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Smt. Charanjit Kaur, Panch (89680 97999)

W/o Shri Mandeep Singh,

R/o Village Chahrke, Post Office Bhogpur,

District Jalandhar – 144201

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer, (BY NAME)

O/o Block Development & Panchayat Officer,

Block Bhogpur, District Jalandhar.

First Appellate Authority, (BY NAME)

O/o District Development & Panchayat Officer,

Jalandhar.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 0357 OF 2022

(Cisco Webex Proceedings)

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of PIO	Date of First Appeal made, if any	Date of Order, if any of FAA	Date of Appeal/ Complaint Filed in Commission
13.08.2021	--	05.10.2021	--	11.01.2022

PRESENT:

Shri Mandeep Singh, Husband/Representative of the Appellant.

None on behalf of the Respondents

ORDER (SIXTH HEARING):

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 17.04.2023 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The Representative of the Appellant states that complete information has not been provided to him till today.
3. After examining the case, it is clearly shows that there is **a delay of about 21 months** and the information has not been supplied to the Appellant, which is definitely on a higher side and cannot be given a go by.
4. The PIO is absent for today's hearing and he was also absent on the last hearings i.e. 06.06.2022, 29.06.2022, 17.10.2022, 23.01.2023, 17.04.2023 and 22.05.2023. Besides, the PIO O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Block Bhogpur, District Jalandhar seems to be totally unmindful and indifferent to the orders issued by the Commission on a number of occasions and he has clearly defied the same.
5. Thus, the Commission draws the inference that the PIO, without any reasonable cause, has malafidly delayed the information and thus, has rendered himself liable for punishment as provided under the RTI Act, 2005. He was given a number of opportunities to provide complete information to the Appellant but he is delaying the matter on one pretext or the other. In these circumstances, **the PIO O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Block Bhogpur, District Jalandhar** is held guilty of default on the above score.

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6. The facts of this case also prove beyond any doubt that the respondent PIO concerned does not deserve any kind of leniency. Hence, in exercise of the powers conferred by Section 20(1) of the RTI Act, 2005, **a penalty to the tune of Rs. 10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand Only)** is imposed upon him to be deducted from his salary, which is to be deposited in the State Treasury under the relevant head.
7. The Drawing and Disbursing Officer – cum – BDPO O/o BDPO, Block Bhogpur, District Jalandhar is directed to deduct the amount of penalty of Rs. 10000/- from the salary of the PIO O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Block Bhogpur, District Jalandhar and deposit the same in the State Treasury in the following Head of Account and to report its compliance to the Commission: -
- 0070 – Other Administrative Services
 - 60 – Other Services
 - 0800 – Other Receipts
 - 86 – Fee under the RTI Act, 2005
8. The matter is adjourned. To come up for hearing on **05.07.2023 at 11:00 AM in the Commission**. Both the parties are directed to present their case personally. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Chandigarh
22.05.2023

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

Copy is forwarded to the following (Regd. Post)

- 1) **The Additional Deputy Commissioner, (By Name)**
Urban Development,
Jalandhar.
- 2) **The Drawing & Disbursing Officer,**
O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer,
Block Bhogpur, District Jalandhar.

for intimation and compliance of the order: