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

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/oXEN, Draining cum Mining & Geology
Division, WRD, Roopnagar

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

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 6571 OF 2024

Present :-(i) None for the appellant
(ii) For the respondent- ShNishantGarg, SDO (9888996609)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 03.06.2026 vide which an opportunity was given to the respondent to appear before the Commission and state his case.

2. The appellant is not present today. However, he has informed telephonically that he has not received the information. Further, he has also sought exemption from today's hearing.

3. The respondent states that the information has been sent to the appellant. He has also brought copy of the same today.

4. In view of the respondent is directed to again send the copy of the information to the appellant, through registered post, under intimation to the Commission office. It is made clear that in case the Appellant does not appear on the next date of hearing, appropriate order in his absence shall be passed. To come up on 15.10.2026 at **11:30AM** for further proceedings in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties

Sd/-

(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Dated :04.08.2026

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Pathankot

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/oXEN, Provincial Division, PWD B&R,
Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority
O/oSE, PWD B& R, Ludhiana

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 6567 OF 2024

Present :- None for the parties

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 03.06.2026 vide which neither the appellant nor the respondent was present and the appellant informed on phone that rectified information has not been given to him.

2. Today neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. The appellant has informed on phone that rectified information has not been given to him so far.

3. Respondent is absent today without intimation.

4. The perusal of the case file shows that the respondent has attended only one out of the five hearings in the 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.

5. Looking at the lackadaisical attitude of the respondents, the Commission deem it appropriate to issue show cause notice under section 20 (1) of the RTI Act, 2005, to PIO, o/o XEN, Provincial Division, PWD B&R, 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 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. 6567 OF 2024

6. To come up on **15.10.2026 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)

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Sh Rahul Manchanda, (M-9809002222)
S/o Late ShHari Om Manchanda,
#39, Geeta Colony,
Tehsil & Distt Jalandhar-1-144002
(RTI application no. 165840)

..... Appellant

.Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o XEN-cum-Drainage cum Mining & Geology Division,
WRD, Hoshiarpur

First Appellate Authority
O/o CE, Drainage cum Mining & Geology Circle,
Water Resource Deptt, Pb, Chandigarh

.....Respondent

AC No.2841 of 2025

Present :- None for the parties.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 09.06.2026 passed by the Commission vide which the RTI application was handed over to the respondent.

2. Today neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. They have even not informed the commission about their absence for today's hearing. Taking a lenient view **one last and final** opportunity is given to them to appear before the Commission and state their case. 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.

3. To come up on **22.09.2026 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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Sh Rahul Manchanda, (M-9809002222)
S/o Late ShHari Om Manchanda,
#39, Geeta Colony,
Tehsil & Distt Jalandhar-1-144002
(RTI application no. 159074)

..... Appellant

.Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o XEN, Department of Mines & Geology, Hoshiarpur

First Appellate Authority
O/o SE, Department of Mines & Geology, Hoshiarpur

.....Respondent

AC No.1699 of 2025

Present :- None for the parties.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 09.06.2026 passed by the Commission vide which the objection of the respondent was overruled and he was directed to provide the information.

2. Today neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. They have even not informed the commission about their absence for today's hearing. Taking a lenient view **one last and final** opportunity is given to them to appear before the Commission and state their case. 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.

3. To come up on **22.09.2026 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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Sh. Jaspal Singh (Driver)
SCFC Corporation, Moga
(8968063191)

.....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o Schedule Caste Land Development
and Finance Corporation, Punjab Sector 17C, Chandigarh

First Appellate Authority
O/o Schedule Caste Land Development
and Finance Corporation, Punjab Sector 17C, Chandigarh

.....Respondent

APPEAL CASE NO. 5429 of 2024

Present :- (i) Sh. Ramandeep Singh, Advocate on behalf of the appellant
(ii) For the respondent : Sh. Harpreet Singh, (9592830300) and Sh. Amritpal Singh,
ADM(7508121520)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 09.06.2026 passed by the Commission.

2. Sh. Ramandeep Singh is appearing on behalf of the appellant and states that no information has been given to him so far.

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

4. ***Copy of the same is handed over to the representative of the appellant today in the Commission by the respondent.*** Further the appellant is directed to file his rejoinder/response. He is also directed to justify what public interest is involved in the information asked for before the next date of hearing.

