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Sh. Parbodh Chander Bali,
#121 A, Krishan Square II,
Batala Road, Amritsar-143001(Punjab)
(M: 9417010035).

...Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The District Transport Authority,
Ram Tirath Road, Amritsar (Punjab).

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The State Transport Commissioner, Punjab,
SCO-177-178, Sector 17 - C,
Chandigarh.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1222 of 2024

Present: (i) The appellant is absent.
(ii) Sh. Vishal Goel, ATO-cum-PIO, the respondent (through cisco webex).

ORDER

This Order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 28.01.2026 passed by the Commission.

2. The appellant is absent, at today's hearing, without intimation.
3. The respondent PIO-cum-ATO, Sh. Vishal Geol appearing through cisco webex states that due to some unavoidable reason, he is unable to appear in person before the Commission and requested to grant some short adjournment for the compliance of Commission's Order dated 28.01.2026.
4. On the request of the respondent PIO, last opportunity is granted to the respondent PIO to submit the compliance report in response to the Commission's Order dated 28.01.2026, failing which penal consequences shall follow as per the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.
5. With this, the case is **adjourned to 08th June, 2026 at 12.00 Noon for hearing at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 09th April, 2026

**Sd/-
(Pooja Gupta)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab**

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#121 A, Krishan Square II, Batala Road,
Amritsar-143001(Punjab).

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Secretary to Government of Punjab,
Department of Local Government (Coordination Branch)
Municipal Bhawan, Plot No. 3,
Dakshin Marg, Sector 35-A, Chandigarh.

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Secretary to Government of Punjab,
Department of Local Government-1 Branch,
Municipal Bhawan, Plot No. 3,
Dakshin Marg, Sector 35-A, Chandigarh.

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Secretary to Government of Punjab,
Department of Local Government-2 Branch,
Municipal Bhawan, Plot No. 3,
Dakshin Marg, Sector 35-A, Chandigarh.

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Secretary to Government of Punjab,
Department of Local Government-3 Branch,
Municipal Bhawan, Plot No. 3,
Dakshin Marg, Sector 35-A, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Secretary to Government of Punjab,
Department of Local Government,
Municipal Bhawan, Plot No. 3,
Dakshin Marg, Sector 35-A, Chandigarh

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1227 of 2024

Present: None for the parties.

ORDER

This Order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 28.01.2026 passed by the Commission.

2. At today's hearing, neither the appellant nor the respondent PIO is present. They have also not intimated the Commission about their non-appearance for today's hearing.

3. Nevertheless, **last opportunity** is given to both the parties 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.

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Appeal Case No. 1227 of 2024

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Sd/-

(Pooja Gupta)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Dated: 09th April, 2026

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

V/s

....Appellant

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Secretary to Government of Punjab,
Department of Local Government,
Municipal Bhawan, Plot No. 3, Dakshin Marg,
Sector 35-A, Chandigarh.

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

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Secretary to Government of Punjab,
Department of Local Government,
Municipal Bhawan, Plot No. 3, Dakshin Marg,
Sector 35-A, Chandigarh

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1315 of 2024

Present: (i) The appellant is absent.
(ii) Sh. Rohit Jindal, APIO along with Sh. Tarnandeep Singh, Jr. Assistant O/o N.C, Sahnewal on behalf of the respondent PIO.

ORDER

This Order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 28.01.2026 passed by the Commission.

2. At today's hearing, the appellant is absent. However, an email dated 06.04.2026 has been received from him mentioning therein that directions be given to the respondent PIO to provide the complete and correct information, as the respondent PIO is misleading the Commission stating the wrong statement that a Complaint No. 202 is pending before the Hon'ble Lokpal, Punjab.

3. During the last hearing, E.O, Nagar Council, Sahnewal, Ludhiana was impleaded as respondent No.2 and was directed to file a present status of the complaint filed by the appellant. At today's hearing, the respondent PIO O/o E.O, Nagar Council, Sahnewal, represented by Sh. Tarandeep Singh, Jr. Assistant requests that some more time be given to file a written reply in response to the RTI application of the appellant.

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Appeal Case No. 1315 of 2024

4. The request of the respondent PIO O/o E.O, Nagar Council, Sahnewal is acceded to with the directions to submit the present status of the complaint filed by the appellant on the next date of hearing, failing which further steps including initiation of penalty proceedings shall be taken, as per relevant provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.
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 his presence through service of a **Bailable Warrant**.
6. With this, the case is **adjourned to 08th June, 2026 at 12.00 Noon for hearing at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Pooja Gupta)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Dated: 09th April, 2026

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Post Office Ramgarh, Chandigarh Road,
Ludhiana-141123(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Principal Secretary to Government of Punjab,
Department of Local Government, Municipal Bhawan,
Plot No. 3, Dakshin Marg, Sector 35-A, Chandigarh.

