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Sh. Yogesh Mahajan, S/o Late
Sh. Kuldip Raj Mahajan,
President of Anti Corruption Council,
Opp Water Tank, Municipal Market,
Mission Road, Pathankot

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. 3260 of 2025

Present :- (i) Sh. Yogesh Mahajan the appellant
(ii) For the respondent: None

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 15.09.2026 passed by the commission.

2. Today the appellant Sh. Yogesh Mahajan 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.

3. After hearing the appellant and perusing the case file, it is ascertained that no information has been given to the appellant so far. The appellant filed RTI with the Respondent-PIO on 06.01.2025, but till today no information has been given to the appellant.

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. The Commission is constrained to observe that the conduct of the respondent is wholly unacceptable. The Commission, therefore, takes a serious view of the continued and deliberate non-compliance by the respondent public authority.

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 XEN, Provincial Division, PWD B&R, Moga 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.

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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.

6. To come up on **19.01.2027 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 :08.10.2026

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Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o XEN, Bari Doab Drainage Division, Amritsar

First Appellate Authority
O/oSE, Draining Mining & Geology, Amritsar

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 6560 OF 2024

Present :- (i) Sh. Yogesh Mahajan the appellant
(ii) For the respondent: None for the respondent

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 15.09.2026.2026 passed by the Commission vide which Rs. 3000/- as compensation was awarded to the appellant.

2. Today again the appellant states that no information has been given to him so far. Respondent is again absent today.

3. After hearing the appellant and perusing the case file, it is ascertained that no information has been given to the appellant so far. The appellant filed RTI with the Respondent-PIO on 01.08.2024, but till today no information has been given to the appellant.

4. The Commission has carefully perused the record available on file. It is observed that this is the sixth hearing in the matter. The record further reveals that during the last hearing the respondent was absent and Rs. 3000/- as compensation was awarded to the appellant. Today again the respondent is not present. Such conduct clearly reflects deliberate, wilful and persistent disregard of the statutory proceedings before this Commission.

5. The Commission is constrained to observe that the conduct of the respondent is wholly unacceptable. Repeated absence from the proceedings, failure to furnish information, failure to submit any written explanation and continued disregard of the Commission's directions amount to gross negligence in the discharge of statutory duties. Such conduct also results in unnecessary harassment to the appellant, who has been compelled to attend repeated hearings without any fault on his part. The Commission, therefore, takes a serious view of the continued and deliberate non-compliance by the respondent public authority.

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6. Accordingly, the Director, Mining, Punjab, is directed to take serious note of the repeated absence and non-compliance on the part of the concerned respondent, XEN, Bari Doab Drainage Division, Amritsar, and to ensure that the respondent appears before the Commission on the next date of hearing along with the complete point-wise and duly attested information sought by the appellant. The Director, Mining, Punjab, shall personally ensure compliance with the directions of the Commission and submit a written compliance report before the next date of hearing. The reasons for the repeated absence of the respondent shall also be furnished in the compliance report. The Director, Mining, Punjab, is further directed to issue appropriate instructions to all concerned officers/officials under his administrative control that the notices and directions issued by the Commission are to be complied with strictly and within the prescribed time, and that the concerned officers must appear before the Commission whenever directed. Such directions shall be circulated for strict compliance in future so that recurrence of such lapses is avoided.

7. To come up on **19.01.2027 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 :08.10.2026

CC: Director, Draining cum Mining and Geology Division, Plot No. 6, Sector 18-B, Madhya Marg, Chandigarh, 160018 (for compliance)

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ShriGurdev Singh, (98159 39273)
R/o House No. 644, JLPL, Sector 90-91,
Mohali (S.A.S. Nagar)

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o District Development and Panchayat Officer,
S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali).

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Additional Development Commissioner (D),
S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali).

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 6106 OF 2022

Present :- (i) Sh Gurdev Singh, appellant
(ii) For the respondent: Ms Sarabjit Kaur, Supdt (9914199200) and
Sh Jagtar Singh, Panchayat Officer (70822-56311) o/o BDPO, Mohali

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 29.07.2026 vide which bailable warrant was issued against the respondent-PIO O/o DDPO, Mohali.

2. The appellant states that the complete information has not been provided to him. He demands that action be taken against the respondent-PIO for the delay in providing the information. Further, he has filed his submissions through e-mail which is taken on record.

3. The respondent appearing today states that the information has been sent to the appellant by the O/o DDPO, Mohali. He adds that he has got copy of the same which is handed over to the appellant. He further states that as directed, he has also got the reply pertaining to point no. 13 and 16. Copy of the same is handed over to the appellant.

4. The appellant has gone through the same and states that the respondent has mentioned in his reply pertaining to point no. 16 that the relevant record relating to the Court cases of Village Chapparchirhi Khurd has been transferred to Municipal Corporation, Mohali vide orders dated 28.11.2025 of the Government of Punjab, whereas, he has filed his RTI in the year 2020. Hence, the reply of the respondent at this stage is not acceptable.

