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Sh Kanahya Manocha, (M-95929-77260)
S/o Sh Raman Kumar, # 334/6, Krishna Street,
Nimak Mandi Chowk, Tehsil & Distt Amritsar-II
(RTI application no. 152349)

..... Appellant

Public Information Officer,
O/o SMO, Civil Hospital, Amritsar

.Vs

First Appellate Authority
O/o Director, Health & Family Welfare, Pb
Sector-34, Parivar Kalyan Bhawan, Chandigarh

..... Respondent

AC No.937 of 2025

Present :- None for the parties.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 03.11.2024 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 03.01.2025 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 25.08.2026 in the Commission. However, on 25.08.2026 the abovementioned case could not be heard and was postponed to be heard on 06.10.2026 i.e today.

2. Today neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. An email has been received from the appellant Sh. Kanahya Manocha has requested for online hearing of his case. Respondent has not informed the Commission about his absence. This is the first date of hearing and both the parties are not present hence taking a lenient view one last opportunity is given to both the parties to appear before the Commission and state their case. To come up on 02.12.2026 at 11.30 AM for further proceedings through CISCO-Webex (video-conferencing application). **The CISCO-Webex meeting ID of this bench is 25154060883 and password is 12345.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
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Sh. Kuldip Kumar, # 3261, Rattan Singh
Chowk, F.G.C. Road, Amritsar - 143001

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Director Health and Family Welfare
Punjab, ParivarKalyanBhawan, Sector 34A
Chandigarh

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Director Health and Family Welfare
Punjab, ParivarKalyanBhawan, Sector 34A
Chandigarh

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 5009 OF 2023

Present :- None for the parties.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 10.06.2026 passed by the Commission.

2. Today neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. An email has been received from the appellant Sh. Kuldip Kumar has requested for online hearing of his case. Respondent has not informed the Commission about his absence. This is the first date of hearing and both the parties are not present hence taking a lenient view one last opportunity is given to both the parties to appear before the Commission and state their case. To come up on 02.12.2026 at 11.30 AM for further proceedings through CISCO-Webex (video-conferencing application). **The CISCO-Webex meeting ID of this bench is 25154060883 and password is 12345.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Sh Hardeep Singh, (m-94651-22154)
S/o Sh Harnam Singh,
MandiHazoor Singh,
Tehsil & Distt Fazilka

..... Appellant

Public Information Officer,
O/o ADC (D), Fazilka

.Vs

First Appellate Authority
O/o ADC (D), Fazilka

.....Respondent

AC No.811 of 2025

Present :- None for the parties.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 19.10.2024 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 28.01.2025 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 25.08.2026 in the Commission. However, on 25.08.2026 the abovementioned case could not be heard and was postponed to be heard on 06.10.2026 i.e today.

2. Today the appellant Sh. Hardeep Singh is absent. He has sent his submissions via mail which is taken on record. The respondent has also sent his submissions vide which he has requested for online hearing of his case. Considering the request of the respondent the above said appeal case is adjourned on 02.12.2026 at 11.30 AM through CISCO Webex. **The CISCO-Webex meeting ID of this bench is 25154060883 and password is 12345** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
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Date :06.10.2026

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Sh Hardeep Singh, (m-94651-22154)
S/o Sh Harnam Singh,
Mandi Hazoor Singh,
Tehsil & Distt Fazilka

..... Appellant

Public Information Officer,
O/o BDPO, Fazilka

.Vs

First Appellate Authority
O/o DDPO, Fazilka

.....Respondent

AC No.810 of 2025

Present :- None for the parties.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 09.10.2024 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 28.01.2025 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 25.08.2026 in the Commission. However, on 25.08.2026 the abovementioned case could not be heard and was postponed to be heard on 06.10.2026 i.e today.

2. Today neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. The appellant has sent his submissions via mail which is taken on record. The respondent has not sent any submissions. This is the first date of hearing and both the parties are not present hence In the interest of justice, Respondent PIO is afforded one more opportunity to provide the appellant point-wise complete specific information, duly attested, free of cost, by registered post, in accordance with his RTI application and present a photocopy of the relevant postal receipt along with a copy of the information provided, before the Commission on the next date fixed, for its perusal and records. Respondents to note that in case no one comes present on their behalf on the next date fixed, punitive provisions of the RTI Act, 2005 may be invoked against the erring officer(s). To come up on **02.12.2026 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
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Date :06.10.2026

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S/o ShHarnam Singh,
MandiHazoor Singh,
Tehsil & DisttFazilka

..... Appellant

Public Information Officer,
O/o SDM, Fazilka

.Vs

First Appellate Authority
O/o DC, Fazilka

Public Information Officer
O/o ADC (D), Fazilka

.....Respondent

AC No. 697 of 2025

Present :- None for the parties.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 09.10.2024 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 22.01.2025 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 25.08.2026 in the Commission. However, on 25.08.2026 the abovementioned case could not be heard and was postponed to be heard on 06.10.2026 i.e today.

2. Today the appellant Sh. Hardeep Singh is absent .He has sent his submissions via mail which is taken on record.

3. Respondent is also absent today. He has sent a letter vide commission diary no. 16363 dated 13.08.2026 that the information demanded by the appellant is related with PIO, o/o ADC (D) Fazilka.

