



**Sh. Nitin Kumar Garg, (7814322100)**

C/o Police Public Dairy,  
15 A, Shastari Nagar, Model Town, Ludhiana.

**Versus**

**Public Information Officer**

O/o XEN, Electrical, Division PWD B&R,  
Jalandhar.

**First Appellate Authority**

O/o Superintending Engineer, Electrical Circle, PWD B&R,  
Mohali.

.....Appellant/Complainant

.....Respondent

**Appeal Case No. 2566 of 2022**

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Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of First Appeal made, if any	Date of Order / Reply, if any of FAA	Date of Appeal/Complaint filed in the Commission
23.12.2021	-	10.03.2022	29.03.2022	26.05.2022

Present: Appellant: Sh. Nitin Kumar Garg

Respondent: Absent

**ORDER:**

1. This order may be read with the reference of previous order of the Commission dated 16.11.2022
2. Appellant, Sh. Nitin Kumar Garg stated that no information has been provided to him so far by the respondent authority till date.
3. The respondent PIO is absent without any intimation for the second time. This is despite the Show Cause Notice issued to him on 16.11.2022.

Thus, the Commission draws the inference that the PIO, without any reasonable cause, has mala fide 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 the information to the Appellant but he is delaying the matter on one pretext or the other.

In these circumstances, the PIO O/o XEN, Electrical, Division PWD B&