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Sh. Gurmeet Singh, S/o Sh. Nacchhattar Singh,
Village – Pedhan, P. O. – Ajnoda Kalan,
Tehsil – Nabha, Distt. – Patiala (Punjab)
(M.-6284048167)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Block Development and Panchayat Officer (Rural),
Patiala (Punjab)

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

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2073 of 2025

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of First Appeal made, if any	Date of decision/reply, if any of FAA	Date of Second Appeal received in the Commission
22.11.2024	03.12.2024	21.01.2025	--	28.03.2025

Present:

Appellant: Sh. Gurmeet Singh (M: 6284048167) with

Advocate Sh. Sudhir Sharma (M: 8437688808)

Respondent: Sh. Lovish Gautam (M: 7837358499), Junior Engineer

Sh. Jagwant Singh (M: 9646130800), Panchayat Secretary

ORDER:

1. This order may be read with reference to the Commission's previous order dated **03.02.2026**, whereby directions were issued regarding inspection of the relevant record.
2. The matter is taken up for hearing today. **Both parties are present and heard at length.** During the hearing, the appellant pointed out certain information/records which are still pending.
3. Accordingly, the respondent is directed to **furnish the pending information/records as discussed during today's hearing**, within **15 days**, with a copy to the appellant and the Commission.
4. The matter is accordingly **adjourned for compliance. Next hearing on 01.12.2026 at 11.00 AM at Punjab State Information Commission, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.**

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03.09.2026

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Sh. Balram S/o Sh. Ram Narain,
Village Dharampura, Tehsil Abohar,
Distt. Fazilka – 152116 M.-94639-74663)

RTI Application No. 138208

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Engineer
Pb. Water Supply & Sewerage Department -2,
Bathinda (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Superintending Engineer
Pb. Water Supply & Sewerage Department -2,
Bathinda (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 7060 of 2024

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of First Appeal made, if any	Date of decision/reply, if any of FAA	Date of Second Appeal received in the Commission
13.08.2024	--	23.09.2024	--	26.11.2024

Present:

Appellant: Sh. Balram (M: 9463974663)

Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

1. This order may be read with reference to the Commission's previous order dated **30.04.2026**, whereby the **Respondent PIO, O/o The Executive Engineer, Punjab Water Supply & Sewerage Department-2, Bathinda**, was directed to furnish complete and point-wise information to the appellant and to explain the continued non-compliance. The **First Appellate Authority, O/o The Superintending Engineer, Punjab Water Supply & Sewerage Department-2, Bathinda**, was also directed to ensure compliance and fix responsibility for the lapse.
2. The matter is taken up for hearing today. The appellant is present and submits that **no compliance of the Commission's directions has been made till date**. The respondent is absent and no explanation or compliance report has been received.
3. In view of the continued non-compliance, the directions contained in the previous order dated **30.04.2026** are hereby reiterated. The **PIO is directed to furnish complete and point-wise information to the appellant and submit the requisite explanation/compliance report within 15 days**.
4. The **First Appellate Authority, O/o The Superintending Engineer, Punjab Water Supply & Sewerage Department-2, Bathinda**, is directed to **personally ensure compliance of the RTI application and the Commission's orders**, fix responsibility for the continued lapse, and submit an **action taken report within 15 days**.
5. Meanwhile, in view of the **harassment and detriment caused to the appellant due to prolonged non-compliance**, this Commission deems it appropriate to award **compensation of ₹5,000/- (Rupees Five Thousand only)** to the appellant, **Sh. Balram**. The said compensation shall be paid by the **Public Authority, i.e. Punjab Water Supply & Sewerage Department-2, Bathinda**, within **15 days** from the date of receipt of this order.
6. **The PIO shall remain personally present on the next date of hearing**, failing which appropriate proceedings under **Section 20 of the RTI Act, 2005** shall be considered.
7. The matter is accordingly **adjourned for compliance. Next hearing on 01.12.2026 at 11.00 AM at Punjab State Information Commission, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.**

Sd/-

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Sh. Jasveer Singh, S/o Sh. Major Singh,
Village – KhunanKhurd, Tehsil – Gidderbaha,
Distt. – SriMuktsar Sahib (Punjab)
(M.-9815755103)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Director,
Social Audit Unit, S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali) (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Director,
Rural Development and Panchayats, Punjab,
VikasBhawan, Sector 62,
S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali) (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 7314 of 2024

