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Shri Harbhajan Singh Ghotra (89681-18396),  
S/o Shri Balwant Singh Ghotra,  
Village Gilzian, P.O. Miani,  
Distt. Hoshiarpur-144202.

...Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer  
O/O Senior Superintendent of Police,  
Hoshiarpur.

First Appellate Authority,  
O/O Senior Superintendent of Police,  
Hoshiarpur.

..... Respondents

### **APPEAL CASE NO. 1457 of 2018**

Present: None on behalf of appellant.  
Shri Rajinder Singh, HC, on behalf of respondents.

#### **ORDER:**

The representative of respondents reiterates his earlier stand that the sought for information has already been supplied to the appellant by registered post on 23-06-2018. He places a photocopy of the supplied information before the court which is taken on record.

2. The appellant is absent for the second time consecutively and nothing has been heard from him about the supplied information.. It appears that the appellant might have received the information and might be satisfied with the supplied information.

3. As the information stands supplied, the case is ordered to be **disposed of and closed.**

4. Copy of order be sent to the parties.

Place: Chandigarh,  
Dated: 23-01-2019

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( Hem Inder Singh )  
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Sh. Manjit Singh (98553-02896),  
R/o 4780, Shiva Ji Nagar,  
Ludhiana.

.....Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer,  
O/O SHO, Thana Basti,  
Jodhewal, District Ludhiana.

.... Respondent.

**COMPLAINT CASE NO. 28 of 2017.**

Present: None on behalf of complainant.  
Sub Inspector, Radhe Shyam, on behalf of respondent.

**ORDER:**

On the last date of hearing on 22-11-2018, the representative of respondents had stated in the court that the respondent-PIO, Shri Jasbinder Singh, SHO, Thana Basti, Jodhewal has gone into appeal against the orders of the Commission imposing him penalty.

2. Today the representative of respondents states that the case has been admitted and has been listed for hearing on 12-04-2019 by the Hon'ble High Court of Punjab and Haryana at Chandigarh.

3. Accordingly, the case is adjourned and fixed for further hearing on **23-04-2019 at 12.30 PM.**

4. Copy of order be sent to the parties.

Place: Chandigarh,  
Dated: 23-01-2019

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S/o Shri Balwant Singh Ghotra,  
Village Gilzian, P.O. Miani,  
Distt. Hoshiarpur-144202.

...Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer  
O/O Senior Superintendent of Police,  
Hoshiarpur.

First Appellate Authority,  
O/O Senior Superintendent of Police,  
Hoshiarpur.

..... Respondents

### **APPEAL CASE NO. 1458 of 2018**

Present: None on behalf of appellant.  
Shri Rajinder Singh, HC, on behalf of respondents.

#### **ORDER:**

The representative of respondents reiterates his earlier stand that the sought for information has already been supplied to the appellant by registered post on 23-06-2018. He places a photocopy of the supplied information before the court which is taken on record.

2. The appellant is absent for the second time consecutively and nothing has been heard from him about the supplied information.. It appears that the appellant might have received the information and might be satisfied with the supplied information.

3. As the information stands supplied, the case is ordered to be **disposed of and closed.**

4. Copy of order be sent to the parties.

Place: Chandigarh,  
Dated: 23-01-2019

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Sh. Ravinder Singh Gill,  
House No. 986, Near Dev Hotel,  
Main Bazar, Moga.

...Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer  
O/O Additional Director General of Prisons,  
Punjab, Sector-17A, Chandigarh

First Appellate Authority,  
O/O Additional Director General of Prisons,  
Punjab, Sector-17A, Chandigarh.

... Respondents

## **APPEAL CASE NO. 25 of 2018**

Present: None on behalf of both the parties.

### **ORDER:**

Today both the parties are absent.

2. The appellant is absent for the sixth time consecutively. However, a letter dated 07-01-2019 from the appellant is received in the Commission office vide which he has stated that the respondents have not supplied him the copy of action taken report by the competent authority. He has sought exemption from personal hearing.

3. The respondents are absent without any intimation to the Commission. They are directed to be present in the court along with the information to be supplied to the appellant in the court, on the next date of hearing. Adjourned.

4. To come up for further hearing on **27-03-2019 at 11.00 AM.**

5. Copy of order be sent to the parties.

Place: Chandigarh,  
Dated: 23-01-2019

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Shri Nirbhey Singh s/o Sh. Amar Singh,  
VPO: Manoli, Distt. SAS Nagar.

...Complainant.

Versus

Public Information Officer,  
o/o Block Development & Panchayat Officer,  
Kharar, Distt. SAS Nagar.

....Respondent

**Complaint Case No.173 of 2017**

Present: None on behalf of both the parties.

**ORDER:**

Today both the parties are absent.

2. The representative of the respondent-PIO has been stating in the court from the very beginning that the relevant record, about which the complainant has sought information, is in the custody of Vigilance Department. As and when the same is received back from the Vigilance Department, the information will be supplied to the complainant.

3. The complainant is absent for the six time consecutively. It appears that he is not interested in getting information.

4. Moreover, this is a complaint case, therefore, the attention of the complainant is drawn to the decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India rendered in its order dated 12-12-2011 in Civil Appeal Nos. 10788 of 2011 ( arising out of SLP © No. 32768-32769/2010) in para 31 whereof, it has been held that while entertaining a complaint case under Section 18 of the RTI Act, 2005, the Commissioners have no jurisdiction to pass an order providing for an access to the information. The complainant is advised to approach the first appellate authority in this behalf.

5. The case is ordered to be **disposed of and closed**.

6. Copy of order be sent to the parties.

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Dated: 23-01-2019

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Shri Karamjeet Singh (98143-37947)

House No. 301, Street No.2, Kundan Nagar,  
Ferozepur.

....Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer,  
o/o Principal Secretary to Govt. of Punjab,  
Department of Home & Jails,  
Punjab Civil Secretariat, Chandigarh.

.....Respondent

**Complaint Case No. 1369 of 2017**

Present: None on behalf of complainant.

Shri Ashok Sharma, Senior Assistant, on behalf of respondent.

**ORDER:**

The representative of respondent states in the court that the final proceedings of the inquiry have not been received till date. He states that as and when the final report of the inquiry is received the sought for information will be supplied to the complainant. He requests the court to adjourn the case.

2. The complainant is absent for the fifth time consecutively. He is directed to be present in the court on the next date of hearing. In case of non appearance, the case will be decided on merit.

3. To come up for further hearing on **27-03-2019 at 11.00 AM.**

4. Copy of order be sent to the parties.

Place: Chandigarh,  
Dated: 23-01-2019

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Shri Ravinder Kataria (94631-33590),  
#64, New Sant Fateh Singh Nagar,  
Dugri Road, Ludhiana.

...Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer  
O/O Secretary, Regional Transport Authority,  
Hoshiarpur.

First Appellate Authority,  
O/O Punjab, State Transport Commissioner,  
SCO No.177-178, Sector-17-C, Chandigarh.

..... Respondents

### **APPEAL CASE NO. 1455 of 2018**

Present: None on behalf of appellant.  
Shri Ravi Dutt, Junior Assistant on behalf of respondents.

### **ORDER:**

The representative of respondents reiterates his earlier stand that the relevant record is in the custody of Vigilance Department. Whenever it is received back in the office, the sought for information will be supplied to the appellant.

2. The appellant is absent. However, a telephone is received in the Commission office from the appellant. He has requested for adjournment. Accordingly, the case is adjourned.

3. To come up for further hearing on **13-02-2019 at 11.00 AM.**

4. Copy of order be sent to the parties.

Place: Chandigarh,  
Dated: 23-01-2019

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Shri Varinder Singh (94641-14107),  
S/o Shri Ramesh Chand, Mohalla  
Bankhari, VPO Dholbaha,  
Hoshiarpur-144206.

...Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer  
O/O Director, Animal Husbandry,  
Livestock Complex,  
Sector-68, SAS Nagar.

