



Sh. Manjinder Singh,
#2469, Sunny Enclave, Sector- 125,
Kharar, Distt Mohali. (M: 9872015069)

.....Appellant.

Vs.

Public Information Officer,
O/o Secretary,
Regional Transport Authority,
Bathinda.

Public Information Officer,
O/o State Transport Commission,
Punjab, Sector:17/C, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority
O/o Secretary,
Regional Transport Authority,
Bathinda.

....Respondent

Appeal Case No. 5751 of 2023

Present: (i) Sh.Manjinder Singh, the appellant.
(ii) Sh. Sunil Kumar Clerk O/o STC, (in person) and Sh. Gurtej Singh, PIO O/o RTO, Bathinda (through cisco webex) on behalf of the respondent PIO.

ORDER:

This Order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 03.08.2026 passed by the Commission.

2. The appellant submits that, during the previous hearing, the respondent PIO had stated that the information sought by him had been furnished vide letter dated 03.08.2026. However, the appellant contends that he has not received the said information till date.

3. Upon being asked by the Bench, the respondent PIO, Sh. Gurtej Singh, PIO, O/o RTO, Bathinda, submits that the information pertaining to the O/o RTO, Bathinda has already been furnished to the appellant, whereas the remaining information is to be provided by the O/o State Transport Commissioner (STC), Punjab. He further submits that a letter has also been addressed to the said office in this regard.

4. Sh. Sunil Kumar, Clerk, representing the O/o STC, Punjab, submits that the entire information sought by the appellant is available in the office of the RTO, Bathinda.

5. The perusal of the file and the conduct of the respondent O/o RTO, Bathinda has proved that he has not performed his duty as mandated by the RTI regime. Such kind of behavior of a Government employee needs to be condemned and such employees need to be taught a good lesson so that rest of the employees have a right kind of message to wake up and perform their duties under the RTI Act for ensuring complete transparency and due accountability in the governance affairs of the public authorities.

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6. The perusal of the record reveals that in this case, the appellant has tried his best to get the information from the PIO who failed to provide the information to the applicant. He has been made to run from pillar to post for getting the information, which he could not get even after the notice was issued by the Commission in the second appeal. He has suffered unnecessary detriments/harassment in getting the information at the hands of the PIO.

7. In view of the contradictory submissions made by the representatives of the two offices, the respondent PIO, O/o RTO, Bathinda, is directed to verify the record and furnish the complete point-wise information sought by the appellant, in accordance with the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005, within 15 days from the date of receipt of this order. All the record pertaining to the RTI application of the appellant is also to be brought in the Commission, on the next date of hearing. The respondent PIO shall ensure strict compliance with these directions.

8. 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.

9. With this, the case is **adjourned to 18th January, 2027 at 12.00 Noon for hearing at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 08th October, 2026

(Pooja Gupta)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab



Sh. Manjinder Singh, (M: 9872015069)
#2469, Sunny Enclave, Sector- 125,
Kharar, Distt Mohali.

.....Appellant.

Vs.

Public Information Officer,
O/o Secretary,
Regional Transport Authority,
Patiala.

First Appellate Authority
O/o Secretary,
Regional Transport Authority,
Patiala.

....Respondent

Appeal Case No. 1233 of 2024

Present: (i) Sh.Manjinder Singh, the appellant.
(ii) Sh. Sher Singh, Sr. Assistant-cum-PIO on behalf of the respondent PIO.

ORDER:

This Order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 30.07.2026 passed by the Commission.

2. At today's hearing, the appellant submits that, despite the directions issued by the Commission, neither Sh. Harjit Singh, Clerk, nor Sh. Tirath Singh, Junior Assistant, has appeared before the Commission. He further submits that no record pertaining to his RTI application has been produced before the Commission to date.

3. The respondent PIO, represented by Sh. Sher Singh, Senior Assistant, submits that the relevant record is required to be produced by Sh. Harjit Singh, Clerk, and Sh. Tirath Singh, Junior Assistant.

4. In view of the above, **a last and final opportunity** is granted to Sh. Tirath Singh, Junior Assistant, to appear before the Commission and produce the certified copies of the challans and cash book receipts pertaining to the month of May 2018. He is directed to ensure strict compliance with these directions, failing which the Commission may proceed further in accordance with the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

5. 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. 1233 of 2024

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P.S:

After the conclusion of the hearing, Sh. Tirath Singh, Junior Assistant, appeared before the Bench and submitted that, due to certain reasons, he could not appear on time. He further stated that he had brought the original record comprising the challans and receipt book pertaining to the month of May 2018. In view of the above, Sh. Tirath Singh, Junior Assistant, is once again directed to appear before the Commission on the next date of hearing, punctually and along with the aforesaid original record, to enable the Commission to examine the same. It is made clear that any further failure to appear on time or produce the relevant record shall be viewed seriously and may invite appropriate penal action against him, in accordance with law. The matter is adjourned.

Dated: 08th October, 2026

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Sh. Jasbir Singh,
Guru Nanak Nagar, Village Bholapur,
Post Office Ramgarh, Chandigarh Road, Ludhiana (East),
Ludhiana-141123.

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o Secretary,
Regional Transport Authority,
Tarn Taran.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Secretary,
Regional Transport Authority,
Tarn Taran.

.....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3794 of 2024

Present: (i) Sh. Jasbir Singh, the appellant.
(ii) Sh. Jarmanjeet Singh, Data Entry Operator on behalf of the respondent PIO.

ORDER:

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 28.07.2026 passed by the Commission.

2. At today's hearing, the appellant submits that he has received the compensation amount of Rs. 10,000/- in cash and has also received the information sought by him.
3. The respondent PIO, represented by Sh. Jarmanjeet Singh, Data Entry Operator, submits that at the time of filing the RTI application, Sh. Davinder Kumar was the PIO-cum-RTO, who has since retired from service. He further submits that a letter dated 14.09.2026 has been addressed to the respondent PIO, O/o State Transport Commissioner (STC), Punjab, Head Office, for recovery of the penalty amount from the concerned official.
4. In view of the above, the respondent PIO is directed to submit a compliance report with regard to the Commission's Order dated 18.02.2026, specifically concerning the recovery of the penalty amount of Rs. 25,000/- from the salary of the PIO who was incumbent at the time of filing of the RTI application. The respondent PIO shall ensure that the directions of the Commission are complied with in letter and spirit. In the event of failure to comply with the aforesaid directions, the penalty amount may be enhanced in accordance with law.
5. Since the appellant has confirmed receipt of the information as well as the compensation amount of Rs. 10,000/-, he is exempted from further personal appearance in the present appeal case.

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Appeal Case No. 3794 of 2024

6. With this, the case is **adjourned to 18th January, 2027 at 12.00 Noon for hearing at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 08th October, 2026

(Pooja Gupta)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Cc:

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|-------|---|------------------|
| (i) | The State Transport Commissioner, Punjab,
Sector:35/A, Chandigarh. | (For compliance) |
| (ii) | Drawing and Disbursing Officer O/o RTA, Tarn Taran | (For compliance) |
| (iii) | Sh. Maninder Singh, ARTO-cum-PIO O/o RTA, Tarn Taran. | (For compliance) |

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Sh. Kamalpreet Singh, S/o Sh. Bahadur Singh,
503-C, Type-2, Village Hussainpur,
Tehsil and District Kaputhala. (M.9888172839).
RTI application No.212355.

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o Regional Transport Officer,
Sangrur.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o State Transport Commissioner,
Punjab, Chadigarh.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No.7333 of 2025

Present: (i) The appellant is absent.
(ii) Sh. Tarsem Chand, Steno on behalf of the respondent PIO.

ORDER:

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 28.07.2026 passed by Commission.

2. At today's hearing, the appellant is absent. However, an email dated 30.07.2026 has been received from the appellant, wherein he submits that he was issued a challan for alleged overspeeding and has duly paid the challan amount. He further submits that, through his RTI application, he had sought evidence substantiating the alleged overspeeding, but no such evidence has been provided to him till date. The appellant contends that, in the absence of any evidence establishing the alleged overspeeding, the challan should be set aside and the amount paid by him should be refunded.

3. The respondent PIO represented by Sh. Tarsem Chand, Steno requests that some additional time be given to him to file a written submission.

4. In view of the above, the respondent PIO is directed to examine the RTI application and furnish a point-wise reply to the appellant's RTI queries, along with copies of the relevant records and available evidence, if any, pertaining to the alleged overspeeding, in accordance with the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005. In case the relevant evidence or record is not available, the respondent PIO shall clearly state the same in the reply.

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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Appeal Case No.7333 of 2025

6. With this, the case is **adjourned to 18th January, 2027 at 12.00 Noon for hearing at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 08th October, 2026

(Pooja Gupta)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab



Sh. Mohan Singh (Retd., Inspector),
Nagar Council, Khanna (M.9417370090).

....Appellant.

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o Executive Officer,
Nagar Council, Payal,
District Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Additional Deputy Commissioner (UD),
Ludhiana.

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1556 of 2025

Present: (i) Sh.Mohan Singh, the appellant.
(ii) Sh. Amritpal Singh, Clerk on behalf of the respondent PIO.

ORDER:

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 28.07.2026 passed by the Commission.

2. The appellant submits that, despite the directions issued by the Commission, the remaining information pertaining to Point No. 3 of his RTI application has not been furnished to him till date.

3. The respondent PIO, represented by Sh. Amritpal Singh, Clerk, submits that, as per the official record, the information pertaining to Point No. 3 has already been provided to the appellant.

4. Upon perusal of the reply furnished by the respondent PIO, the Bench observes that the response pertaining to Point No. 3 is evasive and does not adequately address the information sought by the appellant. Accordingly, the respondent PIO is directed to furnish a copy of the relevant General Rules under the Punjab Municipal Act, 1995, as sought by the appellant under Point No. 3, in accordance with the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

5. This shall be the **last and final opportunity** for the respondent PIO to furnish the complete and relevant information to the appellant. The requisite information shall be provided within fifteen days from the date of receipt of this order. The respondent PIO shall ensure strict compliance with these directions, failing which the Commission may consider appropriate further action in accordance with law.

6. 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 his presence through service of a **Bailable Warrant**.

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Appeal Case No. 1556 of 2025

7. With this, the case is **adjourned to 18th January, 2027 at 12.00 Noon for hearing at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 08th October, 2026

(Pooja Gupta)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab



Sh. Mohan Singh (Retd., Inspector),
Nagar Council, Khanna (M.9417370090).

....Appellant.

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o Executive Officer,
Nagar Council, Payal,
District Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Additional Deputy Commissioner (UD),
Ludhiana.

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1557 of 2025

Present: (i) Sh.Mohan Singh, the appellant.
(ii) Sh. Amritpal Singh, Clerk on behalf of the respondent PIO.

ORDER:

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 28.07.2026 passed by the Commission.

2. The appellant submits that, despite the directions issued by the Commission, the remaining information pertaining to Point No. 3 of his RTI application has not been furnished to him till date.
3. The respondent PIO, represented by Sh. Amritpal Singh, Clerk, submits that, as per the official record, the information pertaining to Point No. 3 has already been provided to the appellant.
4. Upon perusal of the reply furnished by the respondent PIO, the Bench observes that the response pertaining to Point No. 3 is evasive and does not adequately address the information sought by the appellant. Accordingly, the respondent PIO is directed to furnish the information pertaining to Point No. 3, in accordance with the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.
5. This shall be the **last and final opportunity** for the respondent PIO to furnish the complete and relevant information to the appellant. The requisite information shall be provided within fifteen days from the date of receipt of this order. The respondent PIO shall ensure strict compliance with these directions, failing which the Commission may consider appropriate further action in accordance with law.
6. 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 his presence through service of a **Bailable Warrant**.

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Appeal Case No. 1557 of 2025

7. With this, the case is **adjourned to 18th January, 2027 at 12.00 Noon for hearing at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 08th October, 2026

(Pooja Gupta)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab



Sh. Rajinder Kumar, S/o Sh. Faquir Chand,
H. No. 583, Sector 123, Block – B, New Sunny Enclave,
Kharar – 140301 (Punjab) (M:9815922853)
RTI Application No. 167317.

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer-cum-Executive officer

Sh. Bal Kishan,
O/o Nagar Council, Sunam,
District – Sangrur(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,

O/o The Addl. Deputy Commissioner, (Urban Development),
Sangrur (Punjab).

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2775 of 2025

Present: (i) Sh. Rajinder Singh, the appellant.
(ii) None on behalf of the respondent PIO.

ORDER:

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 28.07.2026 passed by the Commission.

2. At today's hearing, the appellant states that in compliance with the orders of the commission, he has already pointed out deficiencies vide an email dated 06.08.2026 but till date, the respondent PIO has failed to remove the same.

3. Neither the respondent PIO nor any authorised representative on his behalf is present before the Commission at today's hearing for today's hearing.

4. From the perusal of the case file, it is ascertained that the respondent PIO has not addressed the RTI application within the stipulated time, as prescribed under the RTI Act, 2005, which shows his careless and casual attitude towards the Order of the Commission. Accordingly, the Commission deems it fit to issue this Show Cause Notice.

5. The **respondent PIO-cum-Executive Officer Sh. Bal Kishan, O/o Executive Officer Nagar Council, Sunam, District Sangrur**, is herewith ordered to **SHOW CAUSE** as to why a penalty should not be imposed upon him under Section 20 (1) of RTI Act, 2005, for causing willful delay/denial of the information requested by the appellant. He/she should file a written reply in response to the show cause notice as to why the appellant should not be compensated for the mental harassment suffered by him for not getting the information. **If there is / are other PIO / PIOs responsible for the delay in providing the information, the incumbent PIO is directed to inform such PIO(s) of the Show Cause and direct them to appear before the Commission along with written replies.**

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Appeal Case No. 2775 of 2025

“In addition to the written reply, the respondent PIO is also given an opportunity under Section 20 (1) provision there to, for a personal hearing before the imposition of such penalty on the next date of hearing. He may take note that in case he does not file his written reply and does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the date fixed, it will be presumed that he has nothing to say and the Commission shall proceed to take further proceedings against him *ex parte*.”

6. The **respondent PIO-cum-Executive Officer Sh. Bal Kishan, O/o Executive Officer Nagar Council, Sunam, District Sangrur**, is further directed to attend the next Hearing of this Appeal Case in person at the Commission in Chandigarh, along with a written, point wise reply to the RTI application and duly attested copies of all the information requested. Failure to attend the Hearing will compel the Commission to ensure his presence through service of a **Bailable Warrant**.

7. With this, the case is **adjourned to 18th January, 2027 at 12.00 Noon for hearing at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 08th October, 2026

(Pooja Gupta)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Cc:

Public Information Officer-cum-Executive officer
Sh. Bal Kishan,
O/o Nagar Council, Sunam,
District – Sangrur(Punjab)

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Sh. Jaspal Singh Mann, S/o Sh. Sukhdev Singh,
H.No/Steet No.152, Village Sehna Khera, Tehsil Malout,
District Sri Mukatsar Sahib. (M.8699994733)
RTI application No.119277.

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Punjab Ex Servicemen Corporation,
Ground Floor, SCO No.89-90, Sector:34/A,
Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Punjab Ex Servicemen Corporation,
Ground Floor, SCO No.89-90, Sector:34/A,
Chandigarh.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3962 of 2024

Present: (i) Sh. Jaspal Singh Mann, the appellant (through cisco webex)
(ii) Sh. Gurpreet Singh, Legal Assistant (in person) and Adv. Sh. Guninder Singh Brar
(through cisco webex) on behalf of the respondent PIO.

ORDER:

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 03.08.2026 passed by the Commission.

2. At today's hearing, the appellant appeared through Cisco Webex. An email dated 08.10.2026 has also been received from the appellant, wherein he submits that, due to unavoidable circumstances, he is unable to attend the hearing in person. He further submits that the respondent PIO has not furnished the information sought by him till date. He states that he has received only one reply dated 16.03.2026 from the counsel for the respondent, wherein it was stated that the information could not be disclosed to him as he is neither a member of PESCO nor is the information related to him. The appellant further submits that, despite having filed several complaints, no Action Taken Report (ATR) has been provided to him till date.

3. The respondent PIO, represented by Sh. Gurpreet Singh, Legal Assistant, submits that the information sought pertains to third parties and that ex-servicemen are posted at sensitive locations in Bathinda. He further submits that, in view of the sensitive nature of the information, the same cannot be disclosed to any individual.

4. The Commission has considered the submissions made by both parties. The respondent PIO is directed to examine each point of the RTI application separately and furnish a point-wise, reasoned reply

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to the appellant in accordance with the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005. In respect of any information claimed to be exempt from disclosure, the respondent PIO shall specify the relevant provision of the Act and the grounds justifying such exemption. The mere assertion that the information pertains to a third party or concerns sensitive locations shall not, by itself, suffice to deny the information without examining the applicability of the relevant provisions of the Act. The requisite point-wise reply, along with copies of the disclosable information available on record, shall be furnished to the appellant within fifteen days from the date of receipt of this order. A copy of the reply and the compliance report shall also be submitted to the Commission within the same period.

5. 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.

6. With this, the case is **adjourned to 18th January, 2027 at 12.00 Noon for hearing at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 08th October, 2026

(Pooja Gupta)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab



Sh. Balbir Aggarwal, (M.9463666155)
1525/1, Street No.33, Preet Nagar,
New Shimlapuri, Ludhiana.

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o Director,
Local Govt., Punjab,(LG-2)
Municipal Bhawan, Sector:35/A,
Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Director,
Local Govt., Punjab,
Municipal Bhawan, Sector:35/A,
Chandigarh.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No.1395 of 2025

Present: (i) Sh.Ajay Sharma, on behalf of the appellant (through cisco webex)
(ii) None on behalf of the respondent PIO.

ORDER:

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 30.07.2026 passed by the Commission.

2. At today's hearing, Sh. Ajay Sharma is appearing on behalf of the appellant through cisco webex and submits that despite the directions to the Commission, nothing has been provided to the appellant.

3. Neither the respondent PIO nor any authorised representative on his behalf is present before the Commission at today's hearing for today's hearing.

4. From the perusal of the case file, it is ascertained that the respondent PIO has not addressed the RTI application within the stipulated time, as prescribed under the RTI Act, 2005, which shows his careless and casual attitude towards the Order of the Commission. Accordingly, the Commission deems it fit to issue this Show Cause Notice.

5. The **respondent PIO O/o Director, Local Govt., Punjab, Chandigarh**, is herewith ordered to **SHOW CAUSE** as to why a penalty should not be imposed upon him under Section 20 (1) of RTI Act, 2005, for causing willful delay/denial of the information requested by the appellant. He/she should file a written reply in response to the show cause notice as to why the appellant should not be compensated for the mental harassment suffered by him for not getting the information. **If there is / are other PIO / PIOs responsible for the delay in providing the information, the incumbent PIO is directed to inform such PIO(s) of the Show Cause and direct them to appear before the Commission along with written replies.**

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Appeal Case No.1395 of 2025

“In addition to the written reply, the respondent PIO is also given an opportunity under Section 20 (1) provision there to, for a personal hearing before the imposition of such penalty on the next date of hearing. He may take note that in case he does not file his written reply and does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the date fixed, it will be presumed that he has nothing to say and the Commission shall proceed to take further proceedings against him *ex parte*.”

6. The **respondent PIO O/o Director, Local Govt., Punjab, Chandigarh,,** is further directed to attend the next Hearing of this Appeal Case in person at the Commission in Chandigarh, along with a written, point wise reply to the RTI application and duly attested copies of all the information requested. Failure to attend the Hearing will compel the Commission to ensure his presence through service of a **Bailable Warrant**.

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Dated: 08th October, 2026

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State Information Commissioner
Punjab

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Local Govt., Punjab,(LG-2)
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Chandigarh.

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....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o Executive Officer,
Nagar Council, Dera Bassi.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Executive Officer,
Nagar Council, Dera Bassi.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No.1485 of 2025

Present: (i) Sh. Rajan, the appellant (through cisco webex)
(ii) Sh. Kawaljit Singh, Junior Engineer on behalf of the respondent PIO.

ORDER:

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 30.07.2026 passed by the Commission.

2. At today's hearing, the appellant appeared through Cisco Webex and submitted that the information sought by him has not been furnished by the respondent PIO till date.

3. The respondent PIO, represented by Sh. Kawaljit Singh, Junior Engineer, requests that some additional time be granted to enable him to produce a copy of the DDR/FIR, if any, registered in connection with the loss of the relevant record.

4. In view of the submissions made by the respondent PIO, he is granted a final opportunity to ascertain the status of the matter and place on record a copy of the DDR/FIR, if any, registered regarding the loss of the record. In case no such DDR/FIR has been registered, the respondent PIO shall clearly state the factual position in writing and furnish the same to the Commission. The respondent PIO shall ensure compliance with the above directions within fifteen days from the date of receipt of this order.

5. 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 PIO through issuance of a **Bailable Warrant**, in accordance with law.

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Appeal Case No.1485 of 2025

6. With this, the case is **adjourned to 18th January, 2027 at 12.00 Noon for hearing at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 08th October, 2026

(Pooja Gupta)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab



Sh. Ajay Sharma, S/o Sh. Mangat Ram Sharma,
H.No. B-33/2184, Bhagwan Dass Colony,
Salem Tabri, LKudhiana. RTI application No.225480.

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o Secretary,
Regional Transport Authority,
Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Secretary,
Regional Transport Authority,
Amritsar.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2347 of 2026

Present: (i) Sh. Ajay Sharma, the appellant (through cisco webex).
(ii) Sh. Gurpreet Singh, Steno on behalf of the respondent PIO.

ORDER:

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 30.07.2026 passed by the Commission.

2. At today's hearing, the appellant submitted that in compliance with the directions of the Commission, he has already pointed out deficiencies but after the lapse of eleven months, complete and satisfactory information has not been furnished to him by the respondent PIO. He requested that the respondent PIO should be penalized for the delay in supplying the information.

3. At today's hearing, the respondent PIO, represented by Sh. Gurpreet Singh, Steno, submits that he has recently joined this office and is, therefore, not fully conversant with the facts of the present case. He has accordingly requested that some additional time be granted to enable him to compile and furnish the complete information sought by the appellant.

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 nearly a year has elapsed since the filing of the RTI application; however, no responsible officer from the O/o RTA, Amritsar 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.

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Appeal Case No. 2347 of 2026

5. The respondent PIO-cum-Regional Transport Authority, Amritsar is, therefore, directed to furnish the complete information to the appellant as per his RTI application, 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 PIO through issuance of a **Bailable Warrant**, in accordance with law.

7. With this, the case is **adjourned to 23rd December, 2026 at 12.00 Noon for hearing at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 08th October, 2026

(Pooja Gupta)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab



Sh. Ajay Sharma, S/o Sh. Mangat Ram Sharma,
#B-33/2184, Bhagwan Dass Colony, Salem Tabri,
Ludhiana.

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o Regional Transport Authority,
Ludhiana.

Public Information Officer,
O/o SHO, Police Station,
Sadar, Ludhiana City,
Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Regional Transport Authority,
Ludhiana.

.....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3860 of 2024

Present: (i) Sh. Ajay Sharma, the appellant (through cisco webex).
(ii) Sh. Deepak Singh, ARTO along with Sh. Amandeep Singh, Jr. Assistant on behalf of the respondent PIO.

ORDER:

This Order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 30.07.2026 passed by the Commission.

2. At today's hearing, the appellant submits that, in compliance with the directions issued by the Commission, he has already pointed out the deficiencies in the information furnished by the respondent PIO. However, despite the lapse of approximately two years, complete and satisfactory information has not been provided to him. He accordingly requests that penal action be initiated against the respondent PIO for the inordinate delay in furnishing the information.

3. The respondent PIO-cum-ARTO, Sh. Deepak Singh, submits that he has already intimated the Commission regarding the missing record and that an FIR has been lodged in this regard, a copy of which has also been furnished to the appellant. He further submits that the appellant is now levelling allegations without any supporting evidence. He adds that, in case the appellant has any doubt regarding the authenticity of the FIR, he may obtain an attested copy thereof from the concerned Police Station.

4. In view of the submissions made by the parties, the respondent PIO, O/o Police Station, Sadar Ludhiana City, is hereby impleaded as a necessary party in the present case. The said respondent PIO is directed to appear before the Commission along with an attested copy of the FIR lodged in connection with the missing record and produce the same before the Commission, without any further delay, so as to enable the Commission to ascertain the factual position and proceed further in the matter in accordance with law.

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Appeal Case No. 3860 of 2024

5. 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 PIO through issuance of a **Bailable Warrant**, in accordance with law.

6. With this, the case is **adjourned to 23rd December, 2026 at 12.00 Noon for hearing at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

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(M:7717507915; 972292005)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Officer,
Nagar Council, Banga,
District Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Addl. Deputy Commissioner (General),
Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 5091 of 2025

Present : (i) Sh. Deepak Kumar , the appellant in person.
(ii) Sh. Ravinder Kumar, Inspector O/o Nagar Council, Banga, the respondent.

ORDER

This Order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 28.07.2026 passed by the Commission.

2. At today's hearing, the respondent PIO, Sh. Ravinder Kumar, Inspector, submits that, in compliance with the directions issued by the Commission during the previous hearing, the appellant was required to visit the office of the respondent PIO on 03.08.2026 but failed to do so. He further submits that complete information, as available in the official records, has already been furnished to the appellant and that nothing remains pending at their end.

3. On being asked by the Bench, the appellant submits that he apprehends a threat to his safety if he visits the office of the respondent PIO.

4. In view of the above submissions, the respondent PIO is directed to file an affidavit on judicial stamp paper, duly attested by a Notary Public, before the Commission, affirming that complete information, as sought by the appellant in his RTI application, has been furnished in accordance with the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005, and that no further information remains pending for supply. The original affidavit shall be handed over to the appellant before the Bench at the next hearing.

5. 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.

6. With this, the case is **adjourned to 18th January, 2027 at 12.00 Noon for hearing at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 08th October, 2026

(Pooja Gupta)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab



Sh. Sandeep Kansal, S/o Sh. Surinder Kumar,
H.No.516, Gali No.2, Mubarak Mehal Colony,
Sangrur. (M.8699940953)

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Tehsildar,
Sangrur.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Sub Divisional Magistrate,
Sangrur.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1251 of 2026

Present: (i) Sh. Sandeep Kansal, the appellant (through cisco webex)
(ii) None on behalf of the respondent PIO.

ORDER:

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 03.08.2026 passed by the Commission.

2. At today's hearing, the appellant submits that the respondent PIO has neither complied with the directions issued by the Commission nor appeared before the Commission despite being directed to do so. He further requests that appropriate penal action be initiated against the respondent PIO for the wilful delay, dereliction of duty, and non-compliance with the directions of the Commission.

3. Neither the respondent PIO nor any authorised representative on his behalf is present before the Commission at today's hearing for today's hearing.

4. From the perusal of the case file, it is ascertained that the respondent PIO has not addressed the RTI application within the stipulated time, as prescribed under the RTI Act, 2005, which shows his careless and casual attitude towards the Order of the Commission. Accordingly, the Commission deems it fit to issue this Show Cause Notice.

5. The **respondent PIO O/o Tehsildar, Sangrur**, is herewith ordered to **SHOW CAUSE** as to why a penalty should not be imposed upon him under Section 20 (1) of RTI Act, 2005, for causing wilful delay/denial of the information requested by the appellant. He/she should file a written reply in response to the show cause notice as to why the appellant should not be compensated for the mental harassment suffered by him for not getting the information. **If there is / are other PIO / PIOs responsible for the delay in providing the information, the incumbent PIO is directed to inform such PIO(s) of the Show Cause and direct them to appear before the Commission along with written replies.**

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Appeal Case No. 1251 of 2026

“In addition to the written reply, the respondent PIO is also given an opportunity under Section 20 (1) provision there to, for a personal hearing before the imposition of such penalty on the next date of hearing. He may take note that in case he does not file his written reply and does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the date fixed, it will be presumed that he has nothing to say and the Commission shall proceed to take further proceedings against him *ex parte*.”

6. The **respondent PIO O/o Tehsildar, Sangrur**, is further directed to attend the next Hearing of this Appeal Case in person at the Commission in Chandigarh, along with a written, point wise reply to the RTI application and duly attested copies of all the information requested. Failure to attend the Hearing will compel the Commission to ensure his presence through service of a **Bailable Warrant**.

7. With this, the case is **adjourned to 18th January, 2027 at 12.00 Noon for hearing at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 08th October, 2026

(Pooja Gupta)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Cc:

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Tehsildar,
Sangrur.

(By name)

(For compliance)



Sh. Ranbir Singh, S/o Sh. Gian Singh,
282, Ward No. 23, Khalsa School Road,
Uttam Nagar, Khanna, District Ludhiana.
(M.9417365013)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o Executive Officer,
Municipal Council, Khanna,
District Ludhiana.

Public Information Officer,
O/o SHO,
Police Station, City Khanna-II,
District Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Executive Officer,
Municipal Council, Khanna,
District Ludhiana.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No.1525 of 2025

Present: (i) Sh. Ranbir Singh, the appellant.
(ii) Adv. Gulshan Mehta on behalf of the respondent PIO.

ORDER:

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 30.07.2026 passed by the Commission.

2. At today's hearing, the appellant submits that, despite the lapse of nearly two years, complete and satisfactory information has not been furnished to him by the respondent PIO.

3. The respondent PIO, represented by Adv. Gulshan Mehta, submits that the information available in the official records of their office has already been furnished to the appellant and that no further information remains pending for supply.

4. It is observed that, during the previous hearing, the respondent PIO was inadvertently mentioned as the O/o SHO, Police Station, City Khanna-1, instead of the O/o SHO, Police Station, City Khanna-2. Accordingly, a copy of this order be sent to the respondent PIO, O/o SHO, Police Station, City Khanna-2, with the directions to appear before the Commission in person and submit a written, point-wise reply to the RTI application of the appellant. A copy of the RTI application shall also be provided to the respondent PIO along with the order of the Commission to enable him to submit a comprehensive reply.

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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Appeal Case No.1525 of 2025

6. With this, the case is **adjourned to 18th January, 2027 at 12:00 noon for hearing at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 08th October, 2026

Enclosed: RTI application

(Pooja Gupta)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab



Sh. Tejinder Kumar, S/o Sh. Deepak Kumar,
R/o Deep Nagar, Near Railway Station,
Mandi Mullanpur, District Ludhiana. (M.9914600422)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o SDE, Punjab Water Supply
And Sewerage Board, Raikot.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Superintending Engineer,
Punjab Water Supply and Sewerage Board,
Moga.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No.1646 of 2025

Present: (i) Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta along with the appellant.
(ii) Sh. Nishant Garg, Junior Engineer on behalf of the respondent PIO.