Public Information Officer,
O/o Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation,
Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Principal Secretary to Government of Punjab,
Department of Local Government, Municipal Bhawan,
Plot No. 3, Dakshin Marg, Sector 35-A, Chandigarh.

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1319 of 2024

Present: (i) The appellant is absent.
(ii) Sh. Rohit Jindal, APIO on behalf of the respondent PIO.

ORDER

This Order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 28.01.2026 passed by the Commission.

2. At today's hearing, the appellant is absent. However, an email dated 06.04.2026 has been received from him mentioning therein that directions be given to the respondent PIO to provide the complete.

3. During the last hearing, the respondent PIO O/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana was impleaded as respondent No.2 and was directed to file a present status of the complaint filed by the appellant. At today's hearing, neither the respondent PIO nor any of his representative is present from the O/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana.

4. Nevertheless, **last opportunity** is granted to the respondent PIO O/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana to submit the present status of the complaint filed by the appellant on the next date of hearing, failing which further steps including initiation of penalty proceedings shall be taken, as per relevant provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

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Appeal Case No. 1319 of 2024

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

6. With this, the case is **adjourned to 08th June, 2026 at 12.00 Noon for hearing at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Pooja Gupta)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Dated: 09th April, 2026

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Sh. Ram Singh Dhaliwal, S/o Pritam Singh,
Hamirgarh Urf Dhaipai, Tehsil & District Mansa-151504.
(M.8847068368).

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o Additional Deputy Commissioner (Development),
Sangrur.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Additional Deputy Commissioner (Development),
Sangrur.

. Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1249 of 2024

Present: None for the parties.

ORDER:

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 28.01.2026 passed by the Commission.

2. At today's hearing, neither the appellant nor the respondent PIO is present. They have also not intimated the Commission about their non-appearance for today's hearing.

3. Nevertheless, **last opportunity** is given to the appellant to file the deficiencies, if any, in the information provided, before the next date of hearing, failing which it will be presumed that he is satisfied with the information and does not intend to pursue the case.

4. With this, the case is **adjourned to 08th June, 2026 at 12.00 Noon for hearing at Chandigarh.**
Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

Dated: 09th April, 2026

(Pooja Gupta)
State Information Commissioner
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Sh. Karanveer Singh Rajput, Advocate,
Chamber No 160B, Court Complex,
Amritsar. (M: 7973772070).

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o Executive Engineer,
Water Supply and Sanitation Division No.2
New Golden Avenue, Near Jora Phatak, Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o HOD, Water Supply and Sanitation Department, Punjab,
Water Works Complex, Phase –II,
Mohali.

.....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3871 of 2024

Present: (i) The appellant is absent.
(ii) Sh. Mukesh Kumar, J.E on behalf of the respondent PIO.

ORDER:

This Order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 28.01.2026 passed by the Commission.

2. At today's hearing, the appellant is absent. However, an email dated 22.03.2026 has been received from the appellant vide which he has pointed out deficiencies.

3. The respondent PIO represented by Sh. Mukesh Kumar, J.E states that he has not received any letter from the appellant in regard to the deficiencies and requested that copy of the same be provided, so that he can remove the same, before the next hearing.

4. On the request of the respondent PIO, a copy of an email dated 22.03.2026 vide which the appellant has pointed out deficiencies is handed over to the respondent PIO with the directions to made good before the next date of hearing, failing which penal consequences shall follow as per the provision of the RTI Act, 2005. 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.

5. With this, the case is **adjourned to 08th June, 2026 at 12.00 Noon for hearing at Chandigarh.**
Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Pooja Gupta)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Dated: 09th April, 2026

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Ms. Neelam Sharma, Astd. Prof (Education),
Mehsampur Road, Village and Post Office Rurka Kalan,
Tehsil Phillaur, District Jalandhar-144031
(M: 9878205000).

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o DPI (Colleges), 7th Floor, PSEB Complex,
Sector-62, SAS Nagar, Punjab.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o DPI (Colleges), 7th Floor, PSEB Complex,
Sector-62, SAS Nagar, Punjab.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 7564 of 2023

Present: (i) Ms. Neelam Sharma, the appellant.
(ii) Sh. Harpreet Singh, Superintendent along with Sh. Inderpal Singh, Clerk on behalf of the respondent PIO.

ORDER:

This Order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 28.01.2026 passed by the Commission.

2. At today's hearing, the appellant Ms. Neelam Sharma made a written submission mentioning therein that on 10.09.2025, W/DPI Colleges, Punjab Sh. Harpreet Sudan conducted my hearing through video conferencing regarding my pending RTI. This meeting was also attended by Deputy Director (Grants) Mr. Jatinder Singh along with PIO Mr. Jatinder Puri. During that meeting, W/DPI Colleges directed the concerned officials to put all her pending representations before him so that appropriate action could have been taken accordingly. She further adds that information supplied on 28.01.2026 or before is not satisfactory. It does not carry any reply or information related to her pending RTI application dated 23.08.2023 and requested that appropriate and correct information be provided to her in regard to her RTI application dated 23.08.2023.

3. The respondent PIO, represented by Sh. Harpreet Singh, Suptd., along with Sh. Inderpal Singh, Clerk, state that complete information as per official records has already been provided and if the appellant is still not satisfied, she should be specified, so that they can provide the same.

4. After having detailed deliberations with both the parties at today's hearing, the concerned parties are directed to submit their written submissions, in detail within fifteen days from the receipt of this Order.

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Appeal Case No. 7564 of 2023

5. In view of the above, an Order in this appeal case is '**Reserved**' and would be pronounced later on. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 09 April, 2026

Sd/-
(Pooja Gupta)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

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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.

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. Ravinder Singh, Jr. Assistant on behalf of the respondent PIO.

ORDER:

This Order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 28.01.2026 passed by the Commission.

2. The appellant states that despite the directions of the Commission, no information/reply has been provided to him by the respondent PIO, so far.

3. The respondent PIO Sh. Deepak Singh, ARTO files a written reply sent to the appellant vide letter dated 07.04.2026 mentioning therein that pertaining to point nos. 1 to 4 of the RTI application, the sought for record and other official records have not been traced out. In regard to the non-availability of the said records, a seven members committee was constituted by the Regional Transport Officer, Ludhiana on 16.10.2025. A committee has submitted their written report on 09.03.2026 that they tried their best to trace the record but most of the official records have been lost and recommended that a DDR should be lodged in this regard. The respondent PIO further adds that in response to this report, a Lost Information Report No. 702344/2026 dated 30.03.2026 has been lodged in the Police Station, PSOC, Sadar Ludhiana City. A copy of the same is taken on record.

4. In view of the above, **one more opportunity** is awarded to the appellant to go through the reply and file a rebuttal, if any, within fifteen days, from the receipt of this order with a copy to the respondent PIO. Both the parties are also directed to remain present for deliberations to take the matter to its logical end.

5. With this, the case is **adjourned to 11th June, 2026 at 12.00 Noon for hearing at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 09th April, 2026

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Sh. Prem Kumar Rattan, S/o Sh. Ajudhia Parshad Rattan,
H.No 78/8, Park Road, Navi Mandi, Dhuri, District: Sangrur,
(M: 8509580002) (9041352039)

.Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Officer,
Nagar Council, Dhuri,
District: Sangrur.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Additional Deputy Commissioner (General),
Sangrur.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 814 of 2024

Present: None for the parties.

ORDER:

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 28.01.2026 passed by the Commission.

2. The appellant is absent at today's hearing. However, an email dated 08.04.2026 has been received from the appellant mentioning therein that due to ill health, he is unable to attend today's hearing. He has also mentioned that nothing has been provided to him by the respondent PIO, so far.

3. At today's hearing, neither the respondent PIO nor any of his representative is present for the fourth successive hearing. They have also not intimated the Commission about their non-availability for today's hearing, which shows their casual approach towards the Orders of the Commission.

4. From the perusal of the records, it emerges that the respondent PIO has not responded the RTI application well in time. There is nothing on the record to show that the respondent PIO has done anything in response to the RTI application dated 16.10.2023.

5. Accordingly, the Commission deems it fit to issue this Show Cause Notice. **The respondent PIO O/o The Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Dhuri, 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. The respondent PIO should file a written reply in response to the show cause notice as to why he should not be penalized for mental harassment suffered by the complainant 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. 814 of 2024

“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 Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Dhuri, 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. 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 08th June, 2026 at 12.00 Noon for hearing at Chandigarh.**
Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 09th April, 2026

Sd/-
(Pooja Gupta)
State Information Commissioner
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Cc:

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Officer,
Nagar Council, Dhuri,
District: Sangrur.

(By Name)

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.Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o Executive Officer,
Nagar Council, Dhuri,
District: Sangrur.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Additional Deputy Commissioner (General),
Sangrur.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 817 of 2024

Present: None for the parties.

ORDER:

This Order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 28.01.2026 passed by the Commission.

2. The appellant is absent at today's hearing. However, an email dated 08.04.2026 has been received from the appellant mentioning therein that due to ill health, he is unable to attend today's hearing. He has also mentioned that nothing has been provided to him by the respondent PIO, so far.

3. At today's hearing, neither the respondent PIO nor any of his representative is present for the fourth successive hearing. They have also not intimated the Commission about their non-availability for today's hearing, which shows their casual approach towards the Orders of the Commission.

4. From the perusal of the records, it emerges that the respondent PIO has not responded the RTI application well in time. There is nothing on the record to show that the respondent PIO has done anything in response to the RTI application dated 10.10.2023.