5. To come up on **29.09.2026 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

Dated :04.08.2026

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ShGurmukh Singh, (M-98555-39303)
S/o ShSawran Singh,
R/o Niyamatpur, PO Rahon,
Tehsil & Distt- SBS Nagar-144517

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o BDPO, Distt SBS Nagar

First Appellate Authority
O/o DDPO, SBS Nagar

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 267 OF 2024

Present :- (i) Sh.Gurmukh Singh the appellant
(ii) For the respondent : Ms.Manjit Kaur, BDPO, O/o DRDP Mohali, Ms. Rajwinder Kaur, BDPO, SBS Nagar and Sh. Samkeev Kumar, PDS (9855998889)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 09.06.2026 passed by the Commission.

2. The appellant Sh. Gurmukh Singh states that he has not received the complete information from the Year 2019, as demanded through his RTI application.

3. The respondent submitted that the appellant has already inspected the relevant record and that all information available has been supplied to him. It was further submitted that no further record is available. The respondent has placed on record duly sworn affidavits dated 03.08.2026, along with the communication issued by the District Development and Panchayat Officer, SBS Nagar, and the report/communication of the Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Nawanshahr, wherein it has been stated that the available record has already been supplied to the appellant, the remaining record is not traceable, and a departmental enquiry has been initiated against the erring official(s) regarding the missing record.

4. The Commission has carefully considered the submissions made by the respondent and perused the affidavits and other documents placed on record. Since the respondent has categorically affirmed on oath that all available information has been supplied and no further record is available, no further direction for disclosure of information can be issued under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005. Further, in view of the affidavits and the material placed on record, Smt. Manjit Kaur, the then Block Development and Panchayat Officer, is exempted from further appearance/proceedings in the present appeal.

5. However, the Commission takes serious note of the respondent's submission that part of the official record is missing. The present respondent is, therefore, directed to ensure that a Daily Diary Report (DDR) regarding the missing record is lodged with the competent Police Authorities, if the same has not already been lodged, and a copy thereof, along with the latest status report of the

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APPEAL CASE NO. 267 OF 2024

departmental enquiry initiated against the erring official(s), shall be produced before the Commission on the next date of hearing. The respondent shall also file a comprehensive compliance report regarding the action taken for tracing the missing record and the progress of the departmental enquiry.

6. To come up on **22.10.2026 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

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Punjab

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Sh Rahul Manchanda, (M-9809002222)
S/o Late ShHari Om Manchanda,
#39, Geeta Colony,
Tehsil & Distt Jalandhar-1-144002
(RTI application no. 166815)

..... Appellant

.Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o XEN, Drainage cum Mining & Geology Division,
Hoshiarpur
First Appellate Authority
O/o SE, Drainage cum Mining & Geology Division,
Hoshiarpur

.....Respondent

AC No.2724 of 2025

Present :- None for the parties.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 09.06.2026 passed by the Commission vide which respondent was directed to again send the information to the appellant

2. Today neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. They have even not informed the commission about their absence for today's hearing. Taking a lenient view **one last and final** opportunity is given to them to appear before the Commission and state their case. 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.

3. To come up on **22.09.2026 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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Sh Rahul Manchanda, (M-9809002222)
S/o Late ShHari Om Manchanda,
#39, Geeta Colony,
Tehsil & Distt Jalandhar-1-144002
(RTI application no. 159279)

..... Appellant

.Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o XEN, Department of Mines & Geology,
Hoshiarpur
First Appellate Authority
O/o SE, Department of Mines & Geology,
Hoshiarpur

.....Respondent

AC No.1698 of 2025

Present :- None for the parties.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 09.06.2026 passed by the Commission vide which the respondent objection was overruled and he was directed to provide the information.

2. Today neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. They have even not informed the commission about their absence for today's hearing. Taking a lenient view **one last and final** opportunity is given to them to appear before the Commission and state their case. 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.

