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H. No. 19, Badal Colony, Near Post Office,
Zirakpur, Distt. – S. A. S. Nagar(Mohali) - 140603(Punjab)

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Block Development
and Panchayat Officer,
Kahnuwan - 143528, Distt. – Gurdaspur (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Block Development
and Panchayat Officer, Kahnuwan - 143528,
District – Gurdaspur (Punjab)

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Appeal Case No. 7383 of 2024

Present: (i) Sh. Ashok Chaudhary on behalf of the appellant.
(ii) Sh. Sukhvir Singh, Panchayat Secretary on behalf of the respondent PIO.

ORDER:

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2. At today's hearing, the appellant has authorized Sh. Ashok Chaudhary to appear and represent him on his behalf for today's hearing. The representative of the appellant submits that the RTI application was filed on 11.06.2024, however, despite the lapse of more than two years, the requisite information has not been furnished to the appellant. He further requests that appropriate penal action be initiated against the respondent PIO for the delay in furnishing the information.

3. The respondent PIO, represented by Sh. Sukhvir Singh, Panchayat Secretary, submits that the sought-for information has been sent to the appellant through registered post on 05.10.2026. He further submits that another copy of the information has been brought to the Commission for being delivered personally to the appellant during the course of today's hearing. Accordingly, a copy of the information is handed over to the representative of the appellant.

4. In view of the above, one more opportunity is hereby afforded to the appellant to peruse the information furnished by the respondent PIO and, in case any deficiency is found therein, to submit his

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point-wise rebuttal to the respondent PIO within **fifteen days** from the date of receipt of this order, under intimation to the Commission. Upon receipt of such rebuttal, the respondent PIO shall examine the same and, if any deficiency is found, shall remove the deficiencies and furnish the requisite information to the appellant also in fifteen days from the receipt of the rebuttal.

5. The respondent PIO-cum-BDPO, Kahnuwan, Sh. Nirmal Singh, is directed to **remain personally present** before the Commission on the next date of hearing along with a written submission specifically explaining the reasons for the delay in furnishing the requisite information to the appellant, despite the RTI application having been filed on 11.06.2024.

6. Both the parties are further directed to remain present on the next date of hearing so that the matter may be deliberated upon and taken to its logical conclusion. It is made clear that failure on the part of either party to appear before the Commission on the next date of hearing, without any sufficient cause or prior intimation, shall be viewed seriously. In such an eventuality, the Commission shall be at liberty to secure the presence of the concerned party through issuance of a **Bailable Warrant**, in accordance with law.

7. With this, the case is **adjourned to 22nd December, 2026 at 12.00 Noon for hearing at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 06th October, 2026

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**Sh. Bhupinder Singh, BDPO, Kahnuwan,
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Appeal Case No. 7385 of 2024

Present: (i) Sh. Ashok Chaudhary on behalf of the appellant.
(ii) Sh. Sukhvir Singh, Panchayat Secretary on behalf of the respondent PIO.

ORDER:

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5. The respondent PIO-cum-BDPO, Kahnuwan, Sh. Nirmal Singh, is directed to **remain personally present** before the Commission on the next date of hearing along with a written submission specifically explaining the reasons for the delay in furnishing the requisite information to the appellant, despite the RTI application having been filed on 11.06.2024.

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...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 7386 of 2024

Present: (i) Sh. Ashok Chaudhary on behalf of the appellant.
(ii) Sh. Rakesh Kumar, Superintendent on behalf of the respondent PIO.

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated 11.06.2024 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 02.09.2024 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 17.12.2024 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.06.10.2026.

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3. The respondent PIO, represented by Sh. Rakesh Kumar, Superintendent, submits that he has brought a copy of the sought-for information for being delivered personally to the appellant during the course of today's hearing. Accordingly, a copy of the information is handed over to the representative of the appellant during the course of hearing.

4. In view of the above, one more opportunity is hereby afforded to the appellant to peruse the information furnished by the respondent PIO and, in case any deficiency is found therein, to submit his point-wise rebuttal to the respondent PIO within **fifteen days** from the date of receipt of this order, under

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5. The respondent PIO-cum-BDPO, Dorangla District Gurdaspur, is directed to **remain personally present** before the Commission on the next date of hearing along with a written submission specifically explaining the reasons for the delay in furnishing the requisite information to the appellant, despite the RTI application having been filed on 11.06.2024.

6. Both the parties are further directed to remain present on the next date of hearing so that the matter may be deliberated upon and taken to its logical conclusion. It is made clear that failure on the part of either party to appear before the Commission on the next date of hearing, without any sufficient cause or prior intimation, shall be viewed seriously. In such an eventuality, the Commission shall be at liberty to secure the presence of the concerned party through issuance of a **Bailable Warrant**, in accordance with law.

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Appeal Case No. 7391 of 2024

Present: (i) Sh. Ashok Chaudhary on behalf of the appellant.
(ii) Sh. Bhupinder Kumar, Samiti Clerk O/o BDPO, Dinanagar on behalf of the respondent PIO.

ORDER:

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3. The respondent PIO, represented by Sh. Bhupinder Kumar, Samiti Clerk, O/o BDPO, Dinanagar, submits that he is not conversant with the facts of the present case and has appeared before the Commission only upon receiving a telephonic communication from the concerned office to seek an adjournment on its behalf for today's hearing.

4. From the perusal of the record, it is apparent that the respondent PIO has failed to deal with the RTI application with the requisite seriousness and diligence. It is a matter of record that more than two

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years have elapsed since the filing of the RTI application; however, no responsible officer from the O/o BDPO, Gurdaspur, has appeared before the Commission to assist in the adjudication of the matter. Such conduct on the part of the respondent PIO reflects a **casual, non-serious and indifferent approach towards the proceedings and the Notices issued by the Commission**. The respondent PIO cannot be permitted to seek adjournments as a matter of routine, particularly when the matter has remained pending for such a considerable period.

5. The respondent PIO-cum-BDPO, Gurdaspur is, therefore, directed to furnish the requisite information to the appellant within fifteen days from the receipt of this order, under intimation to the Commission. He is also directed to ensure his **personal appearance** on the next date of hearing along with the complete relevant record and a written explanation specifically setting out the reasons for the prolonged delay in non-furnishing the requisite information to the appellant and for non-appearance of the responsible officer before the Commission. Any further lapse or non-compliance shall be viewed seriously and may invite appropriate action under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

6. Both the parties are further directed to remain present on the next date of hearing so that the matter may be deliberated upon and taken to its logical conclusion. It is made clear that failure on the part of either party to appear before the Commission on the next date of hearing, without any sufficient cause or prior intimation, shall be viewed seriously. In such an eventuality, the Commission shall be at liberty to secure the presence of the concerned party through issuance of a **Bailable Warrant**, in accordance with law.

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...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 7390 of 2024

Present: (i) Sh. Ashok Chaudhary on behalf of the appellant.
(ii) Sh. Bhupinder Kumar, Samiti Clerk O/o BDPO, Dinanagar on behalf of the respondent PIO.

ORDER:

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...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 7389 of 2024

Present:

- (i) Sh. Ashok Chaudhary on behalf of the appellant.
- (ii) Sh. Bhupinder Kumar, Samiti Clerk O/o BDPO, Dinanagar on behalf of the respondent PIO.

ORDER:

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Appeal Case No. 7388 of 2024

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Appeal Case No. 7387 of 2024

Present:

- (i) Sh. Ashok Chaudhary on behalf of the appellant.
- (ii) Sh. Bhupinder Kumar, Samiti Clerk O/o BDPO, Dinanagar on behalf of the respondent PIO.

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated 06.05.2024 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 02.09.2024 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 17.12.2024 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.06.10.2026.

2. At today's hearing, the appellant has authorized Sh. Ashok Chaudhary to appear and represent him on his behalf for today's hearing. The representative of the appellant submits that the RTI application was filed on 11.06.2024, however, despite the lapse of more than two years, the requisite information has not been furnished to the appellant. He further requests that appropriate penal action be initiated against the respondent PIO for the delay in furnishing the information.

3. The respondent PIO, represented by Sh. Bhupinder Kumar, Samiti Clerk, O/o BDPO, Dinanagar, submits that he is not conversant with the facts of the present case and has appeared before the Commission only upon receiving a telephonic communication from the concerned office to seek an adjournment on its behalf for today's hearing.

4. From the perusal of the record, it is apparent that the respondent PIO has failed to deal with the RTI application with the requisite seriousness and diligence. It is a matter of record that more than two

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years have elapsed since the filing of the RTI application; however, no responsible officer from the O/o BDPO, Gurdaspur, has appeared before the Commission to assist in the adjudication of the matter. Such conduct on the part of the respondent PIO reflects a **casual, non-serious and indifferent approach towards the proceedings and the Notices issued by the Commission**. The respondent PIO cannot be permitted to seek adjournments as a matter of routine, particularly when the matter has remained pending for such a considerable period.

5. The respondent PIO-cum-BDPO, Gurdaspur is, therefore, directed to furnish the requisite information to the appellant within fifteen days from the receipt of this order, under intimation to the Commission. He is also directed to ensure his **personal appearance** on the next date of hearing along with the complete relevant record and a written explanation specifically setting out the reasons for the prolonged delay in non-furnishing the requisite information to the appellant and for non-appearance of the responsible officer before the Commission. Any further lapse or non-compliance shall be viewed seriously and may invite appropriate action under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

6. Both the parties are further directed to remain present on the next date of hearing so that the matter may be deliberated upon and taken to its logical conclusion. It is made clear that failure on the part of either party to appear before the Commission on the next date of hearing, without any sufficient cause or prior intimation, shall be viewed seriously. In such an eventuality, the Commission shall be at liberty to secure the presence of the concerned party through issuance of a **Bailable Warrant**, in accordance with law.

7. With this, the case is **adjourned to 22nd December, 2026 at 12.00 Noon for hearing at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 06th October, 2026

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...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 7392 of 2024

Present: (i) Sh. Ashok Chaudhary on behalf of the appellant.
(ii) None on behalf of the respondent PIO.

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated 11.06.2024 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 02.09.2024 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 17.12.2024 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.06.10.2026.

2. At today's hearing, the appellant has authorized Sh. Ashok Chaudhary to appear and represent him on his behalf for today's hearing. The representative of the appellant submits that the RTI application was filed on 11.06.2024, however, despite the lapse of more than two years, the requisite information has not been furnished to the appellant. He further requests that appropriate penal action be initiated against the respondent PIO for the delay in furnishing the information.

3. Neither the respondent PIO nor any authorized representative on his behalf is present before the Commission at today's hearing. However, an email dated 01.10.2026 has been received from the respondent PIO, wherein it has been submitted that, consequent upon the reorganization of the Blocks pursuant to the Notification issued by the Government of Punjab, Gram Panchayat Mattam Bada has been included in Block Dorangla. It has further been submitted that, in terms of the orders dated 01.10.2025 issued by the Deputy Secretary, Government of Punjab, Department of Rural Development and Panchayats, Punjab, the work pertaining to the Gram Panchayats included in a newly reorganized

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Block is to be dealt with by the concerned new Block. Accordingly, the respondent PIO has submitted that the information sought by the appellant pertains to the jurisdiction of **Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Block Dorangla**, and that the requisite information is, therefore, required to be furnished by the said office.

4. From the perusal of the RTI application and the record available on file, it is observed that the respondent PIO, O/o BDPO, Gurdaspur, has, till date, failed to transfer the RTI application to the concerned public authority/department, despite the fact that the information sought pertains to the records under the control of the said authority. Such failure on the part of the respondent PIO reflects a **lack of due diligence and proper understanding of the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005**. The respondent PIO was required to act upon the RTI application in accordance with the statutory provisions and, wherever applicable, to transfer the application to the concerned public authority within the prescribed period. The conduct of the respondent PIO is, therefore, viewed seriously. He is directed to ensure strict compliance with the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005 and to explain the reasons for not transferring the RTI application to the concerned department within the prescribed period.

5. Since the subject matter of the RTI application pertains to the Office of the **Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Block Dorangla**. The respondent PIO, O/o **Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Block Dorangla**, is hereby **impleaded as a necessary party** in the instant appeal case.

6. In view of the above, the **Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Block Dorangla**, is directed to examine the RTI application and furnish the complete point-wise information sought by the appellant, in accordance with the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005, within **fifteen days** from the date of receipt of this order. The respondent PIO shall ensure that the information, as available on record, is furnished without any further delay. The respondent PIO shall also ensure strict compliance with the aforesaid direction and submit a compliance report before the Commission on or before the next date of hearing.

7. Both the parties are further directed to remain present on the next date of hearing so that the matter may be deliberated upon and taken to its logical conclusion. It is made clear that failure on the part

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of either party to appear before the Commission on the next date of hearing, without any sufficient cause or prior intimation, shall be viewed seriously. In such an eventuality, the Commission shall be at liberty to secure the presence of the concerned party through issuance of a **Bailable Warrant**, in accordance with law.

8. With this, the case is **adjourned to 22nd December, 2026 at 12.00 Noon for hearing at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 06th October, 2026

(Pooja Gupta)
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Enclosed: RTI application.

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...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 7393 of 2024

Present: (i) Sh. Ashok Chaudhary on behalf of the appellant.
(ii) None on behalf of the respondent PIO.

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated 11.06.2024 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 02.09.2024 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 17.12.2024 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.06.10.2026.

2. At today's hearing, the appellant has authorized Sh. Ashok Chaudhary to appear and represent him on his behalf for today's hearing. The representative of the appellant submits that the RTI application was filed on 11.06.2024, however, despite the lapse of more than two years, the requisite information has not been furnished to the appellant. He further requests that appropriate penal action be initiated against the respondent PIO for the delay in furnishing the information.

3. Neither the respondent PIO nor any of his representative is present for today's hearing, which shows their casual approach towards the Notice of the Commission.

4. Nevertheless, **one more opportunity** is granted to the respondent PIO to file a point-wise written reply/information along with the documentary evidence in an annotated form and a copy of the same be sent to the appellant within 15 days from the receipt of this order. The appellant is also advised to go through the information whenever he receives and revert back to the respondent PIO in case of any deficiency found in the information, within fifteen days, from the receipt of this order, under intimation to the Commission. On receipt of the rebuttal, the respondent is also directed to remove the deficiencies, if any, before the next date of hearing.

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5. Both the parties are also directed to remain present for deliberations to take the matter to its logical end. Failure to attend the Hearing will compel the Commission to ensure their presence through service of a **Bailable Warrant**.
6. With this, the case is **adjourned to 22nd December, 2026 at 12.00 Noon for hearing at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

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...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 7405 of 2024

Present: (i) Sh. Ashok Chaudhary on behalf of the appellant.
(ii) Sh. Bhupinder Kumar, Samiti Clerk O/o BDPO, Dinanagar on behalf of the respondent PIO.

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated 11.06.2024 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 02.09.2024 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 18.12.2024 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.06.10.2026.

2. At today's hearing, the appellant has authorized Sh. Ashok Chaudhary to appear and represent him on his behalf for today's hearing. The representative of the appellant submits that the RTI application was filed on 11.06.2024, however, despite the lapse of more than two years, the requisite information has not been furnished to the appellant. He further requests that appropriate penal action be initiated against the respondent PIO for the delay in furnishing the information.

3. The respondent PIO, represented by Sh. Bhupinder Kumar, Samiti Clerk, O/o BDPO, Dinanagar, submits that the RTI application filed by the appellant was not received in their office and, therefore, the information sought by the appellant could not be furnished.

4. In view of the submissions made by the respondent PIO, a copy of the RTI application is handed over to the respondent PIO during the course of hearing.

5. From the perusal of the record, it is apparent that the respondent PIO has failed to deal with the RTI application with the requisite seriousness and diligence. It is a matter of record that more than two years have elapsed since the filing of the RTI application; however, no responsible officer from the O/o

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BDPO, Dinanagar, District Gurdaspur, has appeared before the Commission to assist in the adjudication of the matter. Such conduct on the part of the respondent PIO reflects a **casual, non-serious and indifferent approach towards the proceedings and the Notices issued by the Commission**. The respondent PIO cannot be permitted to seek adjournments as a matter of routine, particularly when the matter has remained pending for such a considerable period.

5. The respondent PIO-cum-BDPO, Dinanagar, District Gurdaspur is, therefore, directed to furnish the requisite information to the appellant within fifteen days from the receipt of this order, under intimation to the Commission. He is also directed to ensure his **personal appearance** on the next date of hearing along with the complete relevant record and a written explanation specifically setting out the reasons for the prolonged delay in non-furnishing the requisite information to the appellant and for non-appearance of the responsible officer before the Commission. Any further lapse or non-compliance shall be viewed seriously and may invite appropriate action under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

6. Both the parties are further directed to remain present on the next date of hearing so that the matter may be deliberated upon and taken to its logical conclusion. It is made clear that failure on the part of either party to appear before the Commission on the next date of hearing, without any sufficient cause or prior intimation, shall be viewed seriously. In such an eventuality, the Commission shall be at liberty to secure the presence of the concerned party through issuance of a **Bailable Warrant**, in accordance with law.

7. With this, the case is **adjourned to 22nd December, 2026 at 12.00 Noon for hearing at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

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...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 7404 of 2024

Present: (i) Sh. Ashok Chaudhary on behalf of the appellant.
(ii) Sh. Bhupinder Singh, Clerk on behalf of the respondent PIO.

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated 11.06.2024 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 02.09.2024 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 18.12.2024 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.06.10.2026.

2. At today's hearing, the appellant has authorized Sh. Ashok Chaudhary to appear and represent him on his behalf. The representative of the appellant submits that a reply to the RTI application has been received from the O/o BDPO, Dinanagar vide letter dated **12.08.2026**, wherein it has been stated that village Jogar has been included in Block Dorangla pursuant to the recent reorganization of the Development Blocks across the State of Punjab. However, at the time of filing of the RTI application, village Jogar was within the jurisdiction of the O/o BDPO, Dinanagar. The representative of the appellant further submits that, notwithstanding the subsequent reorganization, the RTI application was originally submitted when village Jogar fell within the jurisdiction of BDPO, Dinanagar. Therefore, if the information sought was held by or more closely connected with the O/o BDPO, Dorangla, the respondent PIO, BDPO, Dinanagar was required to transfer the RTI application, or the relevant part thereof, to the concerned public authority under **Section 6(3) of the RTI Act, 2005**, within the prescribed statutory period. It is alleged that the respondent PIO failed to discharge the said statutory obligation within the prescribed time. He has prayed that action should be initiated against the respondent PIO-cum-BDPO, Dinanagar as per Section 20 of the RTI Act, 2005.

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3. The respondent PIO is represented by Sh. Bhupinder Singh, Clerk submits that the written reply has already been sent by the PIO. An email dated **12.08.2026** has been received from the respondent PIO, wherein it has been stated that the subject matter of the RTI application pertains to **Block Dorangla** and that the O/o BDPO, Dorangla is the competent authority to furnish the information sought by the appellant. Upon consideration of the submissions made during the course of hearing, it is observed that Sh. Bhupinder Singh, Clerk, does not appear to be conversant with the facts and relevant record of the instant case. His submissions do not adequately address the issues involved in the matter.

4. From the perusal of the RTI application and the record available on file, it is observed that the respondent PIO, O/o BDPO, Dinanaga, District Gurdaspur, has, till date, failed to transfer the RTI application to the concerned public authority/department, despite the fact that the information sought pertains to the records under the control of the said authority. Such failure on the part of the respondent PIO reflects a **lack of due diligence and proper understanding of the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005**. The respondent PIO was required to act upon the RTI application in accordance with the statutory provisions and, wherever applicable, to transfer the application to the concerned public authority within the prescribed period. The conduct of the respondent PIO is, therefore, viewed seriously. He is directed to ensure strict compliance with the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005 and to explain the reasons for not transferring the RTI application to the concerned department within the prescribed period.

5. Since the subject matter of the RTI application pertains to the Office of the **Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Block Dorangla**. The respondent PIO, O/o **Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Block Dorangla**, is hereby **impleaded as a necessary party** in the instant appeal case.

6. In view of the above, the **Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Block Dorangla**, is directed to examine the RTI application and furnish the complete point-wise information sought by the appellant, in accordance with the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005, within **fifteen days** from the date of receipt of this order. The respondent PIO shall ensure that the information, as available on record, is furnished without any further delay. The respondent PIO shall also ensure strict compliance with the aforesaid direction and submit a compliance report before the Commission on or before the next date of hearing.

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7. Both the parties are further directed to remain present on the next date of hearing so that the matter may be deliberated upon and taken to its logical conclusion. It is made clear that failure on the part of either party to appear before the Commission on the next date of hearing, without any sufficient cause or prior intimation, shall be viewed seriously. In such an eventuality, the Commission shall be at liberty to secure the presence of the concerned party through issuance of a **Bailable Warrant**, in accordance with law.

8. With this, the case is **adjourned to 22nd December, 2026 at 12.00 Noon for hearing at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 06th October, 2026

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Appeal Case No. 7405 of 2024

Present: (i) Sh. Ashok Chaudhary on behalf of the appellant.
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ORDER:

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3. The respondent PIO, represented by Sh. Bhupinder Kumar, Samiti Clerk, O/o BDPO, Dinanagar, submits that he is not conversant with the facts and relevant record of the present case. He accordingly requests that a copy of the RTI application be provided to him so that the matter may be examined and the requisite information furnished to the appellant. A copy of the RTI application is handed over to the representative of the respondent PIO during the course of hearing.

4. From the perusal of the record, it is apparent that the respondent PIO has failed to deal with the RTI application with the requisite seriousness and diligence. It is a matter of record that more than two

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years have elapsed since the filing of the RTI application; however, no responsible officer from the O/o BDPO, Dinanagar, District Gurdaspur has appeared before the Commission to assist in the adjudication of the matter. Such conduct on the part of the respondent PIO reflects a **casual, non-serious and indifferent approach towards the proceedings and the Notices issued by the Commission**. The respondent PIO cannot be permitted to seek adjournments as a matter of routine, particularly when the matter has remained pending for such a considerable period.

5. The respondent PIO-cum-BDPO, Dinanagar, District Gurdaspur is, therefore, directed to furnish the requisite information to the appellant within fifteen days from the receipt of this order, under intimation to the Commission. He is also directed to ensure his **personal appearance** on the next date of hearing along with the complete relevant record and a written explanation specifically setting out the reasons for the prolonged delay in non-furnishing the requisite information to the appellant and for non-appearance of the responsible officer before the Commission. Any further lapse or non-compliance shall be viewed seriously and may invite appropriate action under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

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Appeal Case No. 7402 of 2024

Present: (i) Sh. Ashok Chaudhary on behalf of the appellant.
(ii) Sh. Bhupinder Kumar, Samiti Clerk O/o BDPO, Dinanagar on behalf of the respondent PIO.

ORDER:

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3. The respondent PIO, represented by Sh. Bhupinder Kumar, Samiti Clerk, O/o BDPO, Dinanagar, submits that he is not conversant with the facts and relevant record of the present case. He accordingly requests that a copy of the RTI application be provided to him so that the matter may be examined and the requisite information furnished to the appellant. A copy of the RTI application is handed over to the representative of the respondent PIO during the course of hearing.

4. From the perusal of the record, it is apparent that the respondent PIO has failed to deal with the RTI application with the requisite seriousness and diligence. It is a matter of record that more than two

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Appeal Case No. 7402 of 2024

years have elapsed since the filing of the RTI application; however, no responsible officer from the O/o BDPO, Dinanagar, District Gurdaspur has appeared before the Commission to assist in the adjudication of the matter. Such conduct on the part of the respondent PIO reflects a **casual, non-serious and indifferent approach towards the proceedings and the Notices issued by the Commission**. The respondent PIO cannot be permitted to seek adjournments as a matter of routine, particularly when the matter has remained pending for such a considerable period.

5. The respondent PIO-cum-BDPO, Dinanagar, District Gurdaspur is, therefore, directed to furnish the requisite information to the appellant within fifteen days from the receipt of this order, under intimation to the Commission. He is also directed to ensure his **personal appearance** on the next date of hearing along with the complete relevant record and a written explanation specifically setting out the reasons for the prolonged delay in non-furnishing the requisite information to the appellant and for non-appearance of the responsible officer before the Commission. Any further lapse or non-compliance shall be viewed seriously and may invite appropriate action under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

6. Both the parties are further directed to remain present on the next date of hearing so that the matter may be deliberated upon and taken to its logical conclusion. It is made clear that failure on the part of either party to appear before the Commission on the next date of hearing, without any sufficient cause or prior intimation, shall be viewed seriously. In such an eventuality, the Commission shall be at liberty to secure the presence of the concerned party through issuance of a **Bailable Warrant**, in accordance with law.

7. With this, the case is **adjourned to 22nd December, 2026 at 12.00 Noon for hearing at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 06th October, 2026

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....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Block Development
and Panchayat Officer,
Dinanagar, District – Gurdaspur (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Block Development
and Panchayat Officer,
Dinanagar, District – Gurdaspur (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 7403 of 2024

Present: (i) Sh. Ashok Chaudhary on behalf of the appellant.
(ii) Sh. Bhupinder Kumar, Samiti Clerk O/o BDPO, Dinanagar on behalf of the respondent PIO.

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated 11.06.2024 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 02.09.2024 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 18.12.2024 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.06.10.2026.

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6. Both the parties are further directed to remain present on the next date of hearing so that the matter may be deliberated upon and taken to its logical conclusion. It is made clear that failure on the part of either party to appear before the Commission on the next date of hearing, without any sufficient cause or prior intimation, shall be viewed seriously. In such an eventuality, the Commission shall be at liberty to secure the presence of the concerned party through issuance of a **Bailable Warrant**, in accordance with law.

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Dated: 06th October, 2026

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Sh. Amarjit Singh Dhamotia, (M.- 98884-90031)
1331-5, Street No. 05, Vishwakarma Bhawan,
Down Canal Road, Shimlapuri, Distt. - Ludhiana - 141003 (Punjab)

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Principal Secretary
to Government of Punjab,
Deptt. of Health and Family Welfare,
Pb. Civil Secretariat, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Principal Secretary
to Government of Punjab,
Deptt. of Health and Family Welfare,
Pb. Civil Secretariat, Chandigarh.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 4454 of 2024

Present: (i) The appellant is absent.
(ii) Sh. Amarjit Singh, Drug Inspector, Ludhiana on behalf of the respondent PIO.

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated 29.01.2024 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 04.03.2024 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 08.07.2024 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. 06.10.2026.

2. At today's hearing, the appellant is absent without any intimation to the Commission.

3. The respondent PIO, represented by Sh. Amarjit Singh, Drug Inspector, submits that the information sought by the appellant has already been furnished to him vide letter dated **15.02.2024**. It has been stated therein that the information pertaining to **Point No. 1** is available in the public domain on the concerned Punjab Government web portal i.e. "xln.punjab@gove.in, whereas the information pertaining to **Point Nos. 2 to 4** relates to third-party information. It is further submitted that the concerned third party has furnished a written request stating that their personal information should not be disclosed to any other person. A copy of the written submission furnished by the respondent PIO is taken on record.

4. In view of the above, the appellant is directed to file his rebuttal, if any, to the written submissions furnished by the respondent PIO before the next date of hearing, with an advance copy thereof to the respondent PIO. He is further directed to place on record a written submission demonstrating the larger public interest involved in seeking the information under the Right to Information Act, 2005, on or before the next date of hearing. Both the parties are also directed to remain present for deliberations to take the matter to its logical end, failing which the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

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Appeal Case No. 4454 of 2024

5. With this, the case is **adjourned to 11th January, 2027 at 12.00 Noon for hearing at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 06th October, 2026

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....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Chief Medical officer,
Civil Surgeon, Ludhiana(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Chief Medical officer,
Civil Surgeon, Ludhiana(Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 4455 of 2024

Present: None for the parties.

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated 22.03.2024 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 22.04.2024 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 08.07.2024 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.06.10.2026.

2. At today's hearing, neither the appellant nor the respondent PIO is present. However, an email dated 05.10.2026 has been received from the respondent POI O/o Civil Surgeon, Ludhiana that the matter related to the RTI application is going on in the Hon'ble Civil Court Suit No. 1627/2024 Som Nath versus Amarjit Singh Dhamotia.

3. In view of the above, the appellant is directed to file his rebuttal, if any, to the written submissions furnished by the respondent PIO before the next date of hearing, with an advance copy thereof to the respondent PIO. He is further directed to place on record a written submission demonstrating the larger public interest involved in seeking the information under the Right to Information Act, 2005, on or before the next date of hearing. Both the parties are also directed to remain present for deliberations to take the matter to its logical end. It is also clarified that in case of defiance of this order, the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

4. With this, the case is **adjourned to 11th January, 2027 at 12.00 Noon for hearing at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

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Distt. - Ludhiana - 141003 (Punjab)

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o The Director General of Police, Punjab
Punjab Police Head Quarter,
Sector 9, Chandigarh.

Public Information Officer,

O/o Commissioner of Police,
Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o The Director General of Police, Punjab
Punjab Police Head Quarter,
Sector 9, Chandigarh.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 4452 of 2024

Present:

- (i) The appellant is absent.
- (ii) ASI/LR Harshpreet Singh on behalf of the respondent PIO.

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated 19.03.2024 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 19.04.2024 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 08.07.2024 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. 06.10.2026.

2. At today's hearing, the appellant is absent, without intimation.

3. The respondent PIO, represented by ASI/LR Sh. Harshpreet Singh, submits that the information sought by the appellant is to be furnished by the O/o Commissioner of Police, Ludhiana, as the said office is the competent authority to furnish a reply to the RTI application of the appellant.

4. An email dated **06.10.2026** has also been received from the O/o Commissioner of Police, Ludhiana, requesting adjournment of the matter. The request for adjournment is taken on record and is allowed.

5. Since the subject matter of the RTI application pertains to the Office of the Commissioner of Police, Ludhiana. The respondent PIO, O/o Commissioner of Police, Ludhiana, is hereby **impleaded as a necessary party** in the instant appeal case. The impleaded respondent PIO, O/o Commissioner of

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Appeal Case No. 4452 of 2024

Police, Ludhiana, is directed to furnish the complete information sought by the appellant, strictly in accordance with the provisions of the RTI Act, within **fifteen days** from the date of receipt of this order. The respondent PIO shall ensure **strict compliance** with the aforesaid direction within the stipulated period.

5. Both the parties are also directed to remain present for deliberations to take the matter to its logical end. Failure to attend the Hearing will compel the Commission to ensure their presence through service of a **Bailable Warrant**.

6. With this, the case is **adjourned to 11th January, 2027 at 12.00 Noon for hearing at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 06th October, 2026

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District – Ludhiana – 141003 (Punjab)

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Chairman-cum-Managing Director,
Pb. State Power Corporation Ltd.
The Mall, Patiala (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Chairman-cum-Managing Director,
Pb. State Power Corporation Ltd.
The Mall, Patiala (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 4456 of 2024

Present: None for the parties.

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated 19.03.2024 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 19.04.2024 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 08.07.2024 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. 06.10.2026.

2. At today's hearing, neither the appellant nor the respondent PIO is present. No intimation regarding their non-availability has been received by the Commission from either side. The absence of the respondent PIO is viewed seriously.

3. In the interest of justice, **last opportunity** is granted to both the parties to appear personally before the Commission on the next date of hearing and to state the facts and circumstances of the case. The respondent PIO shall also ensure compliance with the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005, if not already done. It is made clear that in case of failure to appear on the next date of hearing without sufficient cause, the Commission shall be constrained to proceed further in accordance with law.

4. With this, the case is **adjourned to 11th January, 2027 at 12.00 Noon for hearing at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 06th October, 2026

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....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Director, Food Civil Supplies &
Consumer Affairs, Punjab,
Anaj Bhawan, Sector 39-C,
Chandigarh – 160036.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Director, Food Civil Supplies &
Consumer Affairs, Punjab,
Anaj Bhawan, Sector 39-C,
Chandigarh – 160036.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 4457 of 2024

Present: None for the parties.

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated 14.03.2024 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 14.04.2024 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 08.07.2024 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. 06.10.2026.

2. At today's hearing, neither the appellant nor the respondent PIO is present. No intimation regarding their non-availability has been received by the Commission from either side. The absence of the respondent PIO is viewed seriously.

3. In the interest of justice, **last opportunity** is granted to both the parties to appear personally before the Commission on the next date of hearing and to state the facts and circumstances of the case. The respondent PIO shall also ensure compliance with the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005, if not already done. It is made clear that in case of failure to appear on the next date of hearing without sufficient cause, the Commission shall be constrained to proceed further in accordance with law.

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....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Principal Secretary
to Government of Punjab,
Deptt. Of Health and Family Welfare,
Pb. Civil Secretariat, Chandigarh.

Public Information Officer,
O/o Director, Health and Family welfare,
Punjab, Sector: 34/A,
Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Principal Secretary
to Government of Punjab,
Deptt. Of Health and Family Welfare,
Pb. Civil Secretariat, Chandigarh.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 4458 of 2024

Present: None for the parties.

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated 22.03.2024 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 22.04.2024 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 08.07.2024 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.06.10.2026.

2. At today's hearing, neither the appellant nor the respondent PIO is present. However, an email dated 12.08.2026 has been received from the respondent PIO vide which they have transferred the RTI application of the appellant to the respondent PIO O/o Director, Health and Family Welfare, Punjab. Copy of the same is taken on record.

3. Since the subject matter of the RTI application pertains to the Office of the Director, Health and Family Welfare, Punjab. The respondent PIO, O/o Director, Health and Family Welfare, Punjab, is hereby **impleaded as a necessary party** in the instant appeal case. The impleaded respondent PIO, O/o

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Appeal Case No. 4458 of 2024

Director, Health and Family Welfare, Punjab is directed to furnish the complete information sought by the appellant, strictly in accordance with the provisions of the RTI Act, within **fifteen days** from the date of receipt of this order. The respondent PIO shall ensure **strict compliance** with the aforesaid direction within the stipulated period.

4. Both the parties are also directed to remain present for deliberations to take the matter to its logical end. Failure to attend the Hearing will compel the Commission to ensure their presence through service of a **Bailable Warrant**.

5. With this, the case is **adjourned to 11th January, 2027 at 12.00 Noon for hearing at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

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....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o P. W. D. (B&R),
Ludhiana(Punjab)
First Appellate Authority,
O/o P. W. D. (B&R),
Ludhiana(Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 4460 of 2024

Present: None for the parties.

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated 29.12.2023 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 31.01.2024 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 08.07.2024 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.06.10.2026.

2. At today's hearing, neither the appellant nor the respondent PIO is present. No intimation regarding their non-availability has been received by the Commission from either side. The absence of the respondent PIO is viewed seriously.

3. In the interest of justice, **last opportunity** is granted to both the parties to appear personally before the Commission on the next date of hearing and to state the facts and circumstances of the case. The respondent PIO shall also ensure compliance with the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005, if not already done. It is made clear that in case of failure to appear on the next date of hearing without sufficient cause, the Commission shall be constrained to proceed further in accordance with law.

4. With this, the case is **adjourned to 11th January, 2027 at 12.00 Noon for hearing at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

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Ludhiana - 141014(Punjab) (M.- 9888098886)
RTI Application No. 81436.

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Deputy Commissioner,
Sri Fatehgarh Sahib (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Deputy Commissioner,
Sri Fatehgarh Sahib (Punjab).

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 5768 of 2024

Present: None for the parties.

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated 07.08.2023 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 07.09.2023 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 13.09.2024 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.06.10.2026.

2. At today's hearing, neither the appellant nor the respondent PIO is present. No intimation regarding their non-availability has been received by the Commission from either side. The absence of the respondent PIO is viewed seriously.

3. In the interest of justice, **last opportunity** is granted to both the parties to appear personally before the Commission on the next date of hearing and to state the facts and circumstances of the case. The respondent PIO shall also ensure compliance with the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005, if not already done. It is made clear that in case of failure to appear on the next date of hearing without sufficient cause, the Commission shall be constrained to proceed further in accordance with law.

4. With this, the case is **adjourned to 11th January, 2027 at 12.00 Noon for hearing at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 06th October, 2026

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(M.- 9888098886) RTI Application No. 82592.

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o The District Development
and Panchayat Officer,
Barnala (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o District Development
and Panchayat Officer,
Barnala (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 5771 of 2024

Present: None for the parties.

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated 12.08.2023 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 16.09.2023 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 13.09.2024 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. 06.10.2026.

2. At today's hearing, neither the appellant nor the respondent PIO is present. However, a letter dated 11.08.2026 has been received from the O/o DDPO, Barnala, wherein it has been stated that RTI application No. 82951 dated 12.08.2023 falls within the jurisdiction of the D.C., Fatehgarh Sahib, and is not related to the O/o DDPO, Barnala.

3. From a perusal of the aforesaid communication, it is observed that the respondent PIO, O/o DDPO, Barnala, has inadvertently mentioned RTI application No. 82951, whereas the RTI application in question is bearing No. 82592, which pertains to the O/o DDPO, Barnala.

4. Accordingly, the respondent PIO, O/o DDPO, Barnala, is directed to examine the RTI application No. 82592 dated 12.08.2023 and furnish the complete information sought by the appellant, strictly in accordance with the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005, within fifteen days from the date of receipt of this order. The respondent PIO shall ensure strict compliance with the aforesaid direction and shall not repeat such inadvertent reference to an incorrect RTI application number in future.

5. Both the parties are also directed to remain present for deliberations to take the matter to its logical end. Failure to attend the Hearing will compel the Commission to ensure their presence through service of a **Bailable Warrant**.

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6. With this, the case is **adjourned to 11th January, 2027 at 12.00 Noon for hearing at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 06th October, 2026

(Pooja Gupta)
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