4. Since, the information is to be provided by the PIO, o/o ADC (D) Fazilka. The Commission, therefore, order that PIO, o/o ADC (D) Fazilka be impleaded as Respondent No.2. The Commission further direct that PIO, o/o ADC (D) Fazilka to file reply before the next date of hearing. To come up on **03.12.2026 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Date :06.10.2026

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Sh Hardeep Singh, (m-94651-22154)
S/o ShHarnam Singh,
MandiHazoor Singh,
Tehsil &DisttFazilka

..... Appellant

Public Information Officer,
O/o BDPO, Fazilka

.Vs

First Appellate Authority
O/o BDPO, Fazilka

.....Respondent

AC No.696 of 2025

Present :- None for the parties.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 09.10.2024 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 22.01.2025 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 25.08.2026 in the Commission. However, on 25.08.2026 the abovementioned case could not be heard and was postponed to be heard on 06.10.2026 i.e today.

2. Today neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. The appellant has sent his submissions via mail which is taken on record. The respondent has not sent any submissions. This is the first date of hearing and both the parties are not present hence in the interest of justice, Respondent PIO is afforded one more opportunity to provide the appellant point-wise complete specific information, duly attested, free of cost, by registered post, in accordance with his RTI application and present a photocopy of the relevant postal receipt along with a copy of the information provided, before the Commission on the next date fixed, for its perusal and records. Respondents to note that in case no one comes present on their behalf on the next date fixed, punitive provisions of the RTI Act, 2005 may be invoked against the erring officer(s). To come up on **02.12.2026 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

Date :06.10.2026

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Sh.Iqbal Singh Rasulpur, (m-8872200515)
c/o Advocate SP Singh Dhaliwal, Off,
Street No. 4, Guru Nanak Nagar, Kacha Malk Road,
Jagraon, Distt.Ludhiana - 142026

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Principal Secretary, Home Affairs and
Justice Punjab, Chandigarh

First Appellate Authority
O/o Principal Secretary, Home Affairs and
Justice Punjab, Chandigarh

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 2964 of 2024

Present :- None for the parties.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 21.07.2026 passed by the Commission.

2. Today neither the appellant nor the respondent is present . The appellant has sent a letter stating that he is unable to attend today's hearing and he has sought another date. Considering the request of the respondent the above said appeal case filed by the appellant is adjourned on 02.12.2026 at 11.30 AM for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Date :06.10.2026

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Sh. Gurdaman Singh Panjraht
House No. 483/1, Model Town Extension
Ludhiana -141002

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o MC, Zone D, Ludhiana

First Appellate Authority
O/o MC, Zone D, Ludhiana

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 6216 OF 2025

Present :- (i) Sh. Gurdaman Singh the appellant alongwith Sh. Gagnish Singh
(ii) For the respondent: Sh.Bharat Malik, APIO (9783629999)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 19.08.2026 passed by the Commission.

2. Today, the respondent has sought time and stated that the information sought by the appellant pertains to the Improvement Trust, Ludhiana In the interest of justice, one more opportunity is granted to the respondent. The PIO, o/o MC, Zone D is directed to appear in person before the Commission on the next date of hearing along with a complete point-wise reply to the RTI application. In case any information cannot be supplied, the PIO shall clearly mention the reasons for non-disclosure along with the relevant provisions of the RTI Act, 2005. The PIO shall also explain why the RTI application or its relevant part was not transferred to the concerned Improvement Trust under Section 6(3) of the RTI Act, 2005, within time. The PIO is directed to submit the above reply along with all relevant documents before the next date of hearing. Both parties are directed to appear on the next date for further deliberations. The case is adjourned to **02.12.2026 at 11:30 A.M.** in the Commission office.

Sd/-

(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Date :06.10.2026

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Sh.Jasbir Singh, Guru Nanak Nagar
Village Bholapur Jhabewal, PO Ramgarh,
Distt. Ludhiana

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o State Transport Commissioner, Punjab
Sector 17, Chandigarh

2.Public Information Officer,
O/o SDM, Ludhiana (East)

First Appellate Authority
O/o State Transport Commissioner, Punjab
Sector 17, Chandigarh

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4906 OF 2023

Present : (i) None for the appellant
(ii) For the respondent : Sh. Sunil Kumar, Clerk (8283849198)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 23.07.2026 passed by the Commission vide which a show cause notice was issued to the respondent ,o/o RTO Ludhiana.

2. Today the appellant is not present. The respondent, o/o RTO Ludhiana is absent today. Taking a lenient view **one last opportunity** is given to the PIO, o/o RTO Ludhiana to appear before the Commission and state his case, failing which action under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act 2005 will be initiated. Both the parties are directed to appear, in person, on the next date of hearing for deliberations, failing which the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte. To come up on **03.12.2026 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Date :06.10.2026

CC: RTO, Ludhiana

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ShPawan Kumar Sharma, Advocate
Kothi no. 585, phase-2, Mohali

..... Appellant

.Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o SDE, Horticulture division,
PWD, B&R, Phase-I, Industrial area, Mohali

First Appellate Authority
O/o SDE, Horticulture division,
PWD, B&R, Phase-I, Industrial area, Mohali

.....Respondent

APPEAL CASE NO. 3618 OF 2025

Present :- (i) Sh.Pawan Kumar Sharma the appellant
(ii) For the respondent: None for the respondent

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 30.07.2026 passed by the Commission vide which Ms. Harjot Kaur, SDE was directed to come present.

2. Today the appellant states that no information has been given to him so far. Respondent is absent today. He/she has not informed the Commission about his/her absence for today's hearing.

3. Today the respondent is not present. Ms.Harjot Kaur, SDE neither appeared before the Commission nor submitted any written reply or explanation regarding her non-appearance.

4. The conduct of the respondent indicates a lack of seriousness towards the proceedings before the Commission. Despite having been afforded an opportunity of hearing, the respondent has failed to appear or communicate any reason for her absence. Accordingly, the respondent is hereby directed to show cause as to why appropriate action should not be taken against her for non-appearance and for not complying with the directions of the Commission.

In addition to her submission, the PIO is also hereby given an opportunity under Section 20(1) proviso thereto, for a personal hearing before the imposition of such penalty on the next date of hearing. He may note that in case he does not file her submission and does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the next 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.

5. To come up on **02.12.2026 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

Date :06.10.2026

(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

CC: Ms. Harjot Kaur, SDE, Horticulture Division, PWD B&R, Phase-I, Industrial Area, Mohali

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Sh. Rajinder Kumar Sharma,
RTI Activist and Reporter
VPO Raiser Tehsil and Distt. Barnala
(M-83605-89644)

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Divisional Forest Officer, '
Sangrur

First Appellate Authority
O/o Conservator of Forest South Circle
Patiala

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4637 OF 2025

Present :- None for the parties.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 18.08.2026 passed by the Commission.

2. Today neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. The appellant has sent his submissions, which are taken on record. The respondent has not informed the Commission. Taking a lenient view one last opportunity is given to them to appear before the Commission and state their case. Both the parties are directed to appear, in person, on the next date of hearing for deliberations, failing which the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte. To come up on 02.12.2026 at 11.30 AM for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Date :06.10.2026

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ShSarbjit Singh, S/o ShJagir Singh,
H.NO 298, Sector 15, SaiKirpa,
Village Sarna,
Tehsil & Distt- Pathankot-145025
(M-9814691777)

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Govt. ITI, Pathankot

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Govt. ITI, Pathankot

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 198 OF 2024
(heard through VC in the O/o DC, Pathankot)

Present :- (i) ShSarabjit Singh, appellant
(ii) For the respondent: PIO- ShBaljit Singh, Training officer (94173-60692)

ORDER

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

2. The appellant states that 11 pages of information has been provided to him which is not complete. He adds that through his RTI application he has demanded copies of audit reports from the year 2015 to 2023 but the complete information has not been provided to him. The appellant has also filed his submissions through e-mail which is taken on record.

3. The respondent states that the information has been provided to the appellant

4. After hearing both the parties and perusing the documents placed on record, it has been ascertained that the complete information has not been provided to the appellant. The respondent-PIO appearing today is not in a position to satisfy the Commission.

5. The Commission observed that there is complete negligence and laxity in the public authority in dealing with the RTI application. It is abundantly clear that such matters are being ignored which reflects disrespect towards that RTI act 2005 itself. The Commission expressed its displeasure on the casual and callous approach adopted by the Respondent in responding to the RTI application. It is felt that conduct of Respondent is against the spirit of the RTI Act 2005, which has been enacted to ensure greater transparency and effective access to the information. Such kind of behavior of a Government servant needs to be condemned and such employees need to be



APPEAL CASE NO. 198 OF 2024

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.

6. Looking at the lackadaisical attitude of the respondents, the Commission, the Commission deem it appropriate to issue show cause notice under section 20 (1) of the RTI Act, 2005, to **Principal, Govt ITI, Pathankot** as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay / denial in providing the information to the RTI applicant. He is directed to file reply to the show cause notice in writing before the next date of hearing.

In addition to his submission, the PIO is also hereby given an opportunity under Section 20(1) proviso thereto, for a personal hearing before the imposition of such penalty on the next date of hearing. He may note that in case he does not file his submission and does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the next 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.

7. In view of the above, *a copy of this order is sent to Director, Technical Education & Industrial Training, Punjab* to look into the matter and ensure that the complete information/documents be furnished to the appellant, before the next date of hearing. A compliance report in this regard be sent to the Commission, before the next date of hearing. He shall also ensure that only Gazetted Officer-level officers are designated as Public Information Officers (PIOs) and Assistant Public Information Officers (APIOs) in strict compliance with Section 5 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 and the Larger Bench decision of this Commission in Complaint Case No. 2301 of 2013 dated 10.06.2014. A compliance report, along with copies of the revised notifications/orders, shall be submitted before this Commission on the next date of hearing.

8. To come up on **29.12.2026 at 11:30AM through Video conferencing facility in the O/o DC, Pathankot**. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)

State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Date :06.10.2026

Through registered post:-*(to ensure compliance)*

CC: (i) Director, Technical Education & Industrial Training, Punjab
Sector 36-A, Chandigarh

(ii) Principal, Govt. ITI, Pathankot

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Sh.Paramjit Singh Sitara
S/o Late Sh.MuktarSingh,R/oVillage
Satiala Patti Dhabia, Tehsil Baba Bakala
Sahib, Distt.Amritsar

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Civil Surgeon, Amritsar

First Appellate Authority
O/o Director Health and Family Welfare,
ParivarKalyanBhawan,Sector 34A,
Chandigarh

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4811 of 2025

Present :- (i)Sh.Paramjit Singh Sitara, appellant
(ii) For the respondent: None

ORDER

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

2. The appellant states that, as directed the copy of deficiencies has been sent to the respondent but the rectified information has not been provided to him.
3. No one has appeared on behalf of the respondent today. However, the respondent-PIO has sent an e-mail through which they have requested for online hearing of this case.
4. In view of the above, the respondent-PIO is given an opportunity to provide complete information to the appellant, after the removal of deficiencies, as pointed out by the appellant, under intimation to the Commission office. Respondents to note that in case no one comes present on their behalf on the next date fixed, punitive provisions of the RTI Act, 2005 may be invoked against the erring officer(s).
5. To come up on **23.12.2026 at 11:30 AM** through **Video conferencing facility in the O/o DC Amritsar**. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

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Ms.Nitika Sharma, (M-7018041020)
C/o Sh. Pankaj Thakur
Department of Personnel IV, room No, A225,
HP Secretariat Shimla, HP-171002

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Drugs Control Officer, Patiala-2
Civil Surgeon office, Patiala

First Appellate Authority
O/o Zonal Licensing Authority (Drugs)
Civil Surgeon, Patiala

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 37 OF 2025

Present :- (i) Ms Nitika Sharma, appellant (through CISCO-Webex)
(ii) For the respondent: Ms Parneet Kaur, Drugs inspector (99887-18042)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 04.08.2026 vide which an opportunity was given to the respondent to provide the information to the appellant. Accordingly, the case was postponed to be heard on 25.08.2026. However on 25.08.2026, the case could not be heard and was postponed to be heard on 06.10.2026, i.e, today

2. The respondent states that the information has already been provided to the appellant.

3. The appellant states that the information supplied by the respondent relates to a different RTI application. However, in this present matter no information has been supplied by the respondent.

4. In view of the above, the copy of the RTI Application is handed over to the respondent with directions to provide complete information to the appellant before the next date of hearing, under intimation to the Commission office and also file their reply. Both the parties are directed to appear, in person, on **02.12.2026 at 11:30AM** through CISCO-Webex (online video conferencing). The meeting number of this bench is 25154060883 and password is 12345. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)

**State Information Commissioner
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Date :06.10.2026

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Sh Amarjit Singh, (M-9463351211)
S/o ShBaljit Singh,
Village Maujgarh, Tehsil- Abohar,
DisttFazilka

..... Appellant

Public Information Officer,
O/o XEN, Abohar Canal Ground Water
Division, Abohar, DisttFazilka

.Vs

First Appellate Authority
O/o SE, Canal Circle, Ferozepur

.....Respondent

AC No.256 of 2025

Present :- (i)Sh Amarjit Singh,appellant along with ShManjeet Kumar
(ii) For the respondent:Sh Rahul Bhalla, Canal Patwari (95773-10004)

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 19.09.2024 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 02.01.2025 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 25.08.2026 through VC in the O/o DC Fazilka. However, on 25.08.2026 the case could not be heard and was postponed to be heard on 06.10.2026, i.e, today.

2. The respondent states that the information has been provided to the appellant.
3. The appellant states that the information provided by the respondent is not complete and he is not satisfied with it.
4. After hearing both the parties and perusing the documents placed on record, it has been ascertained that the appellant through his RTI application has sought the following information relating to Sh Ramesh Kumar, Patwari :-