5. The Commission has carefully perused the record available on file. It is observed that this is the ninth hearing in the matter. Not only has the respondent remained absent, but no explanation has been offered for such continued default.

6. 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. Not only a show cause but even bailable



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warrants were issued to secure his present. However, even after issuance of the Show Cause Notice and bailable warrants, the respondent-PIO O/o DDPO, Mohali, has chosen not to appear before the Commission or submit any explanation. Such conduct clearly reflects deliberate, wilful and persistent disregard of the statutory proceedings before this Commission.

7. The Commission is constrained to observe that the conduct of the respondent O/o DDPO, Mohali is wholly unacceptable. Repeated absence from the proceedings, failure to furnish information, failure to submit any written explanation and continued disregard of the Commission's directions amount to gross negligence in the discharge of statutory duties. Such conduct also results in unnecessary harassment to the appellant, who has been compelled to attend repeated hearings without any fault on his part. The Commission, therefore, takes a serious view of the continued and deliberate non-compliance by the respondent public authority.

8. In view of the defying attitude of the *respondent-PIO O/o DDPO, Mohali* neither attending the Court nor submitting any explanation for the delay in supplying the information within the time schedule as prescribed under the RTI Act 2005, the Commission comes to a logical conclusion that the appellant is entitled to be compensated under Section 19(8)(b) of RTI Act 2005 for the loss and detriment suffered by him. In the circumstances, the Commission is of the view that ends of justice would be met if a sum of **Rs.5000/- (Rupees five Thousand Only)** is awarded to the Appellant as compensation. *This amount shall be payable by the Respondent-PIO O/o DDPO, Mohali* from the State exchequer to the appellant, before the next date of hearing, under intimation to the Commission.

9. Accordingly, a copy of this order be forwarded to the **Director Rural Development and Panchayats**, with the direction to personally examine the matter, identify the officer(s) responsible for the repeated non-compliance of the proceedings before this Commission, and ensure that appropriate administrative action is initiated against the defaulting official(s). The DRDP, shall also ensure that the information sought by the appellant is furnished strictly in accordance with the provisions of the Right to Information Act, 2005, if not otherwise exempt under the Act, and shall submit a detailed Action Taken Report/Compliance Report before this Commission.

10. 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
Punjab

Date :08.10.2026

CC:Director Rural Development and Panchayats,Pb (for compliance)
Vikas Bhawan, Sector-62, SAS Nagar

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

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Tehsildar, Payal
Distt. Ludhiana

First Appellate Authority
O/o SDM, Payal,
Distt.Ludhiana

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 5057 of 2025

Present :-None for the parties.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 03.09.2026 vide which a show-cause notice was issued to the respondent-PIO.

2. Today neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. They have not even informed the Commission about their absence. The respondent has not even filed any reply to the show-cause notice. Hence, the respondent is once again directed to remain personally present before the Commission on the next date of hearing along with a point-wise reply, complete records pertaining to the RTI application, proof of dispatch of the information, if any, and a detailed explanation in response to the pending Show Cause Notice. In case of failure to comply with these directions or continued absence, the Commission shall be constrained to proceed further in accordance with law, including the continuation of proceedings under Section 20 of the Right to Information Act, 2005, without granting any further opportunity.

3. To come up on 27.10.2026 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 :08.10.2026

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Municipal Market, Mission Road,
Pathankot

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o XEN, Provincial Division, PWD B&R,
Ludhiana

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

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO.6676 OF 2024

Present :- (i) Sh. Yogesh Mahajan the appellant
(ii) For the respondent: None

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 29.07.2026 passed by the Commission vide which neither the appellant nor the respondent was present and a show cause notice was issued to the respondent –PIO.

2. Today the appellant states that no information has been given to him so far. Respondent is absent today without intimation.

3. After hearing the appellant and perusing the case file, it is ascertained that no information has not been given to the appellant so far. The appellant filed RTI with the Respondent-PIO on 05.08.2024, but till today no information has not been given to the appellant. Despite repeated directions, the Respondent-PIO is not appearing before the Commission. Hence, bailable warrant be issued to him through Commissioner of Police, Ludhiana so that he should appear before the Commission to present his case personally. To come up on **19.01.2027 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 :08.10.2026



BAILABLE WARRANT OF PRODUCTION

BEFORE Dr. BHUPINDER SINGH BATTH, STATE INFORMATION COMMISSIONER, PUNJAB

In case of Yogesh Mahajan v/s PIO,o/o XEN, Provincial Division, PWD B&R, Ludhiana , FAA
O/o SE, PWD B&R, Ludhiana

Complaint/Appeal No. : AC : 6676 of 2024

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

NEXT DATE OF HEARING : 19.01.2027

To

**Commissioner of Police
Ludhiana**

Whereas the PIO,o/o XEN, Provincial Division, PWD B&R, Ludhiana , FAA O/o SE, PWD B&R, Ludhiana 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 PIO,o/o XEN, Provincial Division, PWD B&R, Ludhiana , FAA O/o SE, PWD B&R, Ludhiana to appear before undersigned at Red Cross Building, Near Rose Garden, Sector 16, Chandigarh on **19.01.2027 at 11.30 AM** and submit his written submissions.

