and placed in the case file.

4. That in view of the above, the appellant is granted an opportunity to file a rejoinder, if any, to the written reply submitted by the respondent on or before the next date of hearing, with a copy thereof to the respondent.

5. Adjourned to **27.10.2026 at 11:00 AM.**

30.07.2026

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Shri Gurcharan Singh, (9815875655)

S/o Shri Gulzar Singh,
VPO Bambiha Bhai, Tehsil Bagha Purana,
District Moga-142001

.....Appellant

VERSUS

Public Information Officer,

O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer,
Block Bagha Purana, District Moga.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o District Development and Panchayat Officer,
Moga.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 6006 OF 2025

PRESENT:

Shri Gurcharan Singh, Appellant.

Shri Parvinder Singh, Clerk (9832930009) on behalf of the Respondents.

ORDER:

This order refers to the Bench's previous order dated 13.05.2026.

2. That the appellant submitted before the Bench that no information has been provided. On the other hand, the respondent appeared on behalf of the PIO, O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Block Bagha Purana, District Moga, and submitted that the information sought by the appellant pertains to the conduct of Gram Panchayat elections. It was further submitted that the office of the Block Development and Panchayat Officer was not the custodian of the records relating to the said elections and that the overall charge of the Gram Panchayat elections was with the concerned Sub-Divisional Magistrate.

3. That upon consideration of the submissions made by both parties and perusal of the record, the Bench observes that the respondent has categorically stated that the records sought are not maintained by the office of the PIO, O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Block Bagha Purana, District Moga. The appellant submitted that he would be satisfied if the said statement is furnished by the PIO on a sworn affidavit. Accordingly, the PIO is directed to file a sworn affidavit affirming the aforesaid facts before the Commission, with a copy thereof to the appellant, before the next date of hearing. Failure to comply with this direction shall invite appropriate proceedings in accordance with law.

4. Adjourned to **24.09.2026 at 11:00 AM.**

30.07.2026

Sd/-
(HARPREET SINGH SANDHU)
State Information Commissioner, Punjab