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1. ਰਮੇਸ਼ ਕੁਮਾਰ ਨਹਿਰੀ ਪਟਵਾਰੀ ਦੇ ਨਿਯੁਕਤੀ ਪੱਤਰ ਦੀ ਕਾਪੀ, ਸਰਵਿਸ ਬੁੱਕ ਦੀਆਂ ਕਾਪੀਆਂ, ਲਾਸਟ ਪੇ ਸਕੇਲ ਸਰਟੀਫਿਕੇਟ ਦੀ ਕਾਪੀ, ਉਸ ਦੇ ਡਿਪਲੋਮੇ ਡਿਗਰੀਆਂ ਦੀਆਂ ਕਾਪੀਆਂ ਦਿੱਤੀਆਂ ਜਾਣ। ਜਿਹੜੀਆਂ ਅਸਾਮੀਆਂ ਤਹਿਤ ਰਮੇਸ਼ ਕੁਮਾਰ ਨਹਿਰੀ ਪਟਵਾਰੀ ਦੀ ਭਰਤੀ ਕੀਤੀ ਗਈ, ਉਸ ਭਰਤੀ ਦੇ ਨੋਟੀਫਿਕੇਸ਼ਨ ਦੀ ਕਾਪੀ, ਮੈਰਿਟ ਸੂਚੀ ਦੀ ਕਾਪੀ ਦਿੱਤੀ ਜਾਵੇ।
2. ਇਹ ਕਿ ਰਮੇਸ਼ ਕੁਮਾਰ ਪਟਵਾਰੀ ਦੇ ਖਿਲਾਫ ਨਿਯੁਕਤੀ ਤੋਂ ਲੈ ਕੇ ਅਜ ਤਕ ਹੋਈਆਂ ਸਾਰੀਆਂ ਸ਼ਿਕਾਇਤਾਂ ਦੀਆਂ ਕਾਪੀਆਂ, ਉਸ ਦੇ ਖਿਲਾਫ ਜਾਰੀ ਹੋਈਆਂ ਚਾਰਜਸ਼ੀਟਾਂ ਦੀਆਂ ਕਾਪੀਆਂ, ਬਦਲੀ ਅਤੇ ਮੁਅੱਤਲੀ ਆਰਡਰਾਂ ਦੀਆਂ ਕਾਪੀਆਂ ਦਿੱਤੀਆਂ ਜਾਣ। ਸ਼ਿਕਾਇਤਾਂ ਦੇ ਨਿਪਟਾਰਿਆਂ ਦੀਆਂ ਕਾਪੀਆਂ ਦਿੱਤੀਆਂ ਜਾਣ।
3. ਇਹ ਕਿ ਰਮੇਸ਼ ਕੁਮਾਰ ਨਹਿਰੀ ਪਟਵਾਰੀ ਦੀ ਨੌਕਰੀ ਲੱਗਣ ਵੇਲੇ ਚਲ ਅਤੇ ਅਚਲ ਜਾਇਦਾਦ ਕਿੰਨੀ, ਜੀ ਅਤੇ ਹੁਣ ਮੌਜੂਦਾ ਸਮੇਂ ਵਿੱਚ ਨਾਮੀ ਤੇ ਬੇਨਾਮੀ ਸਾਰੀ ਚਲ ਤੇ ਅਚਲ ਜਾਇਦਾਦ ਦੀ ਡਿਟੇਲ ਦਿੱਤੀ ਜਾਵੇ।
4. ਇਹ ਕਿ ਉਕਤ ਨਹਿਰੀ ਪਟਵਾਰੀ ਰਮੇਸ਼ ਕੁਮਾਰ ਦੀ ਅਬੋਹਰ ਡਵੀਜਨ ਵਿੱਚ ਤਾਇਨਾਤੀ ਦੀ ਤਾਰੀਖ ਤੋਂ ਲੈ ਕੇ ਅੱਜ ਤਕ ਜਿਹੜੇ ਜਿਹੜੇ ਪਿੰਡਾਂ ਢਾਣੀਆਂ ਦਾ ਜਿੰਨਾ ਜਿੰਨਾ ਸਮਾਂ ਚਾਰਜ ਰਿਹਾ, ਉਸ ਦੀ ਡਿਟੇਲ ਦਿੱਤੀ ਜਾਵੇ ਅਤੇ
5. ਇਹ ਕਿ ਅਬੋਹਰ ਡਵੀਜਨ ਵਿੱਚ ਤਾਇਨਾਤੀ ਦੌਰਾਨ ਇਸ ਦੇ ਚਾਰਜ ਅਧੀਨ ਰਹੇ ਪਿੰਡ ਢਾਣੀਆਂ ਦੇ ਜਿਹੜੇ ਮੋਢਿਆਂ ਦਾ ਰਕਬਾ ਅਨਕਮਾਂਡ ਹੋਇਆ, ਉਹ ਮੋਢਾ ਨੰਬਰ ਅਤੇ ਅਨਕਮਾਂਡ ਰਕਬੇ ਦਾ ਵੇਰਵਾ ਦਿੱਤਾ ਜਾਵੇ ਇਹਨਾਂ ਮੋਢਿਆਂ ਦੇ ਅਨਕਮਾਂਡ ਹੋਏ ਰਕਬੇ ਦੀ ਵਾਰੀ ਹਿਸੇਦਾਰਾਂ ਵਿੱਚ ਨਾ ਵੰਡਣ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਜਿੰਨੇ ਮਾਮਲੇ ਅਜ ਤਕ ਪੈਂਡਿੰਗ ਚਲੇ ਆ ਰਹੇ ਹਨ, ਉਹਨਾਂ ਦੀ ਡਿਟੇਲ ਦਿੱਤੀ ਜਾਵੇ। ਨਹਿਰੀ ਪਟਵਾਰੀ ਰਮੇਸ਼ ਕੁਮਾਰ ਨੇ ਪੈਂਡਿੰਗ ਮਾਮਲਿਆਂ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਸਬਮਿੱਟ ਕੀਤੀਆਂ ਰਿਪੋਰਟਾਂ ਦੀਆਂ ਕਾਪੀਆਂ ਦਿੱਤੀਆਂ ਜਾਣ।

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After going through the RTI application it has been ascertained that given the nature of these documents, the information sought by the appellant is clearly of a personal nature and pertains to third party. The information would fall within the exemption for disclosure granted by Section 8(1)(j) of the Act. The appellant for seeking the personal information in the instant case has not been made with due bona fides and in larger public interest. The furnishing of the information asked for, if provided, would cause unwarranted invasion of privacy of the individual under Section 8(1)(j) of the RTI Act and may also lead to intimidation of such officials. Further, the Commission also relied upon the decision dated 13.11.2019 of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in Civil Appeal No. 10044 of 2010 titled in Central Public Information Officer, Supreme Court of India Vs. Subhash Chandra Aggarwal, regarding Right to Information Act, 2005 in which in para no. 59 of the above referred case had defined 'Personal Information' under the Right to Information Act 2005, the relevant part of the judgment is reproduced below:-

"Reading of the aforesaid judicial precedents, in our opinion, would indicate that personal records, including name, address, Physical, mental and psychological status, marks obtained, grades and answer sheets, are all treated as personal information. Similarly, professional records, including qualification, performance, evaluation reports, ACRs, disciplinary proceedings, etc. are all personal information. Medical records, treatment, choice of medicine, list of hospitals and doctors visited, findings recorded. Including that of the family members, information, relating to assets, liabilities, Income tax returns, details of the investments, lending and borrowing etc. are personal information. Such personal information is entitled to protection from unwarranted invasion of privacy and

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conditional access is available when stipulation of larger public interest is satisfied. This list is indicative and not exhaustive.

In view of the above, the respondent is directed to provide only the information pertaining to point no.5 to the appellant, before the next date of hearing, under intimation to the Commission office. Both the parties are directed to appear, in person, on the next date of hearing for deliberations, failing which the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte. To come up on **12.11.2026 at 11:30AM** for further proceedings in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

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Sh. Balwinder Singh, S/o
Sh. Gurna Singh, House No. 2519,,Sector 27C
Chandigarh – 160019
(RTI application no. 193459)

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o XEN Construction Division No. 1, Ferozepur

First Appellate Authority
O/o Chief Engineer PWD
B&R, Punjab Patiala

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4970 of 2025

Present :- (i) Sh Rajneesh Bharara, on behalf of the appellant
(ii) For the respondent: Sh Sunil, Clerk (9988907805)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 23.07.2026 vide which the respondent-PIO was given an opportunity provide the complete information to the appellant, before the next date of hearing.

2. The representative for the appellant states that the information has not been provided by the respondent.

3. The respondent states that the information had been sent to the appellant but the same has been returned undelivered. He adds that he has brought the copy of the information today also.

4. Hence, the copy of the information, as brought by the respondent is handed over to the representative for the appellant. Further, the appellant is given an opportunity to point out deficiencies, if any, to the respondent before the next date of hearing with a copy to the Commission. Both the parties are directed to appear, in person, on the next date of hearing for deliberations, failing which the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte. To come up on **29.12.2026 at 11:30AM** in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
State Information Commissioner
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Sh Prahlad Kumar, (m-9878580195)
S/o Sh Jai Narayan,
VPO Bhagsar, Tehsil Abohar,
Distt Fazilka-152116

..... Appellant

.Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o BDPO, Abohar, Distt Fazilka

First Appellate Authority
O/o DDPO, Fazilka

.....Respondent

AC No.659 of 2025

Present :- (i) Sh Prahlad Kumar, appellant
(ii) For the respondent: None

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 28.07.2026 vide which the respondent-PIO was given an opportunity provide the complete information to the appellant, before the next date of hearing. Accordingly, the case was postponed to be heard on 25.08.2026. However on 25.08.2026, the case could not be heard and was postponed to be heard on 06.10.2026, i.e, today

2. The appellant states that no information has been provided to him till date.
3. The respondent is not present today.
4. After carefully considering the facts of the case, it has been ascertained that the respondent has not complied with the directions passed by the Commission. Further, neither the respondent is present today nor he has informed the Commission about his absence. The Commission observed that there is complete negligence and laxity in the public authority in dealing with the RTI application. It is abundantly clear that such matters are being ignored which reflects disrespect towards that RTI act 2005 itself. The Commission expressed its displeasure on the casual and callous approach adopted by the Respondent in responding to the RTI application. It is felt that conduct of Respondent is against the spirit of the RTI Act 2005, which has been enacted to ensure greater transparency and effective access to the information. Such kind of behavior of a Government servant 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



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under the RTI Act for ensuring complete transparency and due accountability in the governance affairs of the public authorities.

6. Looking at the lackadaisical attitude of the respondents, the Commission deem it appropriate to issue show cause notice under section 20 (1) of the RTI Act , 2005, to **PIO , O/o BDPO, Abohar, Distt Fazilka** as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay / denial in providing the information to the RTI applicant. He is directed to file reply to the show cause notice in writing before the next date of hearing.

In addition to his submission, the PIO is also hereby given an opportunity under Section 20(1) proviso thereto, for a personal hearing before the imposition of such penalty on the next date of hearing. He may note that in case he does not file his submission and does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the next 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.

7. Both the parties are directed to appear, in person, on the next date of hearing for deliberations, failing which the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte. To come up on **29.12.2026 at 11:30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

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Sh. Sarabjit Singh,
S/o Sh. Gurdeep Singh,
VPO Gumanpura
Tehsil and Distt. Amritsar

..... Appellant

.Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o XEN, Provincial Division,
PWD, Amritsar

First Appellate Authority
O/o SE, Construction Circle,
PWD, Amritsar

.....Respondent

AC No. 44 of 2024

Present :- (i) None for the appellant
(ii) For the respondent: Shinderjeet Singh, SDE (9814411247) and
ShBhupeshWalia, SrAsstt. (9501015500)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 10.06.2026 vide which an opportunity was given to the respondent to provide complete information to the appellant. Accordingly, the case was postponed to be heard on 25.08.2026. However on 25.08.2026, the case could not be heard and was postponed to be heard on 06.10.2026, i.e, today.

2. The appellant is not present today. He has sent an e-mail through which he has sought adjournment from today's hearing.

3. The respondent states that the information has been provided to the appellant. He adds that in case the appellant is not satisfied, he may visit their office on any working day, and also inspect the relevant record, and obtain the information.

