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Sh Vivek Chopra, (M-98729-85265)
S/o Sh Kuldip Raj Chopra,
#5671/1, St No. 7, Raghubir Park,
Jassian Road, Haibowal Kalan,
Ludhiana-141001
(RTI application no. 227736)

..... Appellant

Public Information Officer,

.Vs

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

Public Information Officer,

O/o T.B. Hospital, Patiala

First Appellate Authority

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

.....Respondent

AC No.3291of 2026

Present :- (i) Sh.Vivek Chopra the appellant

(ii) For the respondent: Dr.Gurminder Singh, Assistant Professor (8283944833)

ORDER

1. The RTI application is dated 21.11.2025 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 22.04.2026 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 07.10.2026 in the Commission.

2. Both the parties appeared before the Commission today. The Appellant submitted that the information sought by him had not been supplied. The Respondent from the Medical College appeared and stated that he has brought the information pertaining to Point No. 6 , the same is handed over to the appellant. Upon hearing the parties and perusing the matter, it has transpired that the information sought in the present appeal pertains to PIO, o/o TB Hospital, Patiala. Accordingly, PIO,o/o TB Hospital, Patiala is impleaded as a Respondent in the present proceedings. PIO,o/o TB Hospital, Patiala, is directed to file a point-wise reply to the RTI application, clearly indicating the information available, wherever any information is not being supplied, the specific reasons and provisions of the RTI Act relied upon. The reply shall be filed before the next date of hearing and a copy thereof shall also be supplied to the Appellant. ***Copy of the RTI be sent to the respondent no. 2 alongwith these orders.*** The Director, Health Services is also directed to appear before the Commission on the next date of hearing.

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3. Both the Respondents shall appear along with their respective replies and relevant record on the next date. In case either of the Respondents fails to appear without sufficient cause, appropriate action under the RTI Act, including initiation of penalty proceedings under Section 20(1), may be considered by the Commission. To come up on **29.12.2026 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 :07.10.2026

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Ms Sheenu, (M-9915620333)
D/o Sh Ashok Kumar,
C4, Marvel Homes, Ludhiana (west)-140102
(RTI application no. 254009)

..... Appellant

Public Information Officer,
O/o MC, Ludhiana

.Vs

First Appellate Authority
O/o Commissioner, MC, Ludhiana

.....Respondent

APPEAL CASE NO.4365 OF 2026

Present :- (i) None for the appellant
(ii) For the respondent: Sh.Ravinder Singh , DM, o/o MC, Ludhiana (9855199191)

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 19.03.2026 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 16.09.2026 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 07.10.2026 in the Commission.

2. The appellant Ms.Sheenu is absent today. She has sent a letter vide which she has sought online hearing of her case.

3. Respondent sought time.

4. Considering the request of the respondent the above said appeal case filed by the appellant is adjourned on **24.12.2026 at 11.30 AM** through video conference facility in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Date :07.10.2026

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Sh Jasdev Inder Singh, (M-9717887178)
S/o Sh Jaswant Singh,
R/o House no. 254, Phase I,
Urban Estate, Patiala-147002

..... Appellant

Public Information Officer,
O/o Regional Transport officer, Patiala

.Vs

2.Public Information Officer,
O/o State Transport Commissioner, Pb
Sector-17, Chandigarh

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

.....Respondent

AC No. 3912 of 2024

Present :- (i) Sh.Jasdev Singh the appellant ***on phone***
(ii) For the respondent: Sh.Sher Singh, Senior Assistant (9876024728) and Sh.Sunil Kumar, Clerk (8283849198)

ORDER

The present appeal has been transferred from the office of the Chief Information Commissioner to the undersigned for adjudication. The RTI application is dated 15.03.2024 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 07.06.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued by the undersigned to the parties for 07.10.2026 in the Commission.

2. Today the Respondent states that the reply/information has already been sent to the appellant. The appellant states that he is not satisfied with the reply/information.

3. All the issues raised therein under the RTI Act, was discussed in detail with the Appellant and the Respondent. After hearing both the parties, the respondent is directed to furnish a complete point-wise reply/information to the Appellant in respect of all the points raised in the RTI application as permissible under the RTI Act 2005.

4. To come up on **27.10.2026 date 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 :07.10.2026

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Sh Raj Kumar, (M-9501839178)

S/o ShNasib Chand,
S/o Sh Sadhu Ra,
Village MianiBhaguParian,
Tehsil Bhulath, Disttkapurthala

..... Appellant

Public Information Officer,
O/o Tehsildar, Bhulath, Disttkapurthala

.Vs

First Appellate Authority
O/o SDM, Bhulath, Disttkapurthala

.....Respondent

AC No.1339 of 2025

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

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 08.09.2026 passed by the Commission.

2. Today the appellant states that no information has been given to him so far.
3. Respondent is absent today. He has not informed the Commission about his absence for today's hearing.
4. After hearing the appellant and going through the case file it is observed that the appellant filed RTI with the department on 25.07.2023 but after lapse of more than three years no information has been given to the appellant so far. It is observed that neither the respondent has bothered to appear before the Commission nor he has sent any reply. This shows that the respondent has no regard for the orders issued by the Commission. This is indeed a serious matter.
5. 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 Tehsildar, Bhulath, Distt.Kapurthala 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.

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AC No.1339 of 2025

6. 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 :07.10.2026

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ShRanjit Singh, (M-97818-10071)
S/o Late Sh Amar Singh,
R/o Village Rura, Tehsil & Distt Ludhiana

..... Appellant

Public Information Officer,
O/o BDPO, Dehlon, Distt Ludhiana

.Vs

First Appellate Authority
O/o ADC, Ludhiana

..... Respondent

AC No.2478 of 2025

Present :- (i) Sh.Ranjit Singh the appellant
(ii) For the respondent: None for the respondent

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 08.09.2026 passed by the Commission.

2. Today the appellant states that no information has been given to him so far.
3. Respondent is absent today. He has not informed the Commission about his absence for today's hearing.
4. After hearing the appellant and going through the case file it is observed that the appellant filed RTI with the department on 21.01.2025 but after lapse of more than one and a half year no information has been given to the appellant so far. It is observed that neither the respondent has bothered to appear before the Commission nor he has sent any reply. This shows that the respondent has no regard for the orders issued by the Commission. This is indeed a serious matter.
5. 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, Dehlon, Mohali 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.

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AC No.2478 of 2025

6. 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
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Ms. AnjanaKumari, W/o
Sh. Narinder Kumar Aadiya Advocate
R/o House No. 154 R, Navi Dana Mandi
Bahadarke Road, Jalandhar, Bye Pass chowk,
PO Central Post Office, Ludhiana – 141008

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Civil Surgeon, Ludhiana

First Appellate Authority
O/o Civil Surgeon, Ludhiana

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 1484 of 2025

Present :- (i) Sh.A.P.S. Chhibber, Advocate (988822742), Sh.Shubham Malhotra, Advocate
(8968964338) on behalf of the appellant
(ii) For the respondent: Sh. Chandan (8427878577)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 08.09.2026 passed by the Commission.

2. The Appellant was not present at the time of hearing. The Respondent submitted that the requisite information had already been sent to the Appellant. After the hearing, the Counsel for the Appellant appeared and submitted that the information had not been received by the Appellant. He requested that another date of hearing may kindly be granted. In the interest of justice, one more opportunity is granted to the Appellant. Respondent is directed to bring complete information in the Commission office on the next date of hearing. To come up on **27.10.2026 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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Sh Jasbir Singh,
Guru Nanak Nagar, Village Bholapur,
PO Ramgarh, Chandigarh road,
Distt Ludhiana-141123

..... Appellant

Public Information Officer,
O/o Commissioner of Police, Ludhiana

.Vs

First Appellate Authority
O/o Commissioner of Police, Ludhiana

.....Respondent

AC No.5373 of 2024

Present :- None for the parties.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 09.09.2026 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 also sent an email vide which he has sought another date. Considering the request of the respondent the above said appeal case filed by the appellant is adjourned on 27.10.2026 at 11.30AM 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 :07.10.2026

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Sh. Nitin Kumar Garg,
O/o C/o Police Public Diary, 15 A
Shastri Nagar, Model Town, Ludhiana (7814322100)

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o XEN, Construction Division,
PWD B&R, Moga

First Appellate Authority
O/o SE, PWD B&R, Faridkot

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 3518 of 2024

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

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 09.09.2026 passed by the Commission.

2. The appellant states that no information has been given to him so far. Respondent is absent today. He has not informed the Commission about his absence for today's hearing. The perusal of the case file shows that the respondent is absent for second consecutive hearing today in the Commission. 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 and set aside without application of mind 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.