ORDER:

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 30.07.2026 passed by the Commission.

2. At today's hearing, the appellant submits that, despite the lapse of more than two years, complete information has not been furnished to him. He further submits that the respondent PIO charged Rs. 2,000 as documentation charges and furnished only 328 pages of information. He expresses apprehension that certain information may have been withheld and states that the balance amount has neither been refunded nor has the complete information been supplied to him.

3. The respondent PIO, represented by Sh. Nishant Garg, Junior Engineer, submits that complete information, as sought in the RTI application, has already been furnished to the appellant. He further submits that an additional copy of the information has been brought for being handed over to the appellant personally.

4. In view of the above submissions, **one more opportunity is granted to the appellant** to examine the information furnished by the respondent PIO and, in case any deficiency is found, submit a point-wise rebuttal to the respondent PIO, under intimation to the Commission, within fifteen days from the date of receipt of this order. Upon receipt of such rebuttal, the respondent PIO is directed to duly examine the objections raised by the appellant and, if any deficiency is found, remove the same before the next date of hearing.

5. The respondent PIO is further directed to refund the excess amount of Rs. **1,644** charged from the appellant towards documentation charges and submit compliance in this regard before the Commission. The respondent PIO is also directed to file a written reply in response to the show cause notice issued to him during the last hearing.

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Appeal Case No.1646 of 2025

6. 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**.

7. With this, the case is **adjourned to 18th January, 2027 at 12.00 Noon for hearing at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 08th October, 2026

(Pooja Gupta)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Cc:

Public Information Officer,
O/o SDE, Punjab Water Supply
And Sewerage Board, Raikot.

(By name) (For compliance)

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Dr. Pyara Lal Garg, S/o Sh. Bant Ram,
1178, Progressive Enclave, Sector 50/B,
Chandigarh-160047.

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o Principal Secretary,
Department of Higher Education, Punjab,
Chandigarh Administration, Sector-9,
Chandigarh.

Public Information Officer,
O/o Joint Secretary,
Department of Higher Education, Punjab,
Chandigarh Administration, Sector-9,
Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Joint Secretary,
Department of Higher Education, Punjab,
Chandigarh Administration, Sector-9, Chandigarh.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3700 of 2024

Present : (i) Sh. Ashok Rana on behalf of the appellant.
(ii) Sh. Gurjit Singh, Suptd.,-cum-PIO along with Sh. Anupam, Sr. Assistant the respondent PIO.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 28.07.2026 passed by the Commission.

2. At today's hearing, the appellant has authorized Sh. Ashok Rana to appear on his behalf for today's hearing, as he is unable to attend the hearing due to unavoidable circumstances. The representative of the appellant submits written submission mentioning therein that PIO has now supplied the soft matter running into 284 pages by passing a speaking order, which itself shows that the PIO was knowingly and intentionally denying the information which could have been supplied and as such has wasted time of this Hon'ble Commission and has been time and again misleading this Hon'ble Commission for so long for which the PIO has earned a heavy fine. He further requested that PIO be directed to file a sworn affidavit that the matter of the inquiry file has not been leaked/handed over to the alleged accused.

3. The respondent PIO, Sh. Gurjit Singh, Superintendent, submits that he has brought a hard copy of the information comprising 282 pages for personal delivery to the appellant. A copy of the same is handed over to the representative of the appellant during the course of the hearing. The respondent PIO

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Appeal Case No. 3700 of 2024

further submits that, in compliance with the directions issued by the Commission, Sh. Davinder Singh, Law Professor, has been appointed as the Inquiry Officer to conduct an inquiry into the complaint filed by the appellant, Dr. Pyara Lal Garg.

4. In view of the above, one more opportunity is granted to the appellant to examine the information furnished by the respondent PIO and, in case any deficiency is found, submit a point-wise rebuttal to the respondent PIO, under intimation to the Commission, within fifteen days from the date of receipt of this order. Upon receipt of the rebuttal, the respondent PIO is directed to examine the objections raised by the appellant and rectify any deficiencies found, if any, before the next date of hearing. Both parties are directed to remain present before the Commission on the next date of hearing for further deliberations, so that the matter may be taken to its logical conclusion.

5. With this, the case is **adjourned to 18th January, 2027 at 12.00 Noon for hearing at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 08th October, 2026

(Pooja Gupta)
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