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Sh. Manjeet Kumar Suman, (M-96501-74523)
35, Near Shri Ravidas Gurudwara,
Village Badshahpur, Jalandhar-144023

..... Appellant

.Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o SSP, Jalandhar (Rural)

First Appellate Authority
O/o SSP, Jalandhar (Rural)

.....Respondent

AC No.319 of 2024

Present : (i) Sh. Manjeet Kumar Suman, appellant
(ii) For the respondent-Ms. Gurpreet Kaur, Computer Operator

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 21.07.2026 vide which a show-cause notice was issued to the Respondent-PIO.

2. The respondent states that they have already sent their reply to the appellant. However, they have sent their fresh reply to the appellant which he shall receive shortly. Further, she adds that the information demanded is third party information and the so called third-party has also given in writing that their information shall not be shared with anyone.

3. The appellant states that complete information has not been provided to him. He adds that he has not received the fresh reply of the respondent, as intimated by the respondent today. He also states that the respondent-PIO has not informed him till date that the information demanded by him is third -party information. He alleges that the respondent has not followed the provisions of Section 11 within time.

4. After hearing both the parties and perusing the documents placed on record, it has been ascertained that Ms Gurpreet Kaur, Computer operator is appearing today on behalf of the respondent. It is also observed that the respondents are being represented by officials who are not in a position to satisfy the Commission and the appellant. From the next date of hearing, no person below the PIO or APIO will be allowed to appear. Appearance of officials other than PIO/APIO will amount to disrespect to the RTI Act besides invoking the provisions of imposition of penalty and also award of compensation to the appellant and also recommendation of disciplinary action against the PIO under Section 20 of RTI Act, 2005.

5. In view of the above, Ms. Rajwant Kaur, Supdt. is directed to be present personally on the next date of hearing. Further, she is directed to provide the information pertaining to point no. 1 to the appellant before the next date of hearing. Further, she is also directed to file her point-wise specific reply along with the copy of the letter of denial given by the said third-parties in this case, on the next date of hearing. It has also been observed that the respondent has not filed his reply to

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the show cause notice. The respondent-PIO is also given an opportunity to file the same on the next date of hearing.

6. 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 11:30AM** in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Date :03.09.2026

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Sh. Rahul, S/o Sh. Ram Kumar,
18-B, AmbeyValley , Village SatyeWala
Ferozepur-152004 (M-9530556586)
(RTI Application no.85930)

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o GLADA, Ludhiana

2.Public Information Officer,
O/o ADC (G), Ferozepur

First Appellate Authority
O/o GLADA, Ludhiana

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 481 OF 2024

Present : (i) Sh Rahul, appellant
(ii) For the respondent-ShGurwinder Singh William, Clerk (8621005100) O/o respondent no. 2

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 21.07.2026 vide which a show-cause notice was issued to the respondent-PIO.

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

3. Sh Gurwinder Singh William, Clerk is appearing on behalf of respondent no. 2 today. He states that the file regarding Ambey velly, Village Satiawala Online no. 528797, regarding which the appellant has demanded information, has not been sent to their office by the O/o GLADA, Ludhiana. Rather the same file has been provided to the private colonizer. Hence, the information is not available in their record.

4. In view of the above, PIO O/o GLADA, Ludhiana is directed to look into the matter and be present on the next date of hearing and file his reply accordingly. Further, it has also been observed that the PIO O/o ADC (G), Ferozepur, has failed to file his reply to the show-cause notice. Hence, he is also given an opportunity to file his 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 07.10.2026 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

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ShriAnkitSehgal, (98886 25152)
R/o C/o Bombay Studio,
Near Post Office Chowk, Pathankot.

...Appellant

VERSUS

Public Information Officer,
O/o Executive Engineer,
Provincial Division,
Public Works Department (B & R),
Jalandhar

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Superintending Engineer,
Construction Circle No.-01,
Public Works Department (B & R),
Jalandhar

...Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 5509 OF 2023

Present : (i) None for the appellant
(ii) For the respondent- Sh.Rajesh Kumar, Clerk (9501288504)

ORDER

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

2. The appellant is absent today . Respondent has sought time.

3. Considering the request of the respondent the above said appeal case is adjourned 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 :03.09.2026

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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 : (i) Surjit Singh the appellant
(ii) For the respondent- None for the respondent

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 21.07.2026 passed by the Commission vide which neither the appellant nor the respondent was absent.

2. Today Sh. Surjit Singh 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 23.05.2025, but after lapse of more than one year no information has been given to him so far. The perusal of the case file shows that the respondent has neither appeared before the Commission on any of the previous dates of hearing nor submitted any written response to the RTI application. 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.

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, Payal, Distt.Ludhiana 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

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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 **08.10.2026 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Date :03.09.2026

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Sh.Paramjeet Singh, S/o Sh.Sukhdev Singh
R/o Village MauliBaidwan
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) ShParamjeet Singh, appellant along with Sh Sanjeev Kumar
(ii) For the respondent- None for the respondent

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 21.07.2026 vide which an opportunity was given to the respondent-**PIO O/o Labour Commissioner, Punjab, Mohali** either to furnish the necessary information to the appellant or be present personally on the next date of hearing i.e today, and furnish an affidavit regarding the action taken by the respondent for the missing record along with the copy of DDR.

2. The appellant states that that no information has been provided to him.
3. Today neither the respondent-PIO is present nor he has informed the Commission about his absence. As directed, he has not even filed any reply or affidavit.
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 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 Labour Commissioner, Punjab, Mohalias** to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay / denial in providing the information to the RTI applicant. He is directed to file reply to the show cause notice in writing before the next date of hearing.

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

7. Both the parties are directed to appear, in person, on the next date of hearing for deliberations, failing 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 **07.10.2026 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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Sh Kewal Krishan, (M-7307378009)
S/o Sh Moti Ram,
Ward no. 17, H No. 527,
Ramganj Mandi, Moga-142001

..... Appellant

.Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o Tehsildar, Moga

First Appellate Authority
O/o SDM Moga

.....Respondent

AC No.3252 of 2024
(Heard through Video-conferencing at DC, Moga)

Present : (i) Sh. Jatinder Goyal, appellant
(ii) For the respondent-None for the respondent

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 09.07.2026 vide which one last and final opportunity was given to the respondent to appear before the Commission and state his case.

2. Today the appellant Sh. Jatinder Goyal states that no information has been provided to him. He demands that action be taken against the respondent-PIO for the delay in providing the information.

3. The Commission has carefully examined the records of the case as well as the conduct of the respondent during the course of these proceedings. It is observed that the matter remained pending before the Commission for a considerable period primarily on account of the repeated non-appearance of the respondent/PIO, Tehsildar, Moga. Despite being afforded adequate and sufficient opportunities to participate in the proceedings and explain the status of the RTI application, the respondent failed to appear before the Commission without furnishing any satisfactory justification.

4. However, even after being granted sufficient opportunities and despite being fully aware of the pendency of the matter before the Commission, the respondent had failed to appear before the Commission. Such absence compelled the Commission to initiate show-cause proceedings under Section 20(1) of the RTI Act, 2005, requiring the respondent to explain why penalty should not be imposed for his persistent failure to discharge the statutory duties cast upon him under the Act.

5. The Commission further notes with concern that even on the present date of hearing, the concerned PIO has once again failed to appear before the Commission. The respondent was issued a show cause notice on 12.05.2026. However despite the lapse of nearly four months, and the matter being taken up for hearing on 09.07.2026, the respondent neither appeared before the Commission nor submitted any written reply in response to the Show cause notice. Such conduct reflects a lack of seriousness towards the proceedings of the Commission.



AC No.3252 of 2024

6. The repeated and unexplained absence of the respondent reflects a complete disregard for the proceedings of the Commission and demonstrates a casual and negligent approach towards the implementation of the RTI Act, 2005. The Commission cannot overlook the fact that despite issuance of notices, grant of repeated opportunities, and initiation of show-cause proceedings, the respondent has failed to exhibit the minimum degree of diligence expected from a Public Information Officer entrusted with statutory responsibilities under the Act.

7. The Commission is of the considered view that such conduct not only defeats the very object of the RTI Act, which seeks to ensure transparency and accountability in the functioning of public authorities, but also undermines the authority of this Commission. Public Information Officers are expected to assist the Commission in the effective adjudication of matters and to comply with its directions in a timely manner. Any indifference towards such obligations cannot be permitted to go unchecked.

8. In the facts and circumstances of the present case, the Commission is satisfied that the respondent has failed to establish any reasonable cause for the repeated non-appearance and non-compliance with the directions of the Commission. The conduct of the respondent clearly attracts the provisions of Section 20(1) of the RTI Act, 2005.

9. Accordingly, the Commission hereby imposes the maximum **penalty of ₹25,000/-** (Rupees Twenty-Five Thousand only) upon the concerned Public Information Officer under Section 20(1) of the RTI Act, 2005. The Head of the Department/Competent Authority is directed to recover the said amount from the salary of the concerned PIO and remit the same in the following Head of Account as per the applicable rules and procedure, within the prescribed period.