4. In view of the above, the appellant is given an opportunity to inspect the relevant record in the O/o respondent on any day between 21st to 23rd October, with prior intimation to ShBhupeshWalia, SrAsstt. on his mobile number 9501015500 and inspect the relevant information and obtain the information. ShBhupeshWalia, SrAsstt. is directed to facilitate the appellant for the inspection of record.

5. Both the parties are directed to appear, in person, on the next date of hearing for deliberations, failing this, the Commission shall proceed to decide the matter on the basis of the material available on record and may issue appropriate directions in accordance with law. To come up on **09.12.2026 at 11:30 AM** in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
State Information Commissioner
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Sh. Puneet Kumar, S/o Sh. Surjeet Kumar
Village Wasal Mohan Ke, Tehsil Gurusahai
Distt. Ferozepur – 152022 (M-8284880894)
(RTI application no. 188778)

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o BDPO, Gurusahai,
Distt. Ferozepur

First Appellate Authority
O/o DDPO, Ferozepur

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4916 of 2025

Present :- (i) Sh. Samarbir Singh Kamboj, on behalf of the appellant
(ii) For the respondent: None

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 29.07.2026 vide which a show-cause notice was issued to the respondent-PIO.

2. The representative for the appellant states that no information/reply has been received from the respondent till date.
3. The respondent is not present today.
4. The Commission has carefully perused the record available on file. It is observed that this is the third hearing in the matter. Not only has the respondent remained absent, but no explanation has been offered for such continued default.
5. The record further reveals that a Show Cause Notice has already been issued to the concerned respondent requiring him to explain why action under Section 20 of the Right to Information Act, 2005, should not be initiated against him but the respondent is again not present today. Neither they have bothered to inform the Commission about their absence nor they have filed any reply. Despite repeated directions, the Respondent-PIO is not appearing before the Commission. Hence, bailable warrant be issued to him through SSP, Ferozepur so that he should appear before the Commission to present his case personally. To come up on **29.12.2026 at 11:30 AM** in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

Date :06.10.2026

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BEFORE DR BHUPINDER S BATTH, STATE INFORMATION COMMISSIONER, PUNJAB

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In case of Sh Puneet Kumar v/s Public Information Officer, O/o BDPO, Guruharsahai, Distt Ferozepur

Complaint/Appeal No. : 4916 of 2025

UNDER SECTION 18 OF THE RIGHT TO INFORMATION ACT, 2005.

NEXT DATE OF HEARING :09.12.2026

To

The SSP, Ferozepur

Whereas the Public Information Officer, O/o BDPO, Guruharsahai, Distt Ferozepur has failed to appear before the State Information Commissioner despite the issuance of repeated notices/directions in the above mentioned appeal case. Therefore, you are hereby directed to serve this bailable warrant on Public Information Officer, BDPO, Guruharsahai, Distt Ferozepur to appear before the undersigned at Red Cross Building, Near Rose Garden, Sector-16, Chandigarh on **09.12.2026** at 11:30 AM and submit his/her written submissions alongwith the information to be provided to the Appellant.

(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Dated :06.10.2026

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ShNaresh Kumar, (M-94630-83529)
S/o ShDalip Kumar,
#6, Village Himatpur, Tehsil- Abohar,
Distt Fazilka-152116

(RTI application no. 153241)

..... Appellant

Public Information Officer,
O/o Panchayat Secretary,
Gram Panchayat, Himmatpura, Block Abohar,
DisttFazilka

.Vs

First Appellate Authority
O/o BDPO, Abohar, DisttFazilka

.....Respondent

AC No.801 of 2025

Present :- (i) Sh Naresh Kumar, appellant
(ii) For the respondent: None

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 08.11.2024 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 27.01.2025 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 25.08.2026 through VC in the O/o DC Fazilka. However, the case could not be heard and was postponed to be heard on 06.10.2026, i.e, today.

2. The appellant states that the information provided to him by the respondent is not complete. He demands that the complete information be provided to him.

3. No one has appeared on behalf of the respondent today. The respondent has not even informed the Commission about his absence nor filed any reply.

4. However, in the interest of justice, Respondent PIO is afforded one more opportunity to be present on the next date of hearing and *file their point-wise specific reply indicating the position of each issue as to whether the information has been supplied and if not, the reason thereof.* Respondents to note that in case no one comes present on their behalf on the next date fixed, punitive provisions of the RTI Act, 2005 may be invoked against the erring officer(s).

5. To come up on **09.12.2026 at 11:30 AM** through **Video conferencing facility in the O/o DC Fazilka**. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
State Information Commissioner
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Sh Baldev Raj, (M-9463093360)
S/o SH Mehar Chand,
R/o Village LakhewaliDhab,
Tehsil & Fazilka-152123

..... Appellant

Public Information Officer,
O/o Divisional Canal officer,
Abohar, DisttFazilka

.Vs

First Appellate Authority
O/o SE, Ferozepur Canal Circle, Ferozepur

.....Respondent

AC No.745 of 2025

Present :- (i) Sh Baldev Raj, Appellant
(ii) For the respondent: None

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 18.07.2024 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 23.01.2025 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 25.08.2026 through VC in the O/o DC Fazilka. However, the case could not be heard and was postponed to be heard on 06.10.2026, i.e, today.

