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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) None for the appellant
(ii) For the respondent- ShPartap Singh, BDPO (90563-4847)

ORDER

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

2. The appellant is not present today. He has not informed the Commission about his absence.
3. The respondent has sought time today. He assures the Bench that the information will positively be provided to the appellant before the next date of hearing.
4. Considering the request of the respondent, an opportunity is given to him to provide complete information to the appellant, before the next date of hearing, under intimation to the Commission office. Further, it has also been observed that the respondent-PIO has failed to file his reply to the show-cause notice issued on the last date of hearing. He is again given an opportunity to file his reply to the same.
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 **22.12.2026 at 11.30 AM through video conference facility in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Ferozepur.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

Date :14.10.2026

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Sh. Rajwinder Singh, S/o
Sh. Kuldep Singh, R/o 26, Nagar Nigam Colony,
O/o Gilwali Gate, Amritsar
M: 9872821947

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o DCP, Amritsar

First Appellate Authority
O/o Commissioner of Police,
Amritsar

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 5285 OF 2024

Present : (i) None for the appellant
(ii) for the respondent : Sh. Surinder Singh, ASI (9780575800)

ORDER

1. The RTI application is dated 20.04.2024 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 20.08.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 14.10.2026 in the Commission.

2. The appellant is absent today. He has sent an email vide which he has requested for online hearing of his case.

3. Respondent states that the reply has already been sent to the appellant.

4. After hearing the respondent and going through the case file the respondent is directed to furnish a **point-wise reply to the RTI application to the Commission as well as to the appellant**. 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 **17.12.2026 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Amritsar. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

Date : 14.10.2026

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Sh Naib Singh, S/o ShDarshan Singh,
VPO Mohlan, tehsil Malout,
Distt Sri Mukatsar Sahib
(M-98772-805270)

..... Appellant

.Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o BDPO, Malout,
Distt Sri Mukatsar Sahib

First Appellate Authority
O/o DDPO, Sri Mukatsar Sahib

.....Respondent

AC No 3085 of 2024

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

ORDER

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

2. Today the appellant Sh.Naib 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 23.03.2024, but after lapse of more than two years no information has been given to him so far. The Commission observed that there is complete negligence and laxity in the public authority in dealing with the RTI application. It is abundantly clear that such matters are being ignored and set aside without application of mind which reflects disrespect towards that RTI act 2005 itself. The Commission expressed its displeasure on the casual and callous approach adopted by the Respondent in responding to the RTI application. It is felt that conduct of Respondent is against the spirit of the RTI Act 2005, which has been enacted to ensure greater transparency and effective access to the information.

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

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AC No 3085 of 2024

6. To come up on **03.12.2026 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

Date :14.10.2026

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ShSuba Singh, S/o Sh. Joginder Singh
R/o Village ChakKandhe Shah
PO Pindi, Block Mamdot, Tehsil Guruharsahai,
Distt.Ferozepur -152022

.....Appellant

.Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panchayat
ChakKandheshah, Block Mamdot,
Distt.Ferozepur

First Appellate Authority,
O/o DDPO Ferozepur

.....Respondent

AC No. 5802of 2025

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

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous orders dated 05.05.2026, 23.06.2026 and 17.09.2026 passed by the commission vide which the respondent was not present.

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 fourth hearing in the matter. Not only has the respondent remained absent, but no explanation has been offered for such continued default. 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 compensation of Rs. 3000/- was also imposed. However, 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.

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.

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AC No. 5802of 2025

However, before taking any penal proceedings against the Respondent PIO, the Commission wishes to give one last opportunity to him to appear before the Commission on the next date of hearing. To come up on **22.12.2026 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/-

Date :14.10.2026

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CC: BDPO, Block Mamdot, Distt. Ferozepur (for compliance)

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ShSukhdev Singh, (M-88722-43775)
S/o Sh Kashmir Singh,
R/o Village ChakNidhana,
Block Guruharsahai, Distt Ferozepur-152022
.Vs

..... Appellant

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

First Appellate Authority
O/o DDPO, Ferozepur

.....Respondent

AC No.3769 of 2025

Present: (i) Sh. Sukhdev Singh the appellant
(ii) For the respondent : None

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 30.07.2026 passed by the Commission vide which neither the appellant nor the respondent was present.

