

PUNJAB STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION

RED CROSS BUILDING, NEAR ROSE GARDEN,

SECTOR 16, CHANDIGARH.

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Ms. Rajbir Kaur, (81461 90763)
W/o Shri Narinder Singh,
R/o Village Singhpur, Block Bhikhiwind,
District Tarn Taran.

...Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer, (BY NAME)
O/o Block Development & Panchayat Officer,
Block Bhikhiwind, District Tarn Taran.

First Appellate Authority, (BY NAME)
O/o District Development & Panchayat Officer,
Tarn Taran.

...Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 2621 OF 2022 (CISCO WEBEX Proceedings)

| Date of RTI Application | Date of Reply, if any of SPIO | Date of First Appeal made, if any | Date of order, if any of FAA | Date of Appeal/Complaint filed in the Commission |
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| 29.07.2021 | 12.11.2021 | 22.11.2021 | - | 31.05.2022 |

PRESENT: Ms. Rajbir Kaur, Appellant.
None on behalf of the Respondents

ORDER (THIRD HEARING):

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 17.01.2023 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The Appellant states that information sought has not been provided to her.
3. Despite ample opportunities of being heard, the PIO not only failed to come present on the third consecutive hearing, but also failed to supply the complete information to the appellant and reply to the Notice/Order of the Commission. Hence, in exercise of the powers conferred by Section 20(1) of the RTI Act, 2005, **a penalty to the tune of Rs. 20,000/- (Rupees Twenty Thousand only)** is imposed upon the **Public Information Officer O/o Block Development & Panchayat Officer, Block Bhikhiwind, District Tarn Taran** to be deducted from his/her salary, which is to be deposited in the State Treasury under the relevant head.
4. The Drawing and Disbursing Officer O/o District Development & Panchayat Officer, Tarn Taran is directed to deduct the amount of penalty of Rs. 20000/- from the salary of PIO O/o Block Development & Panchayat Officer, Block Bhikhiwind, District Tarn Taran and deposit in the State Treasury in the following Head of Account and to report its compliance to the Commission: -

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- 0070- Other Administrative Services
- 60 – Other Services
- 0800 – Other Receipts
- 86-Fee under the RTI Act, 2005

5. The PIO is also directed to bring along the parawise information as also evidence for having deposited the amount of penalty and produce the same before the Bench.
6. The matter is adjourned. To come up for hearing on **17.05.2022 at 11:30 AM in the Commission**. Both the parties are directed to present their case personally. Copies of the order sent to the parties.

Chandigarh
12.04.2023

Sd/-
(Maninder Singh Patti)
State Information Commissioner, Punjab

Copy of the above is forwarded to the following:- (Regd. Post)

- 1) **The Deputy Commissioner, (BY NAME)**
Tarn Taran.
- 2) **The Drawing & Disbursing Officer,**
O/o District Development & Panchayat Officer,
Tarn Taran.

for information and compliance of the order.