3. However, before taking any penal proceedings against the Respondent PIO, the Commission wishes to give one last opportunity to him to appear before the Commission on the next date of hearing. The PIO is however, cautioned to exercise due care in future to ensure that correct and complete information is furnished timely to the RTI applicant(s) as provisions of the Act failing which penal proceedings under Section 20 shall be initiated.

4. To come up on 24.12.2026 at 11.30 AM for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

sd/-

Date :07.10.2026

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State Information Commissioner
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Sh. Nitin Kumar Garg, C/o Police

Public Diary, 15 A, Shashtari Nagar,
Model Town, Ludhiana

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o XEN, Construction Division, PWD B&R
Batala, Distt. Gurdaspur

First Appellate Authority

O/o SE, Construction PWD B&R Circle,
Pathankot

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 3516 of 2024

Present :- (i) Sh. Nitin Kumar Garg, appellant

(ii) For the respondent: Er. Prabhjot Singh, JE (98760-54199)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 09.09.2026 vide which the respondent was directed to provide the information to the appellant, free of cost.

2. The respondent states that he has brought the information, running into 478 pages to be provided to the appellant. Copy of the same is handed over to the appellant.

3. The appellant has gone through the same and submits that the information does not relate to his RTI application.

4. 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 and set aside without application of mind 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.

5. Hence, the copy of the information, as brought by the respondent, is returned to him today. However, taking a lenient view, a last and final opportunity is given to the respondent-PIO to provide the complete information to the appellant, as demanded through his RTI application, before the next date of hearing failing which, action u/s 20(1) shall be initiated against the respondent-PIO. To come up on **24.12.2026 at 11:30AM in the Commission office**. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.
sd/-

Date :07.10.2026

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Sh.Paramjeet Singh, S/o Sh.Sukhdev Singh
R/o Village Mauli Baidwan
Tehsil and Distt. SAS Nagar -140308
(M-9463836813)

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Labour commissioner, Punjab
Mohali

First Appellate Authority
O/o Labour commissioner, Punjab
Mohali

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 648 of 2024

Present :- (i) Sh.Paramjeet Singh the appellant alongwith Sh.Sanjeev Thakur
(ii) For the respondent: None for the respondent

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 03.09.2026 passed by the Commission.

2. Today the appellant states that no information has been given to him so far.
3. Respondent is absent today. He has not informed the Commission about his absence for today's hearing.
4. After hearing the appellant and going through the case file it is observed that the appellant filed RTI with the department on 14.07.2023 but after lapse of more than three years no information has been given to him so far. This shows that the respondent has no regard for the orders issued by the Commission. This is indeed a serious matter.
5. 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 Labour commissioner, Punjab Mohali 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.

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APPEAL CASE NO. 648 of 2024

6. 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 :07.10.2026

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Sh.Balbir Aggarwal, # 1525/1,
Street No. 33, Preet Nagar,
Shimlapuri, Ludhiana - 141003

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Commissioner, MC Ludhiana
Zone C, Ludhiana

First Appellate Authority
O/o Commissioner, MC Ludhiana
Zone C, Ludhiana

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4269 OF 2025

Present :- (i) None for the appellant
(ii) For the respondent: Sh.Mohit Singla, Clerk (9463144021)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 19.08.2026 vide which a show cause notice was issued to the respondent –PIO.

2. The Respondent Sh.Mohit Singla submitted that the requisite information had been sent to the Appellant only yesterday. The Respondent also submitted a reply to the Show Cause Notice. The Respondent is directed to furnish the complete information to the Appellant afresh, duly attested, within the prescribed period and to place on record proof of having supplied the same. Further the appellant is directed to point out deficiencies in the information provided. The Show Cause Notice issued to the Respondent shall remain pending till the next date of hearing.

3. To come up on **24.12.2026 at 11.30 AM** through video conference facility in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Date :07.10.2026

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Sh. Inderjit Singh Sandhu, ETO Retd,
S/o Late Sh. Joginder Singh Sandhu,
17, Sandhu Villa, Dr. Anil Baghi Road,
Ferozepur City M : 9855622467

appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o BDPO, Zira, Distt Ferozepur

First Appellate Authority
O/o DDPO, Ferozepur

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 3330F 2024

Present :- (i) Sh. Inderjit Singh Sandhu, appellant
(ii) For the respondent: Sh. Mangal Singh, Supdt. (97813-14596)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 23.07.2026 vide which a penalty amount of Rs 25000/- was imposed on the Respondent-PIO.