2. Sh. Sukhdev Singh stated that no response whatsoever has been received from the respondents till date. No one has put in appearance on behalf of the respondents nor has any communication been received from them. In the interest of justice, Respondent PIO is afforded one more opportunity to provide the appellant point-wise complete specific information, duly attested, free of cost, by registered post, in accordance with his RTI application and present a photocopy of the relevant postal receipt along with a copy of the information provided, before the Commission on the next date fixed, for its perusal and records. Respondents to note that in case no one comes present on their behalf on the next date fixed, punitive provisions of the RTI Act, 2005 may be invoked against the erring officer(s). To come up on **22.12.2026 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Ferozepur. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

Date :14.10.2026

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Sh Gurinder Singh Grover, (M-9815938295)
S/o ShSantokh Singh,
A-5/503, ASHberry Homes,
Crescent parcvallah by Pass, Amritsar-I-43501
(RTI application no. 98450)

..... Appellant

Public Information Officer,

O/o Director, Rural Dev&panchayats, Pb
Sector-62, SAS Nagar Mohali

.Vs

First Appellate Authority

O/o Director, Rural Dev&panchayats, Pb
Sector-62, SAS Nagar Mohali

.....Respondent

AC No.3174 of 2024

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

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 16.09.2026 passed by the Commission vide which the respondent was not present.

2. Today the appellant Sh. Gurinder Singh Grover 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 09.11.2023, but after lapse of more than two years no information has been given to him so far. The Commission observed that there is complete negligence and laxity in the public authority in dealing with the RTI application. It is abundantly clear that such matters are being ignored and set aside without application of mind which reflects disrespect towards that RTI act 2005 itself. The Commission expressed its displeasure on the casual and callous approach adopted by the Respondent in responding to the RTI application. It is felt that conduct of Respondent is against the spirit of the RTI Act 2005, which has been enacted to ensure greater transparency and effective access to the information.

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

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AC No.3174 of 2024

6. To come up on **20.01.2027 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

Date :14.10.2026

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Sh. Om Parkash S/o sh.Rawat Ram
R/o Village DangarKhera, Tehsil Abohar
Distt.Fazilka (9023550223)

..... Appellant

.Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/oBDPO,KhuiyaSarwar at Abohar

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

.....Respondent

AC No. 115 of 2025

(Heard through Video-conferencing in the o/o DC, Fazilka)

Present :- (i) ShOm Parkash, appellant
(ii) For the respondent :ShGurmeet, PanchayatSecy (79863-00089)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 06.08.2026 passed by the Commission in this case.

2. The appellant states that the information has not been provided to him.

3. The respondent states that he has recently assumed his charge. He adds that information has previously been sent to the appellant.

4 In view of the above, the respondent is directed to be present on the next date of hearing along with the complete information and point-wise reply, indicating the position of each issue as to whether the information has been supplied and if not, the reason thereof, failing which, action u/s 20(1) will be initiated against the respondent-PIO.

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 **22.12.2026 at 11.30 AM through video conference facility in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Fazilka.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Date :14.10.2026

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ShGurmukh Singh, (M-9592295457)
President, B.R Ambedkar(Majdur welfare Society)
Old AnajMandi, FerozepurCantt

..... Appellant

.Vs

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

First Appellate Authority
O/o DC, Ferozepur

.....Respondent

AC No.3850 of 2025

Present :- (i)ShGurmukh Singh, appellant
(ii) For the respondent- ShNishan Singh, PanchayatSecy (82849-54295)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 30.07.2026 passed by the Commission in this case.

2. The appellant states that the information has not been provided to him.
3. The respondent states that he has recently assumed his charge. Hence, he has sought some time to provide the information.
4. Considering the request of the respondent, an opportunity is given to him to provide complete information to the appellant, before the next date of hearing, under intimation to the Commission office. Both the parties are directed to appear, in person, on the next date of hearing for deliberations, failing 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 **22.12.2026 at 11.30 AM through video conference facility in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Ferozepur.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

Date :14.10.2026

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Sh. Raj Kumar, S/o Sh. KundanLal,
R/o House No. E- 648, Street Munshi,
RamMehra, Near Ram KirtanMandir,
Fazilka (7973313730)

..... Appellant

.Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o BDPO, Fazilka

First Appellate Authority
O/o DDPO, Fazilka

.....Respondent

AC No. 107 of 2025
(Heard through Video-conferencing in the o/o DC, Fazilka)

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

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 06.08.2026 passed by the Commission in this case.