First Appellate Authority,  
O/O Director, Animal Husbandry,  
Livestock Complex,  
Sector-68, SAS Nagar.

..... Respondents

### **APPEAL CASE NO. 743 of 2018**

Present: Shri Varinder Singh, appellant, in person.  
Dr. KPS Pasricha, APIO, on behalf of respondents.

### **ORDER:**

Today both the parties are present in the court.

2. The respondent-APIO reiterates his earlier stand that the case has been referred to Government for final decision and the Government has not returned the file to the Directorate. Therefore no information can be provided till the file is received back in the office.
3. He request the court to adjourn the case. Accordingly, the case is adjourned and fixed for further hearing on **27-03-2019 at 11.00 AM.**
4. Copy of order be sent to the parties.

Place: Chandigarh,  
Dated: 23-01-2019

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Shri Manjit Singh,  
H.No. 388/3, Bahera Road,  
Patiala.

...Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer  
O/O State Transport Commissioner, Punjab,  
SCO No. 177-78, Sector 17-B, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,  
O/O State Transport Commissioner, Punjab,  
SCO No. 177-78, Sector 17-B, Chandigarh.

...Respondents

**Appeal Case No. 2654 of 2017**

Present: Shri Manjit Singh, appellant, in person.  
Shri Gural Singh Sidhu, APIO on behalf of respondents.

**ORDER:**

Today both the parties are present in the court.

2. The respondent-APIO submits information in the court which is handed over to the appellant.

3. After going through the provided information, the appellant expresses his satisfaction and requests the court to close the case.

4. As the sought for information stands supplied, the case is **disposed of and closed.**

5. Copy of order be sent to the parties.

Place: Chandigarh,  
Dated: 23-01-2019

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Shri Kulbhushan s/o Sh. Banvari Lal,  
House No. 377, PUDA Colony, Malout-152107,  
Distt.Sri Muktsar Sahib.

...Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer  
O/O Principal Secretary to Govt. Punjab,  
Department of School Education,(Education-2 Br.)  
Mini Sectt. Sector-9, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,  
O/O Principal Secretary to Govt. Punjab,  
Department of School Education,  
Mini Sectt. Sector-9, Chandigarh.

... Respondents

### **Appeal Case No. 1351 of 2017**

Present: Shri Kulbhushan, appellant in person.  
Ms. Anita, Senior Assistant, Education (2) Branch on behalf of respondents.

### **ORDER:**

Today both the parties are present.

2. The representative of respondents appearing on behalf of Secretary, School Education states in the court that the information, as available on the record has already been supplied to the appellant. No other information is there on the record.

3. The appellant states that the supplied information is incorrect and irrelevant. He requests the court to direct the respondents to supply the correct and complete information to him.

4. The RTI application is discussed in the court. After discussion, the respondents are directed to submit a duly attested affidavit, under the signatures of respondent-PIO, giving the point-wise information on the next date of hearing. Adjourned.

5. To come up for further hearing on **21-02-2019 at 11.00 AM.**

6. Copy of order be sent to the parties.

Place: Chandigarh,  
Dated: 23-01-2019

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Shri Ram Kishore,  
VPO: Palahi, Phagwara,  
Distt. Kapurthala.

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,  
o/o Director, Public Instruction (Colleges),  
Punjab School Education Board Complex,  
Sector-62, SAS Nagar.

Public Information Officer,  
Principal,  
Kamla Nehru College for Women, Phagwara-144401.

First Appellate Authority,  
o/o Director, Public Instruction (Colleges),  
Punjab School Education Board Complex,  
Sector-62, SAS Nagar.

... Respondents.

**Appeal Case No. 3756 of 2016**

Present: Shri Ram Kishore, appellant, in person.  
Ms. Karamjeet Kaur, Senior Assistant, Ms. Ruchi Joshi, Clerk and Shri Jaspal Singh  
Guru, Advocate, on behalf of Principal, Kamla Nehru College, on behalf of respondents.

**ORDER:**

Today all the concerned parties are present.

2. The advocate appearing for the PIO of Kamla Nehru College for Women, Phagwara submits an affidavit in the court which is handed over to the appellant and a photocopy of the same is placed in the case file.

3. After going through the provided affidavit, the appellant expresses his dissatisfaction with the contents of the affidavit.

4. The RTI application is discussed point wise. After discussion it comes out that the information, as available on the record, has been provided and no more information is there on the record of public authority.

5. As the information stands supplied, the case is **disposed of and closed**.

6. Copy of order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

Place: Chandigarh,  
Dated: 23-01-2019

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Sh. Harbir Singh,  
House No. 307, Charan Bagh,  
Patiala.

...Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer,  
O/O DPI (Colleges) Punjab,  
Punjab Education Board Complex,  
Sector 68, SAS Nagar.

.... Respondent.

**COMPLAINT CASE NO. 923 of 2016.**

Present: None on behalf of both the parties.

**ORDER:**

On the last date of hearing on 20-12-2018, the letter from complainant pointing deficiencies in the provided information and the respondent-PIO was directed to supply the information as per deficiencies pointed out by the complainant.

2. The complainant is absent. However, a letter dated 18-01-2019 from the complainant is received in the Commission office. He has stated that no information has been provided till date. He has expressed his inability to attend the court and has sought adjournment.

3. None is present on behalf of respondent. The respondent-PIO is asked to supply the information as per deficiencies pointed out by the complainant. Adjourned.

4. To come up for further hearing on **21-02-2019 at 11.00 AM.**

5. Copy of order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

Place: Chandigarh,  
Dated: 23-01-2019

( Hem Inder Singh )  
State Information Commissioner

PS: After the hearing is over, Shri Jai Singh Rana, Senior Assistant, phoned to the Commission stating that he could not attend the court due to illness.  
2. He is apprised of the court proceedings.

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Sh. Harbir Singh,  
House No. 307, Charan Bagh,  
Patiala.

...Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer,  
O/O DPI (Colleges) Punjab,  
Punjab Education Board Complex,  
Sector 68, SAS Nagar.

.... Respondent.

**COMPLAINT CASE NO. 924 of 2016.**

Present: None on behalf of both the parties.

**ORDER:**

On the last date of hearing on 20-12-2018, the letter from complainant pointing deficiencies in the provided information and the respondent-PIO was directed to supply the information as per deficiencies pointed out by the complainant.

2. The complainant is absent. However, a letter dated 18-01-2019 from the complainant is received in the Commission office. He has stated that no information has been provided till date. He has expressed his inability to attend the court and has sought adjournment.

3. None is present on behalf of respondent. The respondent-PIO is asked to supply the information as per deficiencies pointed out by the complainant. Adjourned.

4. To come up for further hearing on **21-02-2019 at 11.00 AM.**

5. Copy of order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

Place: Chandigarh,  
Dated: 23-01-2019

( Hem Inder Singh )  
State Information Commissioner

PS: After the hearing is over, Shri Jai Singh Rana, Senior Assistant, phoned to the Commission stating that he could not attend the court due to illness.  
2. He is apprised of the court proceedings.

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Sh. Gora Lal (92566-44000),  
s/o Sh. Hem Raj,  
Model Town, Street No.4,  
Goniana Mandi, Bathinda.

.....Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer,  
O/O Principal Secretary, Punjab Govt.  
Local Bodies, (Branch-3),  
Municipal Bhawan,  
Sector-35 A, Chandigarh.

.... Respondent.

**COMPLAINT CASE NO. 1342 of 2016**

Present: None on behalf of both the parties.

**ORDER:**

On the last date of hearing on 20-12-2018, the representative of respondent had stated that the sought for information had already been supplied to the complainant.

2. The complainant is absent for the sixth time consecutively. On the last date of hearing on 20-12-2018 he was afforded a last opportunity to be present in the court and to point out deficiencies, if any, in the provided information. Neither the complainant is present nor anything has been heard from him about the supplied information. It is assumed that he might be satisfied with the provided information.