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of First Appeal made, if any	Date of order, if any of FAA	Date of Second Appeal received in the Commission
08.07.2024	--	03.09.2024	--	12.12.2024

Present:

Appellant: Sh. Jasveer Singh (M: 9815755103)

Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

1. This order may be read with reference to the Commission's previous order dated **03.02.2026**, whereby the **Respondent PIO was directed to facilitate inspection of the relevant record by issuing a formal notice to the appellant and to submit a compliance report** before the next date of hearing.
2. The matter is taken up for hearing today. The appellant is present and submits that **no compliance of the Commission's directions has been made till date**. The respondent, **Sh. Varinder Singh, State Coordinator**, appeared on call and requested an adjournment, assuring the Commission that the directions shall be complied with **within 15 days from the receipt of this order**.
3. In view of the assurance given, the matter is **adjourned**. The respondent is directed to **ensure complete compliance of the Commission's previous order within 15 days** and submit a compliance report to the Commission, with a copy to the appellant.
4. **The respondent is strictly warned** that failure to comply with the Commission's directions within the stipulated period shall invite **appropriate action under the RTI Act, 2005**, without any further indulgence.
5. **Next hearing on 01.12.2026 at 11.00 AM at Punjab State Information Commission, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.**

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03.09.2026

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Sh. Surjit Singh, S/o Sh. Gokul Singh,
V.P.O. Jarg, Tehsil Payal,
Distt. – Ludhiana – 141415 (M.-9855900321)

....Appellant

V/s

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

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Director,
Rural Development and Panchayats, Punjab,
Vikas Bhawan, Sector 62, S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali) (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1499 of 2024

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of First Appeal made, if any	Date of decision/reply, if any of FAA	Date of Second Appeal received in the Commission
12.09.2023	--	11.10.2023	--	09.02.2024

Present:

Appellant: Sh. Surjit Singh (M: 9855900321)

Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

1. This order may be read with reference to the Commission's previous order dated **30.04.2026**.
2. The matter is taken up for hearing today. The appellant is present and submits that **no compliance has been made by the PIO till date**. The respondent is absent and no reply to the **Show Cause Notice** or compliance report has been received.
3. The Commission observes that this is the **fifth hearing** and the respondent PIO has continued to remain non-compliant with the directions of the Commission. Such conduct reflects **continued negligence and disregard of the statutory obligations under the RTI Act, 2005**.
4. Accordingly, the directions contained in the previous orders, **including the Show Cause Notice under Section 20(1) of the RTI Act, 2005, are hereby reiterated**. The Respondent PIO is directed to **submit a written explanation along with complete, point-wise information** to the appellant within **15 days** from the date of receipt of this order.
5. The **First Appellate Authority, O/o The Director, Rural Development and Panchayats, Punjab**, shall ensure compliance of the RTI application and submit an **action taken report** to the Commission within the stipulated period.
6. Further, the **Principal Secretary, Department of Rural Development and Panchayats, Punjab**, is requested to look into the matter and ensure compliance of the Commission's directions and take appropriate administrative action, if required.
7. Meanwhile, in view of the **prolonged non-compliance and the harassment and detriment caused to the appellant**, this Commission deems it appropriate to award **compensation of ₹5,000/- (Rupees Five Thousand only)** to the appellant, **Sh. Surjit Singh**. The said compensation shall be paid by the concerned **Public Authority within 15 days** from the date of receipt of this order, and proof of payment shall be submitted to the Commission.
8. **It is made clear that failure to comply with the above directions shall invite appropriate penal proceedings under Section 20 of the RTI Act, 2005, without any further notice.**
9. **Next hearing on 01.12.2026 at 11.00 AM at Punjab State Information Commission, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.**

Sd/-

Chandigarh
03.09.2026

(Sandeep Singh Dhaliwal)
State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

CC:

Principal Secretary,
Department of Rural Development and Panchayats, Punjab,
Punjab Civil Secretariat,
Sector 1, Chandigarh – 160001 (India)

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Sh. Karamjeet Singh, S/o Sh. Gola Singh,
R/o Village Glizewala, Tehsil Gidderbaha,
Distt Sri Muktsar Sahib (M: 9779752904)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer cum Electoral Officer,
O/o Sub Divisional Magistrate (SDM),
Gidderbaha, Distt Sri Muktsar Sahib.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Sub Divisional Magistrate (SDM),
Gidderbaha, Distt Sri Muktsar Sahib.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 6876 of 2025

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of First Appeal made, if any	Date of decision/reply, if any of FAA	Date of Second Appeal received in the Commission
25.01.2025	----	28.02.2025	----	08.10.2025

Present:

Appellant: Sh. Karamjeet Singh (M: 9779752904)

Respondent: Absent

ORDER

1. This order may be read with reference to the Commission's previous order dated **12.05.2026**, whereby the respondent's reply vide letter No. **41** dated **07.05.2026** was taken on record and the appellant was granted an opportunity to file rejoinder/written objections.
2. The matter is taken up for hearing today. **The appellant is present and submits that no satisfactory information/reply has been received from the respondent.** The Commission has handed over to the appellant a copy of the respondent's reply already placed on record.
3. **The appellant is granted one opportunity to file written objections/rejoinder, if any, within 10 days.** The matter is adjourned for further consideration.
4. With this case, the case is adjourned to **01.12.2026 at 11.00 AM at Punjab State Information Commission, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector-16, Chandigarh.**

Sd/-

(Sandeep Singh Dhaliwal)

State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

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Sh. Karamjeet Singh, S/o Sh. Gola Singh,
R/o Village Glizewala, Tehsil Gidderbaha,
Distt Sri Muktsar Sahib (M: 9779752904)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer,
Sri Muktsar Sahib.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o District Development and Panchayat Officer,
Sri Muktsar Sahib.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 6877 of 2025

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of First Appeal made, if any	Date of decision/reply, if any of FAA	Date of Second Appeal received in the Commission
04.02.2025	----	14.03.2025	----	08.10.2025

Present:

Appellant: Sh. Karamjeet Singh (M: 9779752904)

Respondent: Absent

ORDER

1. This order may be read with reference to the Commission's previous order dated 12.05.2026, whereby the respondent was directed to re-examine the record and furnish complete and point-wise information/reply to the appellant.
2. The matter is taken up for hearing today. **The appellant is present, whereas the respondent is absent.** No compliance/submission has been received from the respondent.
3. **The directions contained in the previous order are reiterated.** The respondent is directed to furnish the requisite complete and point-wise information/reply to the appellant within **15 days**, with a compliance report to the Commission.
4. **Failure to comply shall invite appropriate action under the RTI Act, 2005.** The matter is adjourned for compliance.
5. With this case, the case is adjourned to **01.12.2026 at 11.00 AM at Punjab State Information Commission, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector-16, Chandigarh.**

Sd/-

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Sh. RajinderSingh ,S/o Sh. Gora Singh,
Village – Assa Butter, Tehsil - Gidderbaha,
Distt. –SriMuktsar Sahib (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer,
Gidderbaha

First Appellate Authority,
O/o TheDistrict Development and Panchayat Officer,
SriMuktsar Sahib (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1733 of 2024

Present:

Appellant: Sh. Rajinder Singh (M: 9592654184)

Respondent: Sh.Mandeep Singh (M; 9464922209), Assistant

ORDER

1. **This order may be read with reference to the Commission's previous order dated 30.04.2026, whereby a Show Cause Notice under Section 20(1) of the RTI Act, 2005 was issued and the respondent was directed to furnish complete, point-wise information to the appellant.**
2. **The matter is taken up for hearing today. Both parties are present and heard. The respondent, Sh. Mandeep Singh, Assistant, handed over the requisite information to the appellant. The respondent also expressed regret for the delay and assured the Commission that RTI applications shall be dealt with within the prescribed time in future.**
3. **In view of the apology and assurance furnished by the respondent, the Show Cause Notice issued under Section 20(1) of the RTI Act, 2005 is hereby dropped.**
4. **The appellant, after inspection of the information/record, pointed out certain discrepancies. The appellant has submitted the specific deficiencies/discrepancies, point-wise, in writing to the respondent, with a copy to the Commission.**
5. **The respondent is directed to examine the objections raised by the appellant and furnish an appropriate point-wise response/compliance within 15 days, with a copy to the appellant and the Commission.**
6. **With this case, the case is adjourned to 01.12.2026 at 11.00 AM at Punjab State Information Commission, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector-16, Chandigarh.**

Sd/-

Chandigarh
03.09.2026

(Sandeep Singh Dhaliwal)
State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

CC; Public Information Officer,
O/oMGNREGA,
Block - Gidderbaha
Distt. –SriMuktsarSahib(Punjab)

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Sh. Rajinder Singh, S/o Sh. Gura Singh,
R/o Village AssaButtar, Tehsil Gidderbaha,
Distt Sri Muktsar Sahib – 152025 (M: 9592654184)
V/s

....Appellant

Public Information Officer,
O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer,
Gidderbaha, Distt Sri Muktsar Sahib.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o District Development and Panchayat Officer,
Sri Muktsar Sahib.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3486 of 2026&3487 of 2026

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of First Appeal made, if any	Date of decision/reply, if any of FAA	Date of Second Appeal received in the Commission
20.01.2026	----	25.02.2026	----	30.04.2026
05.01.2026	----	21.02.2026	----	30.04.2026

Present:

Appellant: Sh. Rajinder Singh (M: 9592654184)

Respondent: Sh. Gurmeet Singh (M; 9876852709), Panchayat Development Secretary
Sh. Balkaran Singh (M: 7888365084), Panchayat Development Secretary
Sh. Jagshir Singh (M: 9877300048), Panchayat Development Secretary
Sh. Raj Kumar (M: 9781738926), Panchayat Development Secretary
Sh. Jashanpreet Singh (M; 6280807551), Panchayat Development Secretary

ORDER:

1. The appellant filed the above-mentioned appeal cases before the Commission, which was fixed for hearing today. The above-mentioned appeal cases involve **the same parties and substantially similar issues**. Accordingly, a **common interim order** is being passed in both cases. Both parties are present and heard.
2. The respondents submitted that the requisite information has not been furnished as the **prescribed documentation fee has not been deposited by the appellant**. It was further submitted that the information sought pertains to **52 Gram Panchayats**, making the request voluminous.
3. The appellant, however, submitted that **no specific demand for documentation fee was communicated to him**.
4. After considering the submissions, the Commission directs the respondents to **offer inspection of the relevant records to the appellant**. The concerned Panchayat Development Secretaries shall coordinate and **fix a mutually convenient date and time for inspection** and issue a formal communication to the appellant, with a copy to the Commission indicating the scheduled date of inspection.
5. The appellant shall **attend the inspection on the date and time so fixed** and, thereafter, **deposit the prescribed documentation fee for the copies required by him, as per the number of pages identified after inspection**. In case of failure to attend without sufficient cause, the matter shall be considered on the basis of the material available on record.
6. The respondents shall submit a **compliance report regarding the inspection** to the Commission. The matter is **adjourned for compliance**.
7. With this case, the case is adjourned to **01.12.2026 at 11.00 AM at Punjab State Information Commission, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector-16, Chandigarh.**

Sd/-

Chandigarh
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Sh. Simarjeet Singh, (M: 7986818712)
S/o Sh. Sulakhan Singh,
PIO: General Attorney, Shiromani Gurdawara Parbandhak Committee (SGPC),
Teja Singh Samundri Hall, Sri Darbar Sahib Complex,
Sri Amritsar Sahib.

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP),
Rural, Sri Amritsar Sahib.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Director General of Police (DGP), Punjab,
Sector- 9, Chandigarh.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 7073 of 2025

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of First Appeal made, if any	Date of decision/reply, if any of FAA	Date of Second Appeal received in the Commission
16.07.2025	----	17.09.2025	----	21.11.2025

Present:

Appellant: Sh. Simarjeet Singh (M: 8872027273), PIO, SGPC with
Sh. Kuldeep Singh, (M: 9878636935), GPA, SGPC

Respondent: Sh. Gurbhej Singh (M: 9876706734), Sr. Constable, O/o SSP, Amritsar (call)

ORDER:

1. The appellant filed the above-mentioned appeal cases before the Commission, which was fixed for hearing today.
2. The appellant, **Sh. Simarjeet Singh, PIO, SGPC**, along with **Sh. Kuldeep Singh, GPA, SGPC**, is present. The respondent, **Sh. Gurbhej Singh, Sr. Constable, O/o SSP, Amritsar**, is present on call and heard.
3. The respondent has submitted a written reply vide **letter Ref. No. 303 dated 28.08.2026**, along with supporting enclosures, which is taken on record. A copy of the same has been **handed over to the appellant during the hearing**.
4. The appellant is directed to **examine the reply and supporting documents and file specific written objections/rejoinder, if any, within 10 days**, with a copy to the respondent.
5. The respondent shall **respond to the specific objections, if any, raised by the appellant and furnish the requisite compliance within 15 days**, with a copy to the appellant and the Commission.
6. With this case, the case is adjourned to **01.12.2026 at 11.00 AM at Punjab State Information Commission, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector-16, Chandigarh.**

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