3. To come up on **22.09.2026** at 11.30 AM for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

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Punjab

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Sh Rahul Manchanda, (M-9809002222)
S/o Late ShHari Om Manchanda,
#39, Geeta Colony, Tehsil & Distt Jalandhar-1-144002
(RTI application no. 155263)

..... Appellant

.Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o XEN, Drainage cum Mining & Geology Division,
Hoshiarpur

First Appellate Authority
O/o SE, Drainage cum Mining & Geology Division,
Hoshiarpur

.....Respondent

AC No.1378 of 2025

Present :- None for the parties.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 09.06.2026 passed by the Commission vide which the respondent was directed to provide information pertaining to point nos. 2 and 3.

2. Today neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. They have even not informed the commission about their absence for today's hearing. Taking a lenient view **one last and final** opportunity is given to them to appear before the Commission and state their case. 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.

3. To come up on **22.09.2026 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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Sh. Gursharan Singh,
133-L, Chandigarh Road,
NamdevMandir Road, Khanna.
M: 9876400267

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Director Public Instructions (SE)
PSEB Complex, Director Public Instructions
(DPI, near Mohali Old Bus Stand, Sector 62, Colleges,
SahibzadaAjit Singh Nagar, Punjab 160062

First Appellate Authority
O/o Director School Education,
PSEB Complex, Director Public Instructions
(DPI, near Mohali Old Bus Stand, Sector 62, Colleges,
SahibzadaAjit Singh Nagar, Punjab 160062

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 614 OF 2024

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

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 11.02.2026 vide which an opportunity was given to both the parties to appear before the Commission and state his case.

2. The appellant states that he has not received the complete information till date. Further, he has filed his submission through e-mail regarding the reply of the show-cause notice filed by the respondent.

3. No one has appeared on behalf of the respondent today.

4. In view of the above, the respondent is given an opportunity to provide the rectified information to the appellant, before next date of hearing. Further, the copy of submissions, as filed by the appellant is also sent to the respondent, along with these orders, with directions to file their reply, regarding the same on the next date of hearing. Both the parties are directed to appear, in person, on the next date of hearing for deliberations, failing this, the Commission shall proceed to decide the matter on the basis of the material available on record and may issue appropriate directions in accordance with law. To come up on 29.09.2026 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

Dated :04.08.2026

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Sh. Baljot Singh Gill, (M-9463883029)
S/o Sh. Iqbal Singh, # 202, Street No. 11
Baba Deep Singh, Village Gill,
Tehsil and Distt. Ludhiana (west)- 141006
(RTI Application no. 168206)

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Tehsildar Ludhiana (south)

First Appellate Authority
O/o SDM Ludhiana (west)

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4899 of 2025

Present :- (i) Sh. Baljot Singh Gill, appellant
(ii) None for the respondent

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 11.02.2026 vide which an opportunity was given to the respondent to appear before the Commission and state his case.

2. Today the appellant states that no information has been provided to him.

3. No one has appeared on behalf of the respondent today.

4. After hearing the appellant and going through the case file, it is observed that the appellant filed RTI on 13.02.2025, but after lapse of more than one year, no information has been given to him, which shows that the respondent has no regard for the orders issued by the Commission. Neither the respondent has bothered to inform the Commission about his absence nor he has sent any reply. This is indeed a serious matter.

5. The Commission observed that there is complete negligence and laxity in the public authority in dealing with the RTI application. It is abundantly clear that such matters are being ignored which reflects disrespect towards that RTI Act 2005 itself. The Commission expressed its displeasure on the casual and callous approach adopted by the Respondent in responding to the RTI application. It is felt that conduct of Respondent is against the spirit of the RTI Act 2005, which has been enacted to ensure greater transparency and effective access to the information. Such kind of behavior of a Government servant needs to be condemned and such employees need to be taught a good lesson so that rest of the employees have a right kind of message to wake up and perform their duties under the RTI Act for ensuring complete transparency and due accountability in the governance affairs of the public authorities.



APPEAL CASE NO. 4899 of 2025

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 Tehsildar Ludhiana (south)** as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay / denial in providing the information to the RTI applicant. He is directed to file reply to the show cause notice in writing before the next date of hearing.

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

7. 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 29.09.2026 at 11:30 AM for further proceedings in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

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State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Dated :04.08.2026

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Sh. Rajiv Sharma, S/o Sh. Gauree Dayal
292, Kothey Bhim Sain, Dinanagar,
Distt. Gurdaspur - 143531

Appellant

Versus

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

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

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 131 OF 2025

Present :- (i) None for the appellant
(ii) For the respondent : Sh. Rawal Kumar, Jr. Assistant (9872127627), Sh. Navjot Singh, Jr. Assistant (8146555167)

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 02.11.2024 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 24.12.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 04.08.2026 in the Commission.

2. The appellant is absent today. He has not informed the Commission about his absence for today's hearing.

3. Respondent states that the information, as available, in their record has already been sent to the appellant. He has also brought copy of the same today in the Commission.

4. Copy of the same be sent to the appellant alongwith these orders with these directions to point out deficiencies, if any. 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 **15.10.2026 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
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Sh. Bharat Bhushan, S/o Sh. Raj Kumar (8360294870)
R/o House No. 30, Gali No. 2, Ward No. 30,
Indra Colony, Tehsil and Distt. Pathankot

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o XEN, Canal And Ground Water Division,
Water Resource Department
Gurdaspur

First Appellate Authority
O/o SE, Canal and Ground Water circle,
Water Resources Department, Amritsar

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 78 OF 2025

Present :- (i) Sh Raman Thakur, Counsel for the appellant
(ii) For the respondent- none

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 28.08.2024 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 20.12.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 04.08.2026 in the Commission.

2. The Counsel for the appellant states that the information provided to him is not complete.

3. The respondent is not present today. However, he has filed the copy of the information sent to the appellant vide Commission diary no. 15307 dated 30.07.2026.

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 an opportunity to appear before the Commission and state his case. 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 at **29.09.2026 at 11:30AM** for further proceedings in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

sd/-

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Note: ShKulbir Singh, clerk appeared after the hearing was over. He was read out the above order.

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Sh. Bharat Bhushan, S/o Sh. Raj Kumar (8360294870)
R/o House No. 30, Gali No. 2, Ward No. 30,
Indra Colony, Tehsil and Distt. Pathankot

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o XEN, Canal And Ground Water Division,
Water Resource Department, Gurdaspur

First Appellate Authority,
O/o SE, Canal and Ground Water circle,
Water Resources Department, Amritsar

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 75 OF 2025

Present :- (i) Sh Raman Thakur, Counsel for the appellant
(ii) For the respondent- none

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 27.08.2024 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 20.12.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 04.08.2026 in the Commission.

2. The Counsel for the appellant states that no information has been provided to him.

3. The respondent is not present today.

4. Sh Raman Thakur, Counsel for the appellant 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 **29.09.2026 at 11:30AM** for further proceedings in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

Dated : 04.08.2026

Sd/-
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APPEAL CASE NO. 75 OF 2025

*Note: ShKulbir Singh, clerk appeared after the hearing was over. He has sought time to file reply. Hence, considering the request of the respondent, an opportunity is given to the him to appear before the Commission and file his reply. Both the parties are directed to appear, in person, on the next date of hearing for deliberations, failing this, the Commission shall proceed to decide the matter on the basis of the material available on record and may issue appropriate directions in accordance with law. To come up on **29.09.2026 at 11:30AM** for further proceedings in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.*

Dated :04.08.2026

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Sh. Hakam Singh, S/o Sh. Darshan
Singh, R/o Madhir, Tehsil Gidderbaha, Sri Mukatsar Sahib
(9914692355)

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o XEN, Canal Division
Abohar Canal, Abohar, Distt. Fazilka

First Appellate Authority
O/o SE, Ferozepur Canal, Circle
Water Resources Department, Ferozepur

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 49 OF 2025

Present :- (i) None for the appellant
(ii) For the respondent : Sh. Gurshinder Singh, Canal Patwari
(9463426767)

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 11.07.2024 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 20.12.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 04.08.2026 in the Commission.

2. Today the appellant is not present. He has not informed the Commission about his absence for today's hearing.

3. Respondent states that the information has already been sent to the appellant. He has also brought copy of the same today in the Commission.