Chandigarh
08.10.2026

(Dr. Bhupinder Singh Batth)
State Information Commissioner
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ShParamjit Singh, (M-9417071283)
Service Engineer Retd
H. No 835, Amolak Enclave,
Zirkapur, Distt- Mohali-140603

.....Appellant

.Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o Managing director,
PRTC, Head Office, Patiala

First Appellate Authority
O/o Managing director,
PRTC, Head Office, Patiala

.....Respondent

AC No 424of 2024

Present :- (i) ShParamjit Singh, appellant along with Sh R.P.S Jammu, Advocate
(ii) For the respondent: None

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 23.07.2026 vide which one last and final opportunity was given to the appellant to appear before the Commission and inspect the relevant record.

2. The respondent is not present today. They have sent an e-mail through which they have sought an adjournment from today's hearing.

3. The appellant states that the complete information has not been provided to him. He requests that the complete record relating to his complaint, as mentioned in his RTI application along with the relevant notings be provided to him. He has also filed his written submissions which are taken on record.

4. In view of the above, the **respondent-PIO O/o MD, PRTC, head office, Patiala** is directed to be present personally on the next date of hearing along with the complete original record relating to the complaint of the appellant and its relevant notings, on the next date of hearing. The appellant is also directed to be present personally on the next date of hearing. 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 **24.12.2026 at 11:30AM** in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties. sd/-

Date :08.10.2026

(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
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Corruption Council, Opp. Water Tank,
Municipal Market, Mission Road,
Pathankot

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o XEN, Draining cum Mining & Geology Division,
WRD, Tarn Taran

First Appellate Authority
O/o SE, Draining cum Mining & Geology Circle,
WRD, Amritsar

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 6685 OF 2024

Present :- (i) Sh. Yogesh Mahajan, the appellant
(ii) For the respondent: None

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 29.07.2026 passed by the Commission vide which neither the appellant nor the respondent was present and a show cause notice was issued to the respondent –PIO.

2. Today again the appellant states that no information has been given to him so far. Respondent is again absent today.

3. After hearing the appellant and perusing the case file, it is ascertained that no information has been given to the appellant so far. The appellant filed RTI with the Respondent-PIO on 05.08.2024, but till today no information has been given to the appellant.

4. The Commission has carefully perused the record available on file. It is observed that this is the sixth hearing in the matter. 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. Not only has the respondent remained absent, but no explanation has been offered for such continued default. However, even after issuance of the Show Cause Notice, the respondent has chosen not to appear before the Commission or submit any explanation. Such conduct clearly reflects deliberate, wilful and persistent disregard of the statutory proceedings before this Commission.

5. The Commission is constrained to observe that the conduct of the respondent is wholly unacceptable. Repeated absence from the proceedings, failure to furnish information, failure to



submit any written explanation and continued disregard of the Commission's directions amount to gross negligence in the discharge of statutory duties. Such conduct also results in unnecessary

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harassment to the appellant, who has been compelled to attend repeated hearings without any fault on his part. The Commission, therefore, takes a serious view of the continued and deliberate non-compliance by the respondent public authority.

6. This has resulted in much avoidable inconvenience and hardship to the Appellant. He is, therefore, entitled to be compensated under Section 19(8)(b) of RTI Act 2005 for the loss and detriment suffered by him. In the circumstances, the Commission is of the view that ends of justice would be met if a sum of **Rs.2000/- (Rupees two thousand only)** is awarded to the Appellant as compensation.

7. Accordingly, the Director, Mining, Punjab, is directed to take serious note of the repeated absence and non-compliance on the part of the concerned respondent, XEN, Drainage cum Mining, and Geology Division Tarn Taran, and to ensure that the respondent appears before the Commission on the next date of hearing along with the complete point-wise and duly attested information sought by the appellant. The Director, Mining, Punjab, shall personally ensure compliance with the directions of the Commission and submit a written compliance report before the next date of hearing. The reasons for the repeated absence of the respondent shall also be furnished in the compliance report. The Director, Mining, Punjab, is further directed to issue appropriate instructions to all concerned officers/officials under his administrative control that the notices and directions issued by the Commission are to be complied with strictly and within the prescribed time, and that the concerned officers must appear before the Commission whenever directed. Such directions shall be circulated for strict compliance in future so that recurrence of such lapses is avoided.

8. To come up on **19.01.2027 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 :08.10.2026

CC: Director, Draining cum Mining and Geology Division, Plot No. 6, Sector 18-B, Madhya Marg, Chandigarh, 160018 (for compliance)

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Municipal Market, Mission Road,
Pathankot

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o XEN, Draining cum Mining and Geology Division,
WRD, Pathankot

First Appellate Authority
O/o SE, Draining cum Mining & Geology Circle,
WRD, Amritsar.

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 6684 OF 2024

Present :- (i) Sh. Yogesh Mahajan, the appellant
(ii) For the respondent: None

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 29.07.2026 passed by the Commission vide which neither the appellant nor the respondent was present and a show cause notice was issued to the respondent –PIO.

2. Today again the appellant states that no information has been given to him so far. Respondent is again absent today.

3. After hearing the appellant and perusing the case file, it is ascertained that no information has been given to the appellant so far. The appellant filed RTI with the Respondent-PIO on 05.08.2024, but till today no information has been given to the appellant.

4. The Commission has carefully perused the record available on file. It is observed that this is the sixth hearing in the matter. 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. Not only has the respondent remained absent, but no explanation has been offered for such continued default. However, even after issuance of the Show Cause Notice, the respondent has chosen not to appear before the Commission or submit any explanation. Such conduct clearly reflects deliberate, wilful and persistent disregard of the statutory proceedings before this Commission.

5. The Commission is constrained to observe that the conduct of the respondent is wholly unacceptable. Repeated absence from the proceedings, failure to furnish information, failure to submit any written explanation and continued disregard of the Commission's directions amount to



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gross negligence in the discharge of statutory duties. Such conduct also results in unnecessary harassment to the appellant, who has been compelled to attend repeated hearings without any fault on his part. The Commission, therefore, takes a serious view of the continued and deliberate non-compliance by the respondent public authority.

6. This has resulted in much avoidable inconvenience and hardship to the Appellant. He is, therefore, entitled to be compensated under Section 19(8)(b) of RTI Act 2005 for the loss and detriment suffered by him. In the circumstances, the commission is of the view that ends of justice would be met if a sum of **Rs.2000/- (Rupees two thousand only)** is awarded to the Appellant as compensation.

7. Accordingly, the Director, Mining, Punjab, is directed to take serious note of the repeated absence and non-compliance on the part of the concerned respondent, XEN, Drainage cum Mining, and Geology Division Pathankot, and to ensure that the respondent appears before the Commission on the next date of hearing along with the complete point-wise and duly attested information sought by the appellant. The Director, Mining, Punjab, shall personally ensure compliance with the directions of the Commission and submit a written compliance report before the next date of hearing. The reasons for the repeated absence of the respondent shall also be furnished in the compliance report. The Director, Mining, Punjab, is further directed to issue appropriate instructions to all concerned officers/officials under his administrative control that the notices and directions issued by the Commission are to be complied with strictly and within the prescribed time, and that the concerned officers must appear before the Commission whenever directed. Such directions shall be circulated for strict compliance in future so that recurrence of such lapses is avoided.

8. To come up on **19.01.2027 at 11:30AM** in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties. sd/-

Date :08.10.2026

(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
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Punjab

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ShBhupinder Singh, (M-8054320705)
S/o ShRaiSingh, R/o Village Dhode, Block Dehlon,
Distt Ludhiana

..... Appellant

.Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o Director, Rural Development And Panchayats, Pb
Vikas Bhawan, Sector-62, SAS Nagar

2. Public Information Officer,
PIO O/o DDPO, Ludhiana

First Appellate Authority
O/o Director, Rural Development And Panchayats, Pb
Vikas Bhawan, Sector-62, SAS Nagar

..... Respondent

AC No 489 of 2024

Present :- (i) ShBhupinder Singh, appellant
(ii) For the respondent: Ms Kamlesh Rani, Sr Asstt. (94656-52907) O/o DDPO Ludhiana
and Ms Parminder Kaur, Asstt Director and Ms Akwinder Kaur, Sr Asstt O/o DRDP, SAS
Nagar

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 29.07.2026 passed by the Commission in this case.

2. The appellant states that the complete information has not been provided to him.
3. The respondent has sought time today.
4. Hence, considering the request of the respondent, an opportunity is given to both the PIO's to provide complete information to the appellant, before the next date of hearing and also file their reply on the next date of hearing. 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 **29.12.2026 at 11:30AM** in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

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State Information Commissioner
Punjab

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Sh Joban Singh, S/o ShGurdev Singh,
R/o Village Peehewali,
PO Kasoana, Tehsil Zira,
DisttFerozepur (M-9888806300)

.....Appellant

.Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o BDPO, Zira,
DisttFerozepur

First Appellate Authority
O/o DDPO Ferozepur

.....Respondent

APPEAL CASE NO. 3155 of 2024

Present :- (i) Sh Joban Singh, 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 appellant states that the information has not been provided to him. He demands that action be taken against the respondent-PIO for the delay in providing the information.

3. No one has appeared of the respondent today.

4. The Commission has carefully perused the record available on file. It is observed that this is the fifth 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. However, even after issuance of the Show Cause Notice, the respondent has chosen not to appear before the Commission or submit any explanation.