5. Accordingly, the Commission deems it fit to issue this Show Cause Notice. **The respondent PIO O/o The Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Dhuri, 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. The respondent PIO should file a written reply in response to the show cause notice as to why he should not be penalized for mental harassment suffered by the complainant 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. 817 of 2024

“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 Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Dhuri, 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. 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 08th June, 2026 at 12.00 Noon for hearing at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 09th April, 2026

Sd/-
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.Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o Executive Officer,
Nagar Council, Dhuri,
District: Sangrur.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Additional Deputy Commissioner (General),
Sangrur.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 822 of 2024
Clubbed
Appeal Case No. 823 of 2024

Present: None for the parties.

ORDER:

This Order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 28.01.2026 passed by the Commission.

2. The appellant is absent at today's hearing. However, an email dated 08.04.2026 has been received from the appellant mentioning therein that due to ill health, he is unable to attend today's hearing. He has also mentioned that nothing has been provided to him by the respondent PIO, so far.

3. At today's hearing, neither the respondent PIO nor any of his representative is present for the fourth successive hearing. They have also not intimated the Commission about their non-availability for today's hearing, which shows their casual approach towards the Orders of the Commission.

4. From the perusal of the records, it emerges that the respondent PIO has not responded the RTI application well in time. There is nothing on the record to show that the respondent PIO has done anything in response to the RTI application dated 13.10.2023.

5. Accordingly, the Commission deems it fit to issue this Show Cause Notice. **The respondent PIO O/o The Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Dhuri, 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. The respondent PIO should file a written reply in response to the show cause notice as to why he should not be penalized for mental harassment suffered by the complainant 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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“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 Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Dhuri, 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. 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 08th June, 2026 at 12.00 Noon for hearing at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 09th April, 2026

Sd/-
(Pooja Gupta)
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Sh. Jatinder Kumar, (M: 9872324711).
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...Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o Executive Officer,
Nagar Council, Nawanshahr.

Public Information Officer,
O/o Director, Local Govt., Punjab,
Municipal Bhawan, Sector:35/A,
Plot No.3, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Additional Deputy Commissioner (G),
SBS Nagar, Nawanshahr.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1091 of 2024

Present: (i) Sh. Jatinder Kumar, the appellant.
(ii) Sh. Dinesh Kumar, Suptd.,-cum-PIO, Sh. Ramit Mohan Joshi, Suptd., Gr-2, Sh. Sandeep Kumar, Sr. Assistant-cum-APIO along with Sh. Munish Garg, Sr. Assistant, the respondent O/o Director, Local Govt., Punjab.

ORDER:

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 18.02.2026 passed by the Commission.

2. The respondent PIO-cum-Superintendent Sh. Dinesh Kumar, states that as directed by the Commission during the last hearing, he has brought the information pertaining to point nos. 7, 8 & 9 of the RTI application, to deliver it personally to the appellant. Copy of the same is handed over to the appellant for his perusal. The respondent PIO has also filed a written submission in response to the show cause notice issued to him during the last hearing.

3. On the asking of the Bench, the appellant states that he is satisfied with the information provided by the PIO O/o Director, Local Govt., Punjab on point nos. 7, 8 & 9 but still information on point nos. 1 and 10 has not been provided to him by the respondent PIO O/o E.O, Nagar Council, Nawanshahr.

4. From the perusal of the reply filed by the respondent PIO O/o Director, Local Govt., Punjab, it is ascertained that information which was related with their department has been provided with which he is satisfied. Keeping view of the facts mentioned in the written reply filed by the respondent PIO O/o Director, Local Govt., Punjab is found satisfactory. The show cause notice is hereby 'dropped'. The respondent PIO O/o Director, Local Govt., Punjab is exempted from further appearances in this appeal case.

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5. During the last hearing, the respondent PIO O/o E.O, Nagar Council, Nawanshahar requested for short adjournment for providing the information on point no.10 to the appellant. At today's hearing, neither the respondent PIO nor any of his representative is present from the O/o E.O, Nagar Council, Nawanshahar.

6. From the perusal of the case file, it is ascertained that the respondent PIO O/o E.O, Nagar Council, Nawanshahar, has not provided the complete information to the appellant, within the stipulated period 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.

7. The **respondent PIO O/o Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Nawanshahar** 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 as far back as on **15.03.2023**. 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 him to appear before the Commission along with written replies.**

“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*.”

8. The **respondent PIO O/o Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Nawanshahar**, 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 on point nos. 1 and 10. Failure to attend the Hearing will compel the Commission to ensure his presence through service of a **Bailable Warrant**.

9. With this, the case is **adjourned to 04th June, 2026 at 12.00 Noon for hearing at Chandigarh.**
Copies of the order be sent to the parties. sd/-

Dated: 09th April, 2026

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