4. This is the first date of hearing and the appellant is not present today and no submissions have been received from the appellant. Taking a lenient view **one last and final opportunity** is given to him to appear before the Commission and state his case. The respondent is exempted from the next date of hearing. *It is made clear that in case the Appellant does not appear on the next date of hearing, appropriate order in his absence shall be passed.*

5. To come up on **15.10.2026 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

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Dated :04.08.2026

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Ms.Nitika Sharma, (M-7018041020)
C/o Sh. Pankaj Thakur
Department of Personnel IV, room No, A225,
HP Secretariat Shimla, HP-171002

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Drugs Control Officer, Patiala-2
Civil Surgeon office, Patiala

First Appellate Authority
O/o Zonal Licensing Authority (Drugs)
Civil Surgeon, Patiala

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 37 OF 2025

Present :- (i) Ms Nitika Sharma, Appellant along with ShPankaj Thakur
(ii) For the respondent- None

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 11.07.2024 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 20.12.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 04.08.2026 in the Commission.

2. The appellant states that respondent has sent their reply mentioning that the information demanded cannot be provided due to personal record of third party.

3. 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 appear before the Commission and file his reply. 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). Both the parties are directed to appear, in person, on **25.08.2026 at 11:30AM** through CISCO-Webex (online video conferencing). The meeting number of this bench is 25154060883 and password is 12345. **However, the Respondent-PIO is directed to attend the hearing in the Commission office**, failing which the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

Dated :04.08.2026

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Sh. JagjitLal, S/o Sh. HarbansLal
VPO Kultham, Tehsil Banga, Distt. Nawanshahr-144501
(6239255932)

Appellant

Versus

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

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

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 34OF 2025

Present :- None for the parties

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 21.09.2024 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 20.12.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 04.08.2026 in the Commission.

2. Today neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. The appellant has sent an email that he is unable to attend today's hearing. Further he adds that no information has been given to him so far. Respondent has not informed the Commission about his absence for today's hearing. This is the first date of hearing and both the parties are not present, hence taking a lenient view one last and final opportunity is given to them to appear before the Commission and state their case. 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 15.10.2026 at 11.30 AM for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
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Dated :04.08.2026

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Chandigarh (M-9876481048)

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Civil Surgeon, Mohali

First Appellate Authority
O/o Civil Surgeon, Mohali

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 14 OF 2025

Present :-(i) None for the appellant
(ii) For the respondent- Dr Parminder Singh, MO (9501550099)

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 16.07.2024 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 19.02.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 04.08.2026 in the Commission.

2. The appellant is not present today. The notice of hearing sent to her has been received back in the office as undelivered, with comments from the postal authorities as “unclaimed”.

3. The respondent states that they have already sent the information to the appellant. He has also filed copy of the same.

4. In view of the above, an opportunity is given to the appellant to appear before the Commission and state her case. 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 22.09.2026 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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Dated :04.08.2026

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Sh.Boota Singh, S/o Sh. Sohan Singh
R/o Village JattWali, Ram Nagar
Tehsil and Distt.Fazilka

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o DFO Sri Muktsar Sahib

First Appellate Authority
O/o Chief Forest Officer,
Ferozepur

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 10 OF 2025

Present :- (i) None for the appellant
(ii) For the respondent : Sh.Lovepreet, Forest Guard (9872310025), Sh.Prabhjot Singh (9888661798) and Sh. Gurpreet Singh, Forest Guard (6283130320)

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 13.09.2024 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 19.12.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 04.08.2026 in the Commission.

2. Today the appellant is not present. He has sent an email that he is unable to attend today's hearing. Further he has requested for online hearing of his case.

3. Respondent states that the information has already been sent to the appellant. He has also brought copy of information today in the Commission.

4. The same is taken on record. This is the first date of hearing, hence considering the request of the appellant the above said appeal is adjourned on **22.09.2026 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings through CISCO-Webex (video-conferencing application). **The CISCO-Webex meeting ID of this bench is 25154060883 and password is 12345.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Dated :04.08.2026

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Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Secretary, PWD, Punjab
roomNo.23, Third floor, Punjab civil Sectt.-2,
Sector 9, Chandigarh

First Appellate Authority
O/o Secretary, PWD, Punjab
Room No.23, Third floor, Punjab civil Sectt.-2,
Sector 9, Chandigarh

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 841 OF 2025

Present: - None for the parties

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 28.10.2024 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 30.01.2025 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 04.08.2026 in the Commission.

2. Today neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. They have even not informed the Commission about their absence for today's hearing. Taking a lenient view, one last and final opportunity is given to them to appear before the Commission and state their case. 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 13.10.2026 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

Dated :04.08.2026