2. The appellant states that he not received the amount of compensation.

3. Sh. Mangal Singh, Supdt is appearing on behalf of the respondent today. He has filed an application from the BDPO, Zira, Ferozepur requesting for waiver of his penalty amount.

4. After hearing both the parties and perusing the documents placed on record, it has been ascertained that the respondent has not provided the amount of compensation to the appellant nor deposited the amount of penalty. Further, the Respondent has filed application to review the orders of the Commission dated 23.07.2026. There is no provision in the RTI Act 2005, conferring the power of review of the orders passed by the Commission on the judicial side. The review application is, therefore, rejected with the direction that the compensation as already awarded be paid to the Complainant without any further delay, within 07 days of receiving these orders. He is also directed to deposit the amount of penalty and report its compliance in the Commission office, before the next date of hearing.

5. To come up on **24.12.2026 at 11:30AM in the Commission office**. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Date : 07.10.2026

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Sh Rajesh Kumar, (M-9872582433)
House no. 3120,
Sector 52D, LIG (Qt.), Chandigarh

..... Appellant

.Vs

Public Information Officer,
NaibTehsilar, O/o Land Acquisition Collector,
GMADA, Mohali

First Appellate Authority
O/o Estate officer (Policy) GMADA, Mohali

.....Respondent

AC No.3652 of 2024

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

ORDER

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

2. Today the respondent is not present. A careful perusal of the case file shows that the notice issued to the Respondent has been received back undelivered with the remarks "No Such Person." In view of the above, the First Appellate Authority (FAA) is directed to take necessary steps for securing his appearance before the Commission on the next date of hearing. The FAA shall also ensure that the Respondent is informed about the next date of hearing and is directed to appear before the Commission along with the relevant record and point-wise reply, if any. The matter is adjourned on **03.12.2026 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission . Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

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Sh Rajesh Kumar Garg, (M-9417133054)
#150, Balaji Estate,
Adjoining Kunal Colony,
#33 Feet road, Bhamian, Khurd,
Distt Ludhiana-141015

..... Appellant

.Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o Tehsildar, Jagraon, Distt Ludhiana

First Appellate Authority
O/o SDM, Jagraon, Distt Ludhiana

.....Respondent

AC No.7015 of 2024

Present :- None for the parties.

ORDER

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

2. Today neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. The appellant has sent an email that he is unable to attend today's hearing hence he has sought another date. Respondent has not informed the Commission about his absence for today's hearing. Since both the parties are not present hence one more opportunity is given to them to appear before the Commission and state their case. To come up on _27.10.2026 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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Sh.Ashok Kumar, Flat No. 91,
Pocket 2, Sector 19, Green View Apartments,
Dwarka, New Delhi - 110075

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Patiala Development Authority
Patiala

First Appellate Authority
O/o Patiala Development Authority
Patiala

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO.280 OF 2024

Present :- None for the parties.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 23.07.2026 passed by the Commission.

2. The matter was taken up today through CISCO Webex. However the webex proceedings could not be conducted due to internet connectivity issues. Accordingly the matter could not be heard today. Hence the case is adjourned on 02.12.2026 at 11.30 AM (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)
State Information Commissioner
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Date :07.10.2026

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Pritam Singh, Village Narangpur
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Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o SMO, Bholath, Distt.Kapurthala

First Appellate Authority
O/o Civil Surgeon, Kapurthala

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 2388 of 2025
(Heard Through VC in the O/o DC, Kapurthala)

Present :- (i)Sh Gurpreet Singh, appellant
(ii) For the respondent: None

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 08.09.2026 passed by the Commission in this case.

2. The appellant states that no information or reply has been received from the respondent till date.
3. The respondent is not present today.
4. After hearing the appellant and going through the case file, it is observed that the appellant filed RTI on 18.12.2024, but after lapse of almost two years, no information has been given to him, which shows that the respondent has no regard for the orders issued by the Commission. Neither the respondent has bothered to inform the Commission about his absence nor he has sent any reply. For the sake of convenience, the case was taken up for hearing today through video conferencing facility. Yet the respondent has chosen not to appear before the Commission. This is indeed a serious matter.
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 taught a good lesson so that rest of the employees have a right kind of message to wake up and perform their duties under the RTI Act for ensuring complete transparency and due accountability in the governance affairs of the public authorities.



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6. 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 **PIO , O/o SMO, Bholath, Distt.Kapurthala** 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. To come up on **29.12.2026 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 :07.10.2026