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Sh. Narender Singh, Hav. Retd. (M-97196-88614)
VPO Mankonda, Distt Agra (U.P)- 283102

..... Appellant

Public Information Officer,
O/o SSP, Patiala

.Vs

First Appellate Authority
O/o DIGP, Pb
PP Hqrs, Sector-9, Chandigarh

.....Respondent

AC No.5733of 2024

Present :- (i) None for the appellant
(ii) Sh.Amrjit , Sr. Assistant (9463066588), Sh. Hakam Singh, (9464312733) and
Sh.Charanjeet Singh, HC, PS Pasiona, Patiala (9915393145)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 30.06.2026 vide which the appellant was not present.

2. Today again the appellant is not present. Respondent Sh. Amrjit Singh states that they have forwarded the RTI of the appellant to the SHO, Pasiona, Patiala. Today, Sh. Charanjeet Singh, HC is present on behalf of the respondent. Copy of the RTI is handed over to him today in the Commission with these directions to send pointwise reply to the appellant before the next date of hearing with a copy to the appellant. The appellant Sh. Narender Singh has sent an email dated 27.07.2026 vide which he has requested his hearing through online mode.

3. Considering the request of the appellant the above said appeal case is adjourned on **12.11.2026 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission through CISCO webex. **The CISCO-Webex meeting ID of this bench is 25154060883 and password is 12345.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties

Date :02.09.2026

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(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
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Sh. Kirpal Chand, S/o Sh.
Kashmir Chand, Village Jamalgarh, PO Chak
Mahanta Wala, Tehsil Jalalabad, Distt. Fazilka

Appellant

Versus

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

First Appellate Authority
O/o DDPO, Ferozepur

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4854 of 2025

Present :- (i) Sh. Kirpal Chand the appellant
(ii) None for the respondent

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 25.06.2026 passed by the Commission vide which the respondent had sought time.

2. Today the appellant Sh. Kirpal Chand 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 25.03.2024, but after lapse of more than two years no information has been given to him so far. Even, no written reply, compliance report or request for adjournment has been received by the Commission. 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 deems it appropriate to issue show cause notice under section 20 (1) of the RTI Act, 2005, to PIO BDPO, Guruharsahai, Distt. Ferozepur 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. 4854 of 2025

6. To come up on **12.11.2026 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date :02.09.2026

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Sh. Kuldeep Singh, S/o Sh.Charanjit Singh
R/o Village Togaheri, Tehsil Amargarh
Distt. Malerkotla (M-81465-10514)

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o BDPO, Amargarh
Distt. Malerkotla

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

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4997 of 2025

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

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 22.07.2026 passed by the Commission vide which BDPO was directed to personally present alongwith point-wise reply.

2. Today the appellant Sh. Kuldeep Singh 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 06.05.2025, but after lapse of more than one year no information has been given to him so far. Even, no written reply, compliance report or request for adjournment has been received by the Commission. 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 BDPO Ahmedgarh, Distt. Malerkotla as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay / denial in providing the information to the RTI applicant. He is directed to file reply to the show cause notice in writing before the next date of hearing.

In addition to his submission, the PIO is also hereby given an opportunity under Section 20(1) proviso thereto, for a personal hearing before the imposition of such penalty on the next date of hearing. He may note that in case he does not file his submission and does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the next date fixed, it will be presumed that he has nothing to say and the Commission shall proceed to take further proceedings against him ex-parte.

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APPEAL CASE NO. 4997 of 2025

6. To come up on **13.10.2026 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date :02.09.2026

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Sh.Ankit Sehgal, C/o
Bombay Studio, Near Main Post Office
Chowk, Pathankot

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o XEN, MC, Qadian,
Distt.Gurdaspur

First Appellate Authority
O/o ADC (G) Gurdaspur

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 580 OF 2024

Present :- (i) Sh. Ankit Sehgal the appellant (after the hearing)
(ii) For the respondent- Sh. Inderpreet Singh, Clerk and Sh. Kamal Preet Singh, JA
(9815817517)

ORDER

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

2. The appellant, Shri Ankit Sehgal, was not present when the matter was called for hearing. The respondent was present and submitted that the reply/information in the matter had already been furnished to the appellant. It is also noted that the appellant had remained absent on the last two dates of hearing as well. In view of the repeated absence of the appellant and the submission of the respondent that the requisite reply had already been furnished, the matter was ordered to be closed/disposed of.

3. However, after the hearing, the appellant appeared and submitted that he was not satisfied with the reply/information furnished by the respondent.

4. In view of the above submission made by the appellant, the appellant is directed to specifically point out the deficiencies, if any, in the information/reply furnished by the respondent and to submit the same before the Commission. 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 **16.12.2026 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

Date :02.09.2026

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Sh. Ankit Sehgal, C/o Bombay Studio,
Near Main Post office Chowk,
Pathankot

..... Appellant

.Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o EO, Nagar Panchayat,
Patti, Distt. Amritsar

First Appellate Authority
O/o ADC (UD) Amritsar

..... Respondent

AC No 418 of 2024

Present :- (i) Sh. Ankit Sehgal the appellant
(ii) For the respondent- None for the respondent

ORDER

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

2. Today the appellant Sh. Ankit Sehgal 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 02.10.2023, but after lapse of more than two and a half year no information has been given to him so far. Even, no written reply, compliance report or request for adjournment has been received by the Commission. The repeated non-appearance of the respondent demonstrates a lack of seriousness towards the proceedings of the Commission and amounts to failure to discharge the statutory obligations under the Right to Information Act, 2005.
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 EO, Nagar Panchayat, Patti 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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Sh. AnkitSehgal,C/o Bombay Studio,
Near Main Post office Chowk,
Pathankot

..... Appellant

.Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o EO, Nagar Panchayat,
Majitha, Distt Amritsar

First Appellate Authority
O/o ADC (UD) Amritsar

.....Respondent

AC No 416 of 2024

Present :- (i) Sh. Ankit Sehgal the appellant
(ii) For the respondent- None for the respondent

ORDER

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

2. Today the appellant Sh. Ankit Sehgal 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 02.10.2023, but after lapse of more than two and a half year no information has been given to him so far. Even, no written reply, compliance report or request for adjournment has been received by the Commission. The repeated non-appearance of the respondent demonstrates a lack of seriousness towards the proceedings of the Commission and amounts to failure to discharge the statutory obligations under the Right to Information Act, 2005.
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 EO, Nagar Panchayat, Majitha Distt. 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.

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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Sh. Neeraj Sharma, S/o
Late Sh. Janak Raj, R/o NearPaniWali
Tanki, Guru Ram Dass Nagar,
CheemaChak, Malerkotla,Road
Khanna, Distt. Ludhiana

Appellant

Versus

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

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

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4577 OF 2025

Present :- None for the parties.

ORDER

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

2. Today neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. The appellant has informed on phone that he is unable to attend today's hearing and has sought another date. The Commission has carefully perused the record available on file. It is observed that this is the fourth hearing in the matter. Not only has the respondent remained absent, but no explanation has been offered for such continued default. Such conduct clearly reflects deliberate, wilful and persistent disregard of the statutory proceedings before this Commission. Moreover, no communication explaining such absence has been received by the Commission. Such continued non-compliance demonstrates a casual and indifferent approach towards the statutory obligations under the RTI Act and reflects a lack of respect for the proceedings of the Commission.

3. The Commission expresses serious concern over the conduct of the respondent. Nevertheless, in the interest of natural justice, **one final and last opportunity** is granted to the respondent to file a detailed and point-wise reply to the RTI application, furnish the same to the appellant, and place proof of such service on record before the next date of hearing. The respondent is hereby put on clear notice that any further failure to comply with the directions of the Commission, or failure to appear on the next date of hearing without sufficient cause, shall be viewed seriously and may invite appropriate action as permissible under the provisions of the RTI Act. No further indulgence shall be shown in the matter.

5. The appellant is also directed to ensure his presence, either personally or through an authorized representative, on the next date of hearing. Since the matter has already remained

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APPEAL CASE NO. 4577 OF 2025

pending for a considerable period owing to the respondent's continued non-cooperation, the Commission intends to proceed towards final adjudication on **11.11.2026 at 11.30AM** for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

sd/-

Date :02.09.2026

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Sh. Amrinder Singh, s/o Sh.
Gurnam Singh, R/oVPOFarideWala
Uttar Block, GhallKhurd, Tehsil &Distt
Ferozepur- 152004

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o BDPO, Block Ghal Khurd,
Distt.Ferozepur - 152004

First Appellate Authority
O/o DDPO,Ferozepur

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 5288 OF 2025

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

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 11.06.2026 passed by the Commission vide which neither the appellant nor the respondent was present and aailable warrant was issued to the respondent –PIO.

2. Today the appellant Sh. Amrinder Singh 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. The perusal of the case file shows that the respondent –PIO has been provided ample opportunities to provide the information to the appellant. However, he/she has, failed to comply with the directions of the Commission. 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. Not only a show cause but evenailable warrants were issued to secure his present. However, even after issuance of the Show Cause Notice andailable warrants, the respondent has chosen not to appear before the Commission or submit any explanation.The respondent's non-response indicates a clear lack of interest in pursuing this matter, 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.



APPEAL CASE NO. 5288 OF 2025

6. The Commission, therefore, left with no other option but to decide the question of imposition of penalty upon respondent-PIO in her/his absence and without the benefit of any reply by him/her. From the material on record, it transpires that there has been unnecessary delay in conveying the correct State of affairs to the appellant in regard to his request for information. Even no explanation for delay has been given by respondent so far. Rather, his/her failure to even respond to the show cause direction by the Commission reinforces the fact that he/she has been without any reasonable cause guilty of remissness in the discharge of his/her duties. He/she is, therefore, deserves to be penalized. As the delay is of more than three months, maximum penalty of Rs. 25000/- could be imposed upon the delinquent PIO. However, taking a lenient view, the Commission impose a penalty of Rs. 15000/- on the respondent-PIO, o/o BDPO, Ghal Khurd, Ferozepur. The Drawing and Disbursing Officer of the office of BDPO, Ghal Khurd, Distt. Ferozepur is directed to deduct the amount of penalty of Rs. 15000/- from the salary of respondent-PIO and deposited in the State Treasury in the following Head of Account and to report its compliance to the Commission:-

"0070-Other Administrative Services
60 other Services
800-Other Receipts
86-Fee under the RTI Act, 2005"

7. To come up on **16.12.2026 at 11.30 AM for further proceedings in the Commission.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties through registered post.

Sd/-

(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Date :02.09.2026

CC: DDPO, Ferozepur (for compliance)

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Sh. Lajpat Rai Garg S/o Sh. Harbans Lal,
Romana Street, Jaito, Tehsil – Jaito,
District – Faridkot (Punjab) (M.9814230616)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Officer, Nagar Council,
Jaito, Distt. - Faridkot (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Additional Deputy Commissioner (Urban Development),
Faridkot (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2943 of 2022

Present :- (i) Sh. Lajpat Rai Garg the appellant
(ii) For the respondent : Sh. Gurinder Pal Singh, Clerk (9646300756), sh. Naib Singh Brar, Inspector (9872222109)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 29.04.2026 vide which an opportunity was given to the respondent to appear before the Commission and state his case.

2. Today the appellant Sh. Lajpat Rai Garg states that no information has been given to him so far.

3. Respondent states that the appellant has not furnished his identity proof in support of the RTI appeal/application.

4. After hearing both the parties and going through the case file it is observed that the present matter is pending for approximately four years. Today is the third hearing of the matter before the undersigned and the respondent has not appeared before the Commission on any of the dates of hearing.

5. In view of the facts the Commission deem it appropriate to issue show cause notice under section 20 (1) of the RTI Act, 2005, to PIO o/o EO, Nagar Council, Jaito, Distt. Faridkot 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. **Further**

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Appeal Case No. 2943 of 2022

the respondent is directed to provide the information to the appellant within ten days from the receipt of this order

6. To come up on **16.12.2026 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 :02.09.2026

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Sh. H S Hundal, (M-9878500082)
203, Judicial Courts,
Sector-76, SAS Nagar-160071

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Tehsildar, Mohali

First Appellate Authority
O/o SDM, Mohali

Respondents

AC.No. 5419 of 2023

Present :- (i) Sh. H. S Hundal, appellant

(ii) For the respondent- Sh. Jasvir Singh, Office kanungo (94643-50156) and
Sh. Gurpreet Singh, Tehsildar (98142-91917)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 05.05.2026 vide which a penalty of Rs 15,000/- was imposed on the respondent-PIO.

2. The respondent states that the complete information, as sought by the appellant is not related to them. He has filed the copy of the point wise reply, already sent to the appellant as under:-

ਉਪਰੋਕਤ ਵਿਸ਼ੇ ਅਤੇ ਹਵਾਲਾ ਅਧੀਨ ਪੱਤਰ ਦੇ ਸਬੰਧ ਵਿਚ ਬੇਨਤੀ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਆਪ ਜੀ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਮੰਗੀ ਗਈ ਸੂਚਨਾ ਹੇਠ ਲਿਖੇ ਅਨੁਸਾਰ ਹੈ:

1. ਲੜੀ ਨੰਬਰ 01 ਉੱਤੇ ਮੰਗੀ ਗਈ ਸੂਚਨਾ ਇਸ ਦਫਤਰ ਵਿਚ ਮੌਜੂਦ ਨਹੀਂ ਹੈ। ਇਹ ਸੂਚਨਾ ਜਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਟਾਊਨ ਪਲੈਨਰ ਪਾਸੋਂ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤ ਕਰਨੀ ਯੋਗ ਹੋਵੇਗੀ ਜੀ।
2. ਲੜੀ ਨੰਬਰ 02 ਤੇ ਮੰਗੀ ਸੂਚਨਾ ਇਸ ਦਫਤਰ ਵਿਚ ਮੌਜੂਦ ਨਹੀਂ ਹੈ। ਇਹ ਸੂਚਨਾ DDPO ਤੋਂ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤ ਕਰਨੀ ਯੋਗ ਹੋਵੇਗੀ ਜੀ।
3. ਲੜੀ ਨੰਬਰ 03 ਤੇ ਮੰਗੀ ਗਈ ਸੂਚਨਾ ਇਸ ਦਫਤਰ ਵਿਚ ਮੌਜੂਦ ਨਹੀਂ ਹੈ। ਇਹ ਸੂਚਨਾ ਸਰਕਾਰੀ ਫੀਸ ਤਰਕੇ ਸਬੰਧਤ ਪਟਵਾਰੀ ਤੋਂ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤ ਕਰਨੀ ਯੋਗ ਹੋਵੇਗੀ ਜੀ।
4. ਲੜੀ ਨੰਬਰ 04 ਤੇ ਮੰਗੀ ਗਈ ਸੂਚਨਾ ਇਸ ਦਫਤਰ ਵਿਚ ਮੌਜੂਦ ਨਹੀਂ ਹੈ। ਇਹ ਸੂਚਨਾ ਸਰਕਾਰੀ ਫੀਸ ਤਰਕੇ ਫਰਦ ਕੇਂਦਰ ਤੋਂ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤ ਕਰਨੀ ਯੋਗ ਹੋਵੇਗੀ ਜੀ।
5. ਲੜੀ ਨੰਬਰ 05 ਤੇ ਮੰਗੀ ਗਈ ਸੂਚਨਾ ਇਸ ਦਫਤਰ ਵਿਚ ਮੌਜੂਦ ਨਹੀਂ ਹੈ। ਇਹ ਸੂਚਨਾ PUDA ਤੋਂ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤ ਕਰਨੀ ਯੋਗ ਹੋਵੇਗੀ ਜੀ।
6. ਲੜੀ ਨੰਬਰ 06 ਤੇ ਮੰਗੀ ਗਈ ਸੂਚਨਾ ਲਈ ਸਹੀ ਪੱਤਰ ਰੈਫਰੈਂਸ ਨੰਬਰ ਦਿੱਤਾ ਜਾਵੇ ਜੀ।
7. ਲੜੀ ਨੰਬਰ 07 ਤੇ ਮੰਗੀ ਗਈ ਇਸ ਦਫਤਰ ਵਿਚ ਮੌਜੂਦ ਨਹੀਂ ਹੈ। ਇਹ ਸੂਚਨਾ DDPO ਪਾਸੋਂ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤ ਕਰਨੀ ਯੋਗ ਹੋਵੇਗੀ ਜੀ।
8. ਲੜੀ ਨੰਬਰ 08 ਤੇ ਮੰਗੀ ਗਈ ਸੂਚਨਾ ਲਈ ਨੋਟੀਫਿਕੇਸ਼ਨ ਨੰਬਰ ਦੱਸਣ ਦੀ ਕ੍ਰਿਪਾਲਤਾ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਵੇ ਜੀ। ਰਿਪੋਰਟ ਪੇਸ਼ ਹੈ ਜੀ।

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He further requests that an opportunity be given to him to provide the information, as available in his official record, to the appellant, before the next date of hearing.

3. The appellant submitted that the respondent-PIO has not complied with the provisions of the Section 6(3) of the Act and had not transferred his RTI application to the PIO concerned, within the statutory time period, as prescribed under the Act.

4. After hearing both the parties and perusing the documents placed on record, the respondent is given an opportunity to provide the complete information to the appellant, as available in their official record, before the next date of hearing. Since the information sought pertains to different departments, the respondent is directed that, if the relevant part of the RTI application was not transferred to the concerned departments within the prescribed period, he shall now make all possible efforts to collect the information available with a least from one department and furnish the same to the appellant. Further, it has also been observed that the respondent has not complied with the orders dated 05.05.2026 regarding penalty and compensation. Hence, the respondent-PIO is also given an opportunity to comply with the said orders and report its compliance in the Commission office.

5. Both the parties are directed to appear, in person, on the next date of hearing for deliberations, failing this, the Commission shall proceed to decide the matter on the basis of the material available on record and may issue appropriate directions in accordance with law. To come up on **12.11.2026 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 :02.09.2026

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Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Commissioner,
MC, Jalandhar.

Respondents

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Present: - None for the parties.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 25.06.2026 passed by the Commission.

2. Today neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. The record 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 warrants were issued to secure his present. However, even after issuance of the Show Cause Notice and bailable warrants, 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.

3. 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.

4. Accordingly, a copy of this order be forwarded to the **Commissioner, MC, Jalandhar**, 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 Commissioner, MC, Jalandhar, 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.

5. 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, pertaining to the RTI

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application, 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.

6. To come up on **12.11.2026 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date :02.09.2026

Sd/-
(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

CC: *Sh.Sandeep Rishi, IAS*
Commissioner, MC, Jalandhar