6. In view of the defying attitude of the respondent neither attending the Court nor submitting any explanation for the delay in supplying the information within the time schedule as prescribed under the RTI Act 2005, the Commission comes to a logical conclusion that the appellant is entitled to be compensated under Section 19(8)(b) of RTI Act 2005 for the loss and detriment suffered by him. In the circumstances, the Commission is of the view that ends of justice would be met if a sum of **Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand Only)** is awarded to the Appellant as compensation. This amount shall be payable by the Respondent from the State exchequer to the appellant, before the next date of hearing, under intimation to the Commission.



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7. Accordingly, a copy of this order be forwarded to the **Director Rural Development and Panchayats**, with the direction to personally examine the matter, identify the officer(s) responsible for the repeated non-compliance of the proceedings before this Commission, and ensure that appropriate administrative action is initiated against the defaulting official(s). The DRDP, shall also ensure that the information sought by the appellant is furnished strictly in accordance with the provisions of the Right to Information Act, 2005, if not otherwise exempt under the Act, and shall submit a detailed Action Taken Report/Compliance Report before this Commission.

8. 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 **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 :08.10.2026

CC: Director Rural Development and Panchayats,Pb (for compliance)
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Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/oXEN, Draining cum Mining & Geology Division,
WRD, Sri Anandpur Sahib.

First Appellate Authority
O/oSE, Draining cum Mining & Geology Circle,
WRD, Patiala

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 6683 OF 2024

Present :- (i) Sh. Yogesh Mahajan the appellant
(ii) For the respondent: None

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 15.09.2026 passed by the commission vide which the respondent was directed to provide information pertaining to point no. 5.

2. Today the appellant Sh. Yogesh Mahajan 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.

3. After hearing the appellant and perusing the case file, it is ascertained that no information has been given to the appellant so far. The appellant filed RTI with the Respondent-PIO on 05.08.2024, but till today no information has been given to the appellant.

4. The Commission has carefully perused the record available on file. It is observed that this is the sixth hearing in the matter. Not only has the respondent remained absent, but no explanation has been offered for such continued default. The Commission is constrained to observe that the conduct of the respondent is wholly unacceptable. The Commission, therefore, takes a serious view of the continued and deliberate non-compliance by the respondent public authority.

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 XEN, Draining cum Mining and Geology Division WRD, Sri Anandpur Sahib 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.

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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.

6. To come up on **19.01.2027 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 :08.10.2026

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Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o XEN, Construction Division, PWD B&R,
Batala, Distt Gurdaspur

First Appellate Authority
O/oSE, Construction PWD B&R Circle, Pathankot

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 6554 OF 2024

Present :- (i) Sh. Yogesh Mahajan the appellant
(ii) For the respondent: None

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 15.09.2026 passed by the Commission .

2. Today the appellant states that no information has been given to him so far. Respondent is absent today without intimation.

3. After hearing the appellant and perusing the case file, it is ascertained that no information has not been given to the appellant so far. The appellant filed RTI with the Respondent-PIO on 01.08.2024, but till today no information has not been given to the appellant. Despite repeated directions, the Respondent-PIO is not appearing before the Commission. Hence, bailable warrant be issued to him through SSP, Gurdaspur so that he should appear before the Commission to present his case personally. To come up on **19.01.2027 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 :08.10.2026



BAILABLE WARRANT OF PRODUCTION

BEFORE Dr. BHUPINDER SINGH BATTH, STATE INFORMATION COMMISSIONER, PUNJAB

In case of Yogesh Mahajan v/s PIO,o/o XEN,Construction Division, PWD B&R, Batala, Distt.,
Gurdaspur

Complaint/Appeal No. : AC : 6554 of 2024

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

NEXT DATE OF HEARING : 19.01.2027

To

SSP,Gurdaspur

Whereas the PIO, o/o XEN, Construction Division, PWD B&R, Batala, Distt., Gurdaspur 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 PIO,o/o XEN, Construction Division, PWD B&R, Batala, Distt., Gurdaspur to appear before undersigned at Red Cross Building, Near Rose Garden, Sector 16, Chandigarh on **19.01.2027 at 11.30 AM** and submit his written submissions.

Chandigarh
08.10.2026

(Dr. Bhupinder Singh Batth)
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Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o XEN, Bari Doab Drainage Division, Amritsar

First Appellate Authority
O/o SE, Draining Mining & Geology, Amritsar

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO.6561 OF 2024

Present :- (i) Sh. Yogesh Mahajan the appellant
(ii) For the respondent: None for the respondent

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 15.09.2026.2026 passed by the Commission vide which Rs. 3000/- as compensation was awarded to the appellant.

2. Today again the appellant states that no information has been given to him so far. Respondent is again absent today.

3. After hearing the appellant and perusing the case file, it is ascertained that no information has been given to the appellant so far. The appellant filed RTI with the Respondent-PIO on 01.08.2024, but till today no information has been given to the appellant.