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

A compliance report regarding recovery and deposit of the penalty amount shall be furnished to the Commission within the stipulated time.

10. To come up on **22.12.2026 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 :03.09.2026

CC: (i) DC, Moga (to ensure compliance)

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Sh. Suresh Kumar Sharma, (M: 9855890233)

R/o New Sharma Furniture House, Pratap Bazaar,

Chheratta, Distt Amritsar-143105

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o Improvement Trust ,Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority

O/o ADC (UD), Amritsar.

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 3288 OF 2024

Present : (i) Sh. Suresh Kumar Sharma the appellant

(ii) For the respondent- Sh. Jasdeep, Junior Engineer (8054295162)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 07.07.2026 passed by the Commission.

2. Today the respondent states that he has brought 23 pages of information /record before the Commission and supplied the same to the appellant. The appellant is directed to examine the information so supplied and point out, in writing, any specific deficiency therein to the respondent within twenty days from the receipt of this order. The respondent is further directed that whatever deficiencies remain in the matter of information demanded by the Applicant should be made good before the next date of hearing. *Further, it is observed that the respondent has also failed to file his reply to the show cause notice. Hence one last opportunity is also given to the respondent to file his reply on the next date of hearing.*

3. To come up on **10.12.2026 at 11:30AM** in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Dr. Bhupinder S Bath)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Date :03.09.2026

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Sh. Suresh Kumar Sharma, M : 9855890233
R/o New Sharma Furniture House,
Pratap Bazaar, Chheharta,
Distt Amritsar-143105.

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o XEN, Provincial Division,
Opp Celebration Mall, Batala Road,
PWD B&R, Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority-cum-
O/o Superintending Engineer,
PWD B&R, Construction Circle,
PWD B&R, Amritsar.

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4400 OF 2023

Alongwith

APPEAL CASE NO. 4401 OF 2023

APPEAL CASE NO. 4398 OF 2023

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

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 07.07.2026 passed by the Commission.

2. It is observed that the Appellant filed three appeals with the Commission seeking information from XEN, Provincial Division, PWD, B&R, Amritsar, as in all the three appeals, the Appellant and the PIO is the same so all these has been clubbed together

3. Today the appellant Sh. Suresh Kumar Sharma states that he has not received the information from the respondent-PIO. He demands that action be taken against the Respondent-PIO.

4. The perusal of the case file shows that the respondent is not present today. A careful perusal of the record reveals that the respondent has failed to participate in the proceedings. 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 warrants were issued to secure his present. However, even after issuance of the Show Cause Notice and bailable warrants, the PIO 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.

RTI Helpline - 01722864100



APPEAL CASE NO. 4400 OF 2023

Alongwith

APPEAL CASE NO. 4401 OF 2023

APPEAL CASE NO. 4398 OF 2023

5. The Commission has carefully examined the records of the case as well as the conduct of the respondent during the course of these proceedings. It is observed that the matter remained pending before the Commission for a considerable period primarily on account of the repeated non-appearance of the PIO, XEN, Provincial Division, PWD, B&R, Amritsar. Despite being afforded adequate and sufficient opportunities to participate in the proceedings and explain the status of the RTI application, the respondent failed to appear before the Commission without furnishing any satisfactory justification.

6. In view of such continued non-cooperation, the Commission was constrained to issue bailable warrants against the respondent. Thereafter, the respondent appeared before the Commission and sought some time.

7. The repeated and unexplained absence of the PIO reflects a complete disregard for the proceedings of the Commission and demonstrates a casual and negligent approach towards the implementation of the RTI Act, 2005. The Commission cannot overlook the fact that despite issuance of notices, grant of repeated opportunities, issuance of bailable warrants and initiation of show-cause proceedings, the respondent has failed to exhibit the minimum degree of diligence expected from a Public Information Officer entrusted with statutory responsibilities under the Act.

8. The Commission is of the considered view that such conduct not only defeats the very object of the RTI Act, which seeks to ensure transparency and accountability in the functioning of public authorities, but also undermines the authority of this Commission. Public Information Officers are expected to assist the Commission in the effective adjudication of matters and to comply with its directions in a timely manner. Any indifference towards such obligations cannot be permitted to go unchecked.

9. In the facts and circumstances of the present case, the Commission is satisfied that the respondent has failed to establish any reasonable cause for the repeated non-appearance and non-compliance with the directions of the Commission. The conduct of the respondent clearly attracts the provisions of Section 20(1) of the RTI Act, 2005.