2. The appellant states that no information has been provided to him.
3. No one has appeared on behalf of the respondent today. They have neither informed the Commission about their absence nor filed any reply.
4. Hence, in the interest of justice and taking a lenient view of the matter, one last opportunity is given to the respondent to provide complete information to the appellant and also to appear before the Commission and state his case. Respondent is also directed to file his point-wise specific reply on the next date of hearing, failing which action under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act will be initiated. Both the parties are directed to appear, in person, on the next date of hearing for deliberations, failing which the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte. To come up on **22.12.2026 at 11.30 AM through video conference facility in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Fazilka.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date :14.10.2026

Sd/-
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Sh Raj Baksh, (M-9815776127)
S/o ShLashmanDass,
R/o Village Araiyaawala,
Tehsil- Jalalabad, DisttFazilka

..... Appellant

.Vs

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

First Appellate Authority
O/o DDPO, Distt Fazilka

.....Respondent

AC No.3479 of 2025
(Heard through VC in the O/o DC, Fazilka)

Present :- (i) Sh Raj Baksh, appellant
(ii) For the respondent- Sh Bhupinder Singh, Panchayat Officer (98141-33790)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 30.07.2026 passed by the Commission in this case.

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

3. The respondent states that he has assumed his charge on 25.09.2026. He adds that he has collected the requisite information. Hence, he has sought time to provide the information.

4. Hence, considering the request of the respondent, an opportunity is given to him to provide complete information to the appellant through registered post, within 15 days of the receipt of this order, under intimation to the Commission office. Both the parties are directed to appear, in person, on the next date of hearing for deliberations, failing which the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte. To come up on **22.12.2026 at 11.30 AM through video conference facility in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Fazilka.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

Date :14.10.2026

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Sh. Prince, S/o Sh. Vijay Kumar,
Village Awa UrfWaryampura,
Fazilka - 152123

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o DDPO, Fazilka

First Appellate Authority
O/o Director Rural Development and Panchayat
Punjab, Mohali

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4693 of 2025

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

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 16.09.2026 passed by the Commission in this case.

2. The appellant states that the information provided to him is not complete.
3. No one has appeared on behalf of the respondent today. They have neither informed the Commission about their absence nor filed their reply to the show cause notice.
4. In view of the above, the appellant is given an opportunity to point out deficiencies, if any in the information provided, to the respondent before the next date of hearing with a copy to the Commission. On receipt of the deficiencies, the respondents are directed to remove the same before the next date of hearing. Further, the respondent is also given opportunity to file their reply to the show-cause notice, on the next date of hearing. *It is also made clear that in case the respondent does not appear on the next date of hearing, penalty provisions shall be invoked against the respondent-PIO.*
5. Both the parties are directed to appear, in person, on the next date of hearing for deliberations, failing which the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte. To come up on **22.12.2026 at 11.30 AM through video conference facility in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Fazilka.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

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Punjab

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Sh.Gurdev Singh, Member Block Samiti
Zone Bare K 15, Ferozepur , S/o Sh. Makhan Singh
R/o Village Peer Ismail Kha,
Tehsil and Distt.Ferozepur – 152002

Appellant

Versus

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

First Appellate Authority
O/o Director Rural Development and Panchayats
Sarovar Path, Phase 8, Sector 62, SahibzadaAjit
Singh Nagar, 160062

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 647 OF 2024
(through VC facility in the O/o DC, Fazilka)

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

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 17.09.2026 vide which a compensation of Rs 5000/- was awarded to the appellant.

2. The appellant states that he has not received any information/reply from the respondent till date.
3. 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



APPEAL CASE NO. 647 OF 2024

on his part. The Commission, therefore, takes a serious view of the continued and deliberate non-compliance by the respondent public authority and is constrained to enhance the amount of compensation from Rs. 5000/- to Rs. 6000/- (Rs. Six Thousand only). Besides, the Commission would also consider invoking of penalty provisions against the respondent-PIO in case he fails to provide the required information and payment of the awarded compensation. The respondent may provide the information to the appellant and make the payment of compensation to him before the next date of hearing by way of Demand Draft. A compliance report in this regard be sent to the Commission accordingly.