4. The Commission has carefully perused the record available on file. It is observed that this is the sixth hearing in the matter. The record further reveals that during the last hearing the respondent was absent and Rs. 3000/- as compensation was awarded to the appellant. Today again the respondent is not present. Such conduct clearly reflects deliberate, wilful and persistent disregard of the statutory proceedings before this Commission.

5. The Commission is constrained to observe that the conduct of the respondent is wholly unacceptable. Repeated absence from the proceedings, failure to furnish information, failure to submit any written explanation and continued disregard of the Commission's directions amount to gross negligence in the discharge of statutory duties. Such conduct also results in unnecessary harassment to the appellant, who has been compelled to attend repeated hearings without any fault on his part. The Commission, therefore, takes a serious view of the continued and deliberate non-compliance by the respondent public authority.

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6. Accordingly, the Director, Mining, Punjab, is directed to take serious note of the repeated absence and non-compliance on the part of the concerned respondent, XEN, Drainage cum Mining, and Geology Division Amritsar, and to ensure that the respondent appears before the Commission on the next date of hearing along with the complete point-wise and duly attested information sought by the appellant. The Director, Mining, Punjab, shall personally ensure compliance with the directions of the Commission and submit a written compliance report before the next date of hearing. The reasons for the repeated absence of the respondent shall also be furnished in the compliance report. The Director, Mining, Punjab, is further directed to issue appropriate instructions to all concerned officers/officials under his administrative control that the notices and directions issued by the Commission are to be complied with strictly and within the prescribed time, and that the concerned officers must appear before the Commission whenever directed. Such directions shall be circulated for strict compliance in future so that recurrence of such lapses is avoided.

7. To come up on **19.01.2027 at 11:30AM** in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.
sd/-

(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
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Punjab

Date :08.10.2026

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Appellant

Versus

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

First Appellate Authority
O/o SE, Construction Circle
PWDB&R, Amritsar

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4190 of 2025

Present :- (i) Sh. Yogesh Mahajan the appellant
(ii) For the respondent: None

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 15.09.2026 passed by the commission.

2. Today the appellant Sh. Yogesh Mahajan 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.

3. After hearing the appellant and perusing the case file, it is ascertained that no information has been given to the appellant so far. The appellant filed RTI with the Respondent-PIO on 06.01.2025, but till today no information has been given to the appellant.

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. The Commission is constrained to observe that the conduct of the respondent is wholly unacceptable. The Commission, therefore, takes a serious view of the continued and deliberate non-compliance by the respondent public authority.

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 XEN, Provincial Division, PWD B&R, Amritsar 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.

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APPEAL CASE NO. 4190 of 2025

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.

6. To come up on **19.01.2027 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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Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o XEN, Provincial Division,
PWD B&R, Bathinda

First Appellate Authority
O/o SE, Construction Circle,
PWD B&R, Bathinda

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO.3268of 2025

Present :- (i) Sh. Yogesh Mahajan the appellant
(ii) For the respondent: None

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 15.09.2026 passed by the commission.

2. Today the appellant Sh. Yogesh Mahajan 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.

3. After hearing the appellant and perusing the case file, it is ascertained that no information has been given to the appellant so far. The appellant filed RTI with the Respondent-PIO on 06.01.2025, but till today no information has been given to the appellant.

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. The Commission is constrained to observe that the conduct of the respondent is wholly unacceptable. The Commission, therefore, takes a serious view of the continued and deliberate non-compliance by the respondent public authority.

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 XEN, Provincial Division, PWD B&R, Bathinda 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.

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APPEAL CASE NO. 3268 of 2025

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.

6. To come up on **19.01.2027 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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Mission Road, Pathankot

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
PIO O/o XEN, Provincial Division,
PWD B&R, Amritsar

First Appellate Authority
O/o SE, Construction Division,
PWD B&R, Amritsar

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 3011 OF 2024

Present :- (i) Sh. Yogesh Mahajan, the appellant
(ii) For the respondent: None

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 15.09.2026 passed by the Commission vide which neither the appellant nor the respondent was present.

2. Today the appellant states that no information has been given to him so far. Respondent is again absent today.

3. After hearing the appellant and perusing the case file, it is ascertained that no information has been given to the appellant so far. The appellant filed RTI with the Respondent-PIO on 06.01.2025, but till today no information has been given to the appellant.

4. The Commission has carefully perused the record available on file. It is observed that this is the eighth hearing in the matter. 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. Not only has the respondent remained absent, but no explanation has been offered for such continued default. However, even after issuance of the Show Cause Notice, the respondent has chosen not to appear before the Commission or submit any explanation. Such conduct clearly reflects deliberate, wilful and persistent disregard of the statutory proceedings before this Commission.

5. The Commission is constrained to observe that the conduct of the respondent is wholly unacceptable. Repeated absence from the proceedings, failure to furnish information, failure to submit any written explanation and continued disregard of the Commission's directions amount to



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gross negligence in the discharge of statutory duties. Such conduct also results in unnecessary harassment to the appellant, who has been compelled to attend repeated hearings without any fault on his part. The Commission, therefore, takes a serious view of the continued and deliberate non-compliance by the respondent public authority.