10. Accordingly, the Commission hereby imposes the maximum penalty of Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty-Five Thousand only) upon the concerned Public Information Officer under Section 20(1) of the RTI Act, 2005. The Head of the Department/Competent Authority is directed to recover the said amount from the salary of the concerned PIO and remit the same in the following Head of Account as per the applicable rules and procedure, within the prescribed period.

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Alongwith

APPEAL CASE NO. 4401 OF 2023

APPEAL CASE NO. 4398 OF 2023

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800-Other Receipts ,
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A compliance report regarding recovery and deposit of the penalty amount shall be furnished to the Commission within the stipulated time.

11. 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 **10.12.2026 at 11:30AM** in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

Date :03.09.2026

(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

CC: (i) Superintending Engineer,
PWD B&R, Construction Circle,
PWD B&R, Amritsar (for compliance)

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Sh. Lajpat Rai Garg, S/o Sh. Harbans Lal,
Romana Street, Jaito, Distt Faridkot.
M : 9814230616

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Tehsildar, Jaito,
Distt Faridkot.

First Appellate Authority
O/o SDM, Jaito,
Distt Faridkot

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 4005 of 2023

Present : (i) Sh. Lajpat Rai Garg the appellant
(ii) For the respondent-(i) Sh. Navdeep Verma, Clerk (8847408849), Sh. Jabarjang Singh,
Clerk (9501615569)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 29.04.2026 passed by the Commission.

2. The appellant states that no information has been given to him so far. The Respondent has submitted that the information/record available with the public authority has already been furnished to the Appellant and that no further record/information, other than what has already been supplied, is available with the public authority.

3. However, the Appellant has expressed dissatisfaction and has stated that the complete information has not been provided.

4. In view of the above, the Respondent is directed to file an affidavit attested by Notary Public specifically stating that the entire record/information available with the public authority in respect of the information sought by the Appellant has already been furnished to him and that no further record/information is available with the public authority.

5. The affidavit shall also clearly mention the particulars of the information/records already supplied to the Appellant.

6. The aforesaid affidavit shall be filed within one month from the receipt of this order before the Commission and a copy thereof shall also be supplied to the Appellant.

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Appeal Case No. 4005 of 2023

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.

Sd/-

(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)

State Information Commissioner

Punjab

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M : 9814230616

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Tehsildar, Jaito,
DisttFaridkot.

First Appellate Authority
O/o SDM, Jaito,
DisttFaridkot

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 4004 of 2023

Present : (i) Sh.Lajpat Rai Garg the appellant
(ii) For the respondent-(i) Sh. Navdeep Verma, Clerk (8847408849), Sh. Jabarjang Singh,
Clerk (9501615569)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 29.04.2026 passed by the Commission.

2. The appellant states that no information has been given to him so far. The Respondent has submitted that the information/record available with the public authority has already been furnished to the Appellant and that no further record/information, other than what has already been supplied, is available with the public authority.

3. However, the Appellant has expressed dissatisfaction and has stated that the complete information has not been provided.

4. In view of the above, the Respondent is directed to file an affidavit attested by Notary Public specifically stating that the entire record/information available with the public authority in respect of the information sought by the Appellant has already been furnished to him and that no further record/information is available with the public authority.

5. The affidavit shall also clearly mention the particulars of the information/records already supplied to the Appellant.

6. The aforesaid affidavit shall be filed within one month from the receipt of this order before the Commission and a copy thereof shall also be supplied to the Appellant.

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Appeal Case No. 4004 of 2023

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(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)

State Information Commissioner

Punjab

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Sh. Lajpat Rai Garg, S/o Sh. HarbansLal,
Romana Street, Jaito, DisttFaridkot.
M : 9814230616

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Tehsildar, Jaito, DisttFaridkot.

First Appellate Authority
O/o SDM, Jaito, DisttFaridkot.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 4006 of 2023

Present : (i) Sh.Lajpat Rai Garg the appellant
(ii) For the respondent-(i) Sh. Navdeep Verma, Clerk (8847408849), Sh. Jabarjang Singh,
Clerk (9501615569)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 29.04.2026 passed by the Commission.

2. The appellant states that no information has been given to him so far. The Respondent has submitted that the information/record available with the public authority has already been furnished to the Appellant and that no further record/information, other than what has already been supplied, is available with the public authority.

3. However, the Appellant has expressed dissatisfaction and has stated that the complete information has not been provided.

4. In view of the above, the Respondent is directed to file an affidavit attested by Notary Public specifically stating that the entire record/information available with the public authority in respect of the information sought by the Appellant has already been furnished to him and that no further record/information is available with the public authority.

5. The affidavit shall also clearly mention the particulars of the information/records already supplied to the Appellant.

6. The aforesaid affidavit shall be filed within one month from the receipt of this order before the Commission and a copy thereof shall also be supplied to the Appellant.

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Appeal Case No. 4006 of 2023

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.

Sd/-

(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Date :03.09.2026



Sh. Lajpat Rai Garg,
S/o Sh. Harbans Lal,
Romana Street, Jaito, Distt Faridkot.
M : 9814230616

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Tehsildar, Jaito, Distt Faridkot.

First Appellate Authority
O/o SDM, Jaito, Distt Faridkot.

... Respondent

Appeal Case No. 4007 of 2023

Present : (i) Sh. Lajpat Rai Garg the appellant
(ii) For the respondent - (i) Sh. Navdeep Verma, Clerk (8847408849), Sh. Jabarjang Singh,
Clerk (9501615569)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 29.04.2026 passed by the Commission.

2. The appellant states that no information has been given to him so far. The Respondent has submitted that the information/record available with the public authority has already been furnished to the Appellant and that no further record/information, other than what has already been supplied, is available with the public authority.

3. However, the Appellant has expressed dissatisfaction and has stated that the complete information has not been provided.

4. In view of the above, the Respondent is directed to file an affidavit attested by Notary Public specifically stating that the entire record/information available with the public authority in respect of the information sought by the Appellant has already been furnished to him and that no further record/information is available with the public authority.

5. The affidavit shall also clearly mention the particulars of the information/records already supplied to the Appellant.

6. The aforesaid affidavit shall be filed within one month from the receipt of this order before the Commission and a copy thereof shall also be supplied to the Appellant.

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Appeal Case No. 4007 of 2023

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Sd/-

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ShSukhwinder Singh, (M-9814907131)
S/o ShDarshansingh,
R/o Village FaridewalaHithar,
Tehsil &Distt Ferozepur-152021

..... Appellant

Public Information Officer,
O/o BDPO, Ferozepur

.Vs

First Appellate Authority
O/o DDPO, Ferozepur

.....Respondent

AC No. 3832of 2025

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

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 12.05.2026 passed by the Commission vide which the respondent was not present.

2. Today Sh. Sukhwinder Singh 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 08.04.2025, but after lapse of more than one year no information has been given to him so far. The perusal of the case file shows that the respondent has neither appeared before the Commission on any of the previous dates of hearing nor submitted any written response to the RTI application. 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.

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, 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

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AC No. 3832of 2025

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 **14.10.2026 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings through video conference facility in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Ferozepur. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)

**State Information Commissioner
Punjab**

Date :03.09.2026

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..... Appellant

.Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o Municipal Corporation, Amritsar

First Appellate Authority
O/o Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation, Amritsar

.....Respondent

AC No.5423 of 2024

Present :- (i) Sh. Surinder Kumar on behalf of the appellant without authority letter
(ii) None for the respondent

ORDER

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

2. Today Sh. Surinder Kumar is appearing on behalf of the appellant and has sought another date.
3. Respondent is absent today without intimation.
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. 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.
6. 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

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AC No.5423 of 2024

on his part. The Commission, therefore, takes a serious view of the continued and deliberate non-compliance by the respondent public authority.

7. Accordingly, a copy of this order be forwarded to the **Director Local Government Punjab**, 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 Director Local Government Punjab, 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. 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.

9. 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.

Sd/-

(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Date :03.09.2026

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Sh. Lajpat Rai Garg S/o Sh. HarbansLal,
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....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. 2946 of 2022

Present :- (i) Sh.Lajpat Rai Garg the appellant
(ii) None for the respondent

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 29.04.2026 passed by the Commission.

2. Today the appellant states that no information has been given to him so far. Respondent is not present. The Commission has received a request for adjournment from the respondent. In support of the request, the respondent has sent mail dated 03.09.2026, stating that the concerned departmental officials are engaged in official duties/verification proceedings and, therefore, are unable to attend the hearing on the date fixed.

3. Keeping in view the reason stated in the aforesaid communication, one opportunity is granted to the respondent to appear and present the case. The matter is accordingly adjourned on **16.12.2026 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

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Date :03.09.2026

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....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. 1373 of 2023

Present :- (i) Sh.Lajpat Rai Garg the appellant
(ii) None for the respondent

ORDER

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....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. 2945 of 2022

Present :- (i) Sh.Lajpat Rai Garg the appellant
(ii) None for the respondent

ORDER

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3. Keeping in view the reason stated in the aforesaid communication, one opportunity is granted to the respondent to appear and present the case. The matter is accordingly adjourned on **16.12.2026 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

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State Information Commissioner
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Date :03.09.2026