7. Accordingly, copy of this order be sent to DC, Fazilka with these directions that to ensure compliance of the orders passed by the Commission. *It is brought to his personal notice that inspite repeated notices of hearings conveyed by various orders of the Commission, the PIO, O/o ADC (D) Fazilka is not coming present. Also, for the convenience of the parties, the case was taken up for hearing through Video-conferencing in the O/o DC Fazilka. Yet the respondent-PIO O/o ADC (D) Fazilka has chosen not appear.*

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. 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 30.12.2026 at 11:30AM in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
State Information Commissioner
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Sh. Rakesh Kumar Walia, Flat No. 501
Tower I, Afinity Greens, New Airport Road
Zirakpur, Distt., SAS Nagar – 140603 (m-97816-52376)
(RTI application no. 188081)

Appellant

Versus

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

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

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4930 of 2025

Present: (i) Sh Rakeshkumar Walia, appellant
(ii) for the respondent- Sh.Sukhminder Singh, Computer Operator (8196921313)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 05.08.2026 passed by the Commission in this case.

2. As directed, the respondent has filed his reply for the reasons for the delay in providing the information. He also tenders his apology for the same and assures the Bench to remain cautious in future while dealing with the RTI applications.

3. The appellant states that he has suffered harassment on account of delay in providing the information. Therefore he demands that he be compensated for the detriment suffered.

4. After hearing both the parties and examination of the documents placed on record, it has been ascertained that the stand taken by the respondent is not convincing. No satisfactory material has been placed on record to demonstrate that the delay occurred was not deliberate. Hence, 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.2000/- (Rupees two Thousand Only)** is awarded to the Appellant as compensation. This amount shall be payable by the Respondent before the next date of hearing, under intimation to the Commission. To come up for further proceedings on **24.12.2026 at 11:30AM** in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

Date :14.10.2026

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ShRanjit Singh, Advocate
S/o ShTota Singh, Chamber No. 93,
District court Complex, Distt Court,
Sri Mukatsar Sahib

Appellant

Versus

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

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

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4318 OF 2025

Present: (i) Adv DivyanshGoyal, on behalf of the appellant along with Ms.RituBala
(ii) For the respondent- Sh PardeepThapa, Statistical Asstt. (94649-42898) O/o
NHM, PbChd

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 O/o Director, Health & Family Welfare, Pb.

2. Advocate Divyansh Goyal is appearing on behalf of the appellant with authority letter. He states that the complete information has not been provided till date.

3. The respondent states that he has already submitted that the information is not related to them.

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 O/o Director, Health & Family Welfare, Punjab, 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 PIO O/o Director, Health & Family Welfare, Punjab, 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. Such conduct clearly reflects deliberate, wilful and persistent disregard of the statutory proceedings before this Commission.

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6. It has been observed that despite repeated directions, the Respondent-PIO O/o Director, Health & Family Welfare, Punjab is not appearing before the Commission. Hence, bailable warrant be issued to him through SSP, Chandigarh (U.T) that he should appear before the Commission to present his case personally. To come up on **11.11.2026 at 11:30 AM** in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Date :14.10.2026

CC: PIO O/o National Health mission, Punjab
Sector 38-B, Chandigarh



BAILABLE WARRANT OF PRODUCTION

BEFORE DR BHUPINDER S BATTH, STATE INFORMATION COMMISSIONER, PUNJAB

Red Cross Building, Near Rose Garden, Sector16, Chandigarh

In case of Sh. ShRanjit Singhv/s Public Information Officer, O/o Director, Health & Family Welfare,
Punjab

Complaint/Appeal No. : AC :4318/2025

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

NEXT DATE OF HEARING : 11.11.2026

To

The Senior Superintendent of Police,

Chandigarh (U.T)

Whereas the Public Information Officer, O/o Director, Health & Family Welfare, Punjab has failed to appear before the State Information Commissioner despite the issuance of repeated notices/directions in the above mentioned case. Therefore, you are hereby directed to serve this bailable warrant on Public Information Officer, Director, Health & Family Welfare, Punjab to appear before the undersigned at Red Cross Building, Near Rose Garden, Sector-16, Chandigarh on 11.11.2026 at 11.30 AM and submit his/her written submissions alongwith the information to be provided to the Appellant.

Sd/-

(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Dated :14.10.2026