6. Accordingly, the Secretary PWD B&R is directed to take serious note of the repeated absence and non-compliance on the part of the concerned respondent, XEN, Provincial Division, PWDB&R, Amritsar, and to ensure that the respondent appears before the Commission on the next date of hearing along with the complete point-wise and duly attested information sought by the appellant. The Secretary PWD B&R, Punjab, shall personally ensure compliance with the directions of the Commission and submit a written compliance report before the next date of hearing. The reasons for the repeated absence of the respondent shall also be furnished in the compliance report. The Secretary PWD B&R, Punjab, is further directed to issue appropriate instructions to all concerned officers/officials under his administrative control that the notices and directions issued by the Commission are to be complied with strictly and within the prescribed time, and that the concerned officers must appear before the Commission whenever directed. Such directions shall be circulated for strict compliance in future so that recurrence of such lapses is avoided.

7. To come up on **19.01.2027 at 11:30AM** in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

sd/-

Date :08.10.2026

(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
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CC: Secretary PWD (B&R), Punjab Civil Sectt., Sector 1, Chandigarh (for compliance)

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Appellant

Versus

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

First Appellate Authority
O/o SE Construction Circle PWD B&R
Amritsar

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 2816 of 2025

Present :- (i) Sh. Yogesh Mahajan the appellant
(ii) For the respondent: None

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 15.09.2026 passed by the commission.

2. Today the appellant Sh. Yogesh Mahajan 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.

3. After hearing the appellant and perusing the case file, it is ascertained that no information has been given to the appellant so far. The appellant filed RTI with the Respondent-PIO on 06.01.2025, but till today no information has been given to the appellant.

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. The Commission is constrained to observe that the conduct of the respondent is wholly unacceptable. The Commission, therefore, takes a serious view of the continued and deliberate non-compliance by the respondent public authority.

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 XEN, Provincial Division, PWD B&R, Amritsar 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.

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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.

6. To come up on **19.01.2027 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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Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o XEN, Draining cum Mining & Geology Division,
WRD, Tarn Taran

First Appellate Authority
O/o SE, Draining cum Mining & Geology Circle, WRD,
Amritsar

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 6682 OF 2024

Present :- (i) Sh. Yogesh Mahajan, the appellant
(ii) For the respondent: None

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 15.09.2026 passed by the Commission

2. Today the appellant states that no information has been given to him so far. Respondent is again absent today.

3. The Commission has carefully perused the record available on file. It is observed that this is the seventh hearing in the matter. The record further reveals that during the hearing dated 15.07.2026 penalty of Rs. 10,000/- was imposed on the respondent -PIO. However till date the respondent has neither provided any information nor filed any reply. No penalty has been deposited either.

5. The Commission is constrained to observe that the conduct of the respondent is wholly unacceptable. Repeated absence from the proceedings, failure to furnish information, failure to submit any written explanation and continued disregard of the Commission's directions amount to gross negligence in the discharge of statutory duties. Such conduct also results in unnecessary harassment to the appellant, who has been compelled to attend repeated hearings without any fault on his part. The Commission, therefore, takes a serious view of the continued and deliberate non-compliance by the respondent public authority.

6. Accordingly, the Director, Mining, Punjab, is directed to take serious note of the repeated absence and non-compliance on the part of the concerned respondent, XEN, Draining cum Mining and Geology Division, WRD, Tarn Taran, and to ensure that the respondent appears before the Commission on the next date of hearing along with the complete point-wise and duly attested



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information sought by the appellant. The Director, Mining, Punjab, shall personally ensure compliance with the directions of the Commission and submit a written compliance report before the next date of hearing. The reasons for the repeated absence of the respondent shall also be furnished in the compliance report. The Director, Mining, Punjab, is further directed to issue appropriate instructions to all concerned officers/officials under his administrative control that the notices and directions issued by the Commission are to be complied with strictly and within the prescribed time, and that the concerned officers must appear before the Commission whenever directed. Such directions shall be circulated for strict compliance in future so that recurrence of such lapses is avoided.

7. To come up on **19.01.2027 at 11:30AM** in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

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Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o XEN, Provincial Division,
PWD B&R, Bathinda

First Appellate Authority
O/o SE, Construction Circle,
PWD B&R, Bathinda

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 2400 of 2024

Present :- (i) Sh. Yogesh Mahajan the appellant
(ii) For the respondent: None

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 15.09.2026 passed by the commission.

2. Today the appellant Sh. Yogesh Mahajan 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.

3. After hearing the appellant and perusing the case file, it is ascertained that no information has been given to the appellant so far. The appellant filed RTI with the Respondent-PIO on 06.01.2025, but till today no information has been given to the appellant.

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. The Commission is constrained to observe that the conduct of the respondent is wholly unacceptable. The Commission, therefore, takes a serious view of the continued and deliberate non-compliance by the respondent public authority.

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 XEN, Provincial Division, PWD B&R, Bathinda 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.

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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.

6. To come up on **19.01.2027 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
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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. 6553 OF 2024

Present :- (i) Sh. Yogesh Mahajan the appellant
(ii) For the respondent: None for the respondent

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 15.09.2026 passed by the Commission

2. Today the appellant states that no information has been given to him so far. Respondent is absent today.

3. The Commission has carefully perused the record available on file. It is observed that this is the sixth hearing in the matter. The record further reveals that during the hearing dated 29.10.2025, a show cause notice was issued to the respondent-PIO. However till date the respondent has neither provided any information nor filed any reply.

4. The Commission is constrained to observe that the conduct of the respondent is wholly unacceptable. Repeated absence from the proceedings, failure to furnish information, failure to submit any written explanation and continued disregard of the Commission's directions amount to gross negligence in the discharge of statutory duties. Such conduct also results in unnecessary harassment to the appellant, who has been compelled to attend repeated hearings without any fault on his part. The Commission, therefore, takes a serious view of the continued and deliberate non-compliance by the respondent public authority.

5. Accordingly, the Secretary PWD B&R is directed to take serious note of the repeated absence and non-compliance on the part of the concerned respondent, XEN, Construction Division, PWDB&R, Gurdaspur, and to ensure that the respondent appears before the Commission on the next date of hearing along with the complete point-wise and duly attested information sought by the appellant. The Secretary PWD B&R, Punjab, shall personally ensure compliance with the directions of the Commission and submit a written compliance report before the next date of



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hearing. The reasons for the repeated absence of the respondent shall also be furnished in the compliance report. The Secretary PWD B&R, Punjab, is further directed to issue appropriate instructions to all concerned officers/officials under his administrative control that the notices and directions issued by the Commission are to be complied with strictly and within the prescribed time, and that the concerned officers must appear before the Commission whenever directed. Such directions shall be circulated for strict compliance in future so that recurrence of such lapses is avoided.

6. To come up on **19.01.2027 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 :08.10.2026

CC: Secretary PWD (B&R), Punjab Civil Sectt., Sector 1, Chandigarh (for compliance)

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Kuldip Raj Mahajan, President of Anti
Corruption Council, Opp. Water Tank,
Municipal Market, Mission Road,
Pathankot

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o XEN, Draining cum Mining & Geology,
Water Resource Department, Mohali.

First Appellate Authority
O/o SE, Draining cum Mining & Geology,
Water Resource Department, Patiala

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 5569 OF 2024

Present :- (i) Sh. Yogesh Mahajan the appellant
(ii) For the respondent: Sh.Prabhjot ,Clerk (7357027043), Sh.Pardeep Kumar, SDO
(9417460437)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 15.09.2026 passed by the Commission.

2. Today the appellant states that incomplete information has been given to him so far.

3. All the points have been discussed in the Commission today in the presence of the Respondent and Appellant. Respondent has agreed to provide complete information before the next date of hearing. To come up on 19.01.2027 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 :08.10.2026

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Appellant

Versus

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

First Appellate Authority
O/o SE, Construction Division, PWD B&R, Amritsar

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 3012 OF 2024

Present :- (i) Sh. Yogesh Mahajan, the appellant
(ii) For the respondent: None

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 15.09.2026 passed by the Commission

2. Today the appellant states that no information has been given to him so far. Respondent is again absent today.

3. The Commission has carefully perused the record available on file. It is observed that this is the eighth hearing in the matter. The record further reveals that during the hearing dated 15.07.2026 penalty of Rs. 10,000/- was imposed on the respondent –PIO. However till date the respondent has neither provided any information nor filed any reply. No penalty has been deposited either.

4. The Commission is constrained to observe that the conduct of the respondent is wholly unacceptable. Repeated absence from the proceedings, failure to furnish information, failure to submit any written explanation and continued disregard of the Commission's directions amount to gross negligence in the discharge of statutory duties. Such conduct also results in unnecessary harassment to the appellant, who has been compelled to attend repeated hearings without any fault on his part. The Commission, therefore, takes a serious view of the continued and deliberate non-compliance by the respondent public authority.

5. Accordingly, the Secretary PWD B&R is directed to take serious note of the repeated absence and non-compliance on the part of the concerned respondent, XEN, Provincial Division, PWDB&R, Amritsar, and to ensure that the respondent appears before the Commission on the next date of hearing along with the complete point-wise and duly attested information sought by the appellant. The Secretary PWD B&R, Punjab, shall personally ensure compliance with the directions of the Commission and submit a written compliance report before the next date of hearing. The reasons for the repeated absence of the respondent shall also be furnished in the compliance report. The Secretary PWD B&R, Punjab, is further directed to issue appropriate instructions to all

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6. To come up on **19.01.2027 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 :08.10.2026

CC: Secretary PWD (B&R), Punjab Civil Sectt., Sector 1, Chandigarh (for compliance)