3. As the information stands supplied, the case is **disposed of and closed**.

4. Copy of order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

Place: Chandigarh,  
Dated: 23-01-2019

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Sh. Narinderjeet Singh (94634-22558),  
Village Jasowal,. P.O. Sandhuwal,  
Tehsil & Distt. Patiala.

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,  
O/O General Manager,  
PRTC, Patiala Depot,  
Patiala.

First Appellate Authority,  
O/O Managing Director PRTC,  
Head Office, Patiala.

...Respondents.

**APPEAL CASE NO. 2926 of 2017**

Present: None on behalf of appellant.  
Ms. Rajesh Sharma and Sh. Gian Chand, Senior Assistants on behalf of  
respondents.

**ORDER:**

The representatives of respondents state that the remaining information is yet to be supplied. They request for adjournment.

2. The appellant is absent. He is directed to be present in the court on the next date of hearing.
3. The respondents are directed to supply the information relating to point Nos. 1, 2, 4, 5 & 8 before the next date of hearing. Adjourned.
4. To come up for further hearing on **21-02-2019 at 11.00 AM.**
5. Copy of order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

Place: Chandigarh,  
Dated: 23-01-2019

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Shri Bhupinder Singh s/o Sh. Baldev Singh,  
Village PO: Mann, Tehsil Malout,  
Distt. Sri Muktsar Sahib.

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,  
O/O Block Development & Panchayats Officer,  
Lambi, Distt. Sri Muktsar Sahib.

First Appellate Authority,  
O/O District Development & Panchayats Officer,  
Sri Muktsar Sahib.

Respondents.

**APPEAL CASE NO. 452 of 2017**

Present: None on behalf of appellant.  
Shri Sukhmeet Singh, PIO-cum-BDPO, on behalf of respondents.

**ORDER:**

As directed on the last date of hearing on 20-12-2018, Shri Sukhmeet Singh, respondent-PIO-cum-BDPO, Lambi is present in the court. He submits his written explanation in the shape of an attested affidavit in the court which is taken on record and is placed in the case file. He requests the court to exonerate him of the charge of supplying the information late and for not properly obeying the orders of the court and also to waive of penalty of Rs. 25,000/- imposed upon him for the delay in supplying the information to the appellant.

2. A perusal of the record available in the case file reveals that the respondent-PIO, Shri Sukhmeet Singh, actually did not take the orders of the court seriously. He did not attend the court on hearing dates despite the direction of the court to be present in person in the court.

3. However, in his written explanation he has stated that on 25-04-2018, when he was coming to Chandigarh to attend the court, the vehicle in which he was travelling met with an accident near Sangrur and he reached late after the hearing was over. On that very day he had tendered an unconditional apology for not coming to the court in time.

4. With regard to not attending the hearing on 29-08-2018, he has given in writing that on that date he was present in the Commission office. On this date i.e. 29-08-2018, the respondent had two cases to attend in the Commission. One in the court of Shri A.S.Kaler, State Information Commissioner, and another in this court. When a call was given to be present in this court, he was attending the court of Shri A.S.Kaler, SIC and did not attend this court in time.

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5. He has further written that the orders of the court with regard to payment of compensation of Rs. 5,000/- to the appellant has also been complied with and the payment has been made to the appellant. In the end he has tendered an unconditional apology in his written explanation, and also before the court in person, and has assured the court to be careful while dealing with the RTI cases in future.

6. Keeping in view the facts available in the case file, it is very much clear that the respondent-PIO did not take the orders of the court seriously. However, an examination of his written explanation also shows due to unavoidable circumstances beyond his reach, he could not attend the court on 25-04-2018 and 29-08-2018 in time. Therefore, taking a lenient view, the court absolves him of the charge and the penalty imposed upon is waived of. However, he is issued a warning to be careful while dealing with the RTI cases in future.

7. The case is ordered to be **disposed of and closed**.

5. Copies of order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

Place: Chandigarh,  
Dated: 23-01-2019

( Hem Inder Singh )  
State Information Commissioner