2. The appellant states that the information provided to him by the respondent is not correct and he is not satisfied with it.

3. No one has appeared on behalf of the respondent today.

4. In the interest of justice, Respondent PIO is afforded one more opportunity to provide the appellant point-wise complete specific information, duly attested, free of cost, by registered post, in accordance with his RTI application and present a photocopy of the relevant postal receipt along with a copy of the information provided, before the Commission on the next date fixed, for its perusal and records. Respondents to note that in case no one comes present on their behalf on the next date fixed, punitive provisions of the RTI Act, 2005 may be invoked against the erring officer(s). Both the parties are directed to appear, in person, on the next date of hearing for deliberations, failing which the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte. To come up on **09.12.2026 at 11:30 AM** through **Video conferencing facility in the O/o DC Fazilka**. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

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State Information Commissioner
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Ms Amardeep Kaur Sodhi, (M-9915011902)
Welkin Farms, Adj Thath Nanaksar,
VillDhaipai, Ludhiana(West)-142029

..... Appellant

Public Information Officer,
O/o DC, Ludhiana

.Vs

First Appellate Authority
O/o DC, Ludhiana

.....Respondent

AC No.2579 of 2026

Present :- (i) Sh Harminder Singh, on behalf of the appellant
(ii) For the respondent: None

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 13.08.2026 vide which both the PIO's i.e O/o Sub registrar, Ludhiana Central and District Manager, Sewa Kendra Ludhiana were directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e today.

2. Sh Harminder Singh- appearing on behalf of the appellant reiterates that the information sought has not been provided.
3. No one has appeared on behalf of the respondent today. However, a reply has been received from DM, Sewa Kendra Ludhiana as under:-

"We would like to clarify that the RTI Act 2005 does not apply to private entitites. As Terracis Citizen Service LLP is a privately owned and funded company, we do not fall under the purview of this Act"

4. After examining the documents placed on record, it has been ascertained that on the previous date of hearing the respondent appearing on behalf of PIO O/o Sub-registrar, East, Ludhiana submitted that the information is lying with PIO's i.e O/o Sub registrar, Ludhiana Central and District Manager, Sewa Kendra Ludhiana. Today no one has appeared on behalf of the PIO O/o Sub registrar, Ludhiana Central, whereas the DM, Sewa Kendra Ludhiana have filed their reply mentioning that they are not covered under the ambit of the RTI Act. Hence, it is observed that the PIO's concerned are passing the buck on each other.

5. In view of the above, a copy of this order is sent to DC, Ludhiana to look into the matter and fix the responsibility of the PIO concerned who shall ensure that the complete information/documents be furnished to the appellant, before the next date of hearing. A compliance report in this regard be sent to the Commission, before the next date of hearing.

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6. Both the parties are directed to appear, in person, on the next date of hearing for deliberations, failing which the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte. To come up on **12.11.2026 at 11:30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

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(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)

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Date :06.10.2026

CC: DC, Ludhaina (for necessary action)

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ShJavedAkhtar, (m-9041980719)
S/o Shkhaidin,
R/o MohallaShahijduraManaPathak,
Malerkotla, DisttMalerkotla

..... Appellant

.Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o SMO, Civil Hospital, Malerkotla

First Appellate Authority
O/o Civil Surgeon, Malerkotla

.....Respondent

AC No.6054 of 2024

Present :- (i) Sh Javed Akhtar, appellant
(ii) For the respondent: None

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 28.07.2026 vide which the Dr Pardeep Kumar, Civil Surgeon, was directed to conduct a thorough and time-bound search of the relevant record, and to furnish complete information to the appellant within 15 days. Accordingly, this case was adjourned to be heard on 25.08.2026. However, on 25.08.2026 this case could not be heard and was postponed to be heard on 06.10.2026, i.e today.

2. The appellant states that he has not received any information till date.

3. The respondent is not present today.

4. After carefully considering the facts of the case, it has been ascertained that the respondent has not complied with the directions passed by the Commission. Further, neither the respondent is present today nor he has informed the Commission about his absence. The Commission observed that there is complete negligence and laxity in the public authority in dealing with the RTI application. It is abundantly clear that such matters are being ignored which reflects disrespect towards that RTI act 2005 itself. The Commission expressed its displeasure on the casual and callous approach adopted by the Respondent in responding to the RTI application. It is felt that conduct of Respondent is against the spirit of the RTI Act 2005, which has been enacted to ensure greater transparency and effective access to the information. Such kind of behavior of a Government servant 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



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under the RTI Act for ensuring complete transparency and due accountability in the governance affairs of the public authorities.

6. Looking at the lackadaisical attitude of the respondents, the Commission deem it appropriate to issue show cause notice under section 20 (1) of the RTI Act, 2005, to **PIO, O/o SMO, Civil Hospital, Malerkotla** as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay / denial in providing the information to the RTI applicant. He is directed to file reply to the show cause notice in writing before the next date of hearing.

In addition to his submission, the PIO is also hereby given an opportunity under Section 20(1) proviso thereto, for a personal hearing before the imposition of such penalty on the next date of hearing. He may note that in case he does not file his submission and does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the next 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.

7. Both the parties are directed to appear, in person, on the next date of hearing for deliberations, failing which the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte. To come up on **12.11.2026 at 11:30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Date :06.10.2026