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Sh. Tarsem Singh, Ex-Subedar,  
President Gram Vikas Society (Retd.)  
Khanpur Tehsil Baba Bakala Sahib  
Amritsar 9915097137

.. appellant

vs

Sh. Navkirat Singh Randhawa Tehsildar 8711000040  
Public Information Officer-cum-Tehsildar,  
Baba Bakala Sahib,  
Now Tehsildar Amritsar-1,  
Amritsar

Ms Alka Kalia, PCS  
First Appellate Authority  
-cum-SDM Baba Bakala  
Amritsar

Ms Rupinderjit Kaur,  
Public Information Officer-cum-  
Tehsildar, Baba Bakala,  
Amritsar

Ms Robinjit Kaur,  
Tehsildar cum Public Information Officer  
Baba Bakala, Amritsar.

.. respondents

Appeal Case No. 1236 of 2022

Present:- Sh. Tarsem Singh, appellant.  
Sh. Anand Joti, A.Office Kanungo Baba Bakala 9988787859 & Sh. Gurpreet Singh,  
RC Baba Bakala 7889024690 on behalf of the respondents.

### ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 17.2.2023.

2. The appellant submits that no action has been taken by the department to supply the information. He also submits that no compensation amounting to Rs.15,000(Rupees Fifteen thousands only) has been received from the respondent as has been awarded. However, no satisfactory reply has been given by the respondent with regard to the information. Also they

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have not brought the demand draft, as has been awarded in favour of the appellant, as compensation. The appellant further submits that wrong Jamabandi was prepared by the Tehsildar, Baba Bakala during the year 2014-15 and after a correction, the Patwari issued a Fard Badar. Despite having made correction in the Fard Badar by Patwari, still preparing the new Jamabandi after five years the correction made in the Fard Badar has not been carried forward. In this regard he is representing the department but no action has been taken by the office. Furthermore, the appellant also alleged that the respondent Tehsil Office has misplaced his representations and record related to Fard Badar. He has also placed on record two copies of the Fard Badar, information related to which has been sought by him. The reply of the respondent is not satisfactory as they submit that they do not have the Fard Badar Record as well as the representations of the appellant submitted by him, in this regard.

3. It is also a fact that the appellant filed the RTI application on 5.4.2021 and since then the department is lingering the matter for one reason or the other. It is also a fact that due to casual attitude in dealing with the RTI application of the appellant first compensation was awarded in favour of the appellant amounting to Rs. 10,000/- on 6.1.2023. Again compensation was enhanced from Rs.10,000/- to Rs.15,000/- due to the same approach adopted by the respondents.

4. Also Ms Alka Kalia, PCS, SDM cum First Appellate Authority, Baba Bakala was apprised of the matter through telephone by the Commission and was also directed to take personal interest to take the matter to its logical end. But neither the compensation amount has been paid to the respondent nor satisfactory reply has been given with regard to the RTI application.

5. The appellant also requested that the compensation may be enhanced. Due to non compliance of the orders of the Commission consecutively, the compensation in this case is enhanced from Rs.15,000/- to Rs.17,500/- (Rupees seventeen thousands five hundred only).

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Accordingly, Public Information Officer cum Tehsildar Amritsar-1 is directed to pay the compensation to the appellant. This amount shall be payable from the State Exchequer before the next date of hearing. Ms Alka Kalia, PCS, SDM cum First Appellate Authority, Baba Bakala is also directed to ensure compliance of this order failing which the recommendations of disciplinary proceedings will also be considered.

6. The Tehsildar-cum-Public Information Officer Amritsar-1 is also directed to supply the complete information as has been sought by the appellant. In case the record related to Fard Badar as well as the representations of the appellant are not available in the office then the specific affidavit, duly sworn, be filed before the next date of hearing. A copy of the Fard Badar placed on record by the appellant was handed over to the respondent during the hearing and a copy of the same has been retained in the case file. Also a copy of the same is **being sent** to the respondent-Public Information Officer along with this order.

7. The decision regarding imposition of penalty amounting to Rs.10,000 (Rupees ten thousands only) upon Sh. Navkirat Singh Randhawa, Tehsildar will be taken on the next date of hearing.

8. To come up on 6.4.2023 at 12.30 PM to be heard through video conference facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Amritsar.

Dated:9.3.2023

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(Suresh Arora)  
Chief Information Commissioner,  
Punjab.

Deputy Commissioner, (By name)  
Amritsar

Drawing and Disbursing Officer  
o/o the Deputy Commissioner,  
Amritsar.

Sh. Anand Jyoti, A.Office Kanungo,  
through Tehsildar,  
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