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**Shri Manpreet Singh, (98551 00351)**

S/o Shri Davinder Singh,

Village Kalpur, P.O Dakha,

District Ludhiana.

....Appellant

**Versus**

**Public Information Officer, (BY NAME)**

O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer,

Block – 1, Ludhiana.

**First Appellate Authority, (BY NAME)**

O/o District Development and Panchayat Officer,

Ludhiana.

...Respondents

## **APPEAL CASE NO. 4038 OF 2022**

**(Cisco Webex Proceedings)**

<b>Date of RTI Application</b>	<b>Date of Reply, if any of PIO</b>	<b>Date of First Appeal made, if any</b>	<b>Date of Order, if any of FAA</b>	<b>Date of Appeal/ Complaint Filed in Commission</b>
11.05.2022	--	21.06.2022	--	31.08.2022

### **PRESENT:**

Shri Manpreet Singh, Appellant.

None on behalf of the Respondents

### **ORDER (THIRD 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 Appellant states that he went to the office of the Respondents for the inspection of the record on 21.04.2023, but they did not get the inspection done in this case. He requests the Court to direct the respondents to provide complete information to him without inspection.
3. After examining the case, it is clearly shows that on the last two hearings respondent namely Shri Kamal Bharti, Panchayat Secretary has been appeared but today he said that Shri Kiranpal Singh Sidhu, Panchayat Secretary is the PIO in these two cases i.e. AC:4035/2022 & 4038/2022.
4. The PIO is absent for today's hearing and he was also absent on the last hearings i.e. 06.02.2023 and 17.04.2023. In spite of the directions/Orders of the Commission, information sought has not been provided to the appellant by the PIO. This shows his disregard to the Commission. The perusal of the case reveals that the PIO has not provided the information to the appellant, even after the lapse of the 12 months period.

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5. In view of the above, a **SHOW CAUSE NOTICE** under Section 20(1) of the RTI Act is issued to Shri Kiranpal Singh Sidhu, Panchayat Secretary – cum – PIO O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Block Ludhiana–I, District Ludhiana to explain as to why penalty should not be imposed upon him for willful delay/denial in supplying the information to the RTI applicant and why the compensation be not awarded to the appellant under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.
6. The PIO is directed to file reply to the Show Cause Notice and provide requisite information to the appellant and should appear personally in the Commission, on the next date fixed, failing which **PENALTY** will be imposed upon him as per provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.
7. The Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Block Ludhiana–I, District Ludhiana & District Development and Panchayat Officer, Ludhiana are also directed to ensure compliance of the order from the concerned PIO, before the next date of hearing.
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) **Shri Kiranpal Singh Sidhu,**  
Panchayat Secretary – cum – PIO  
Gram Panchayat Sabhjit Nagar,  
Block Ludhiana–I, District Ludhiana.

for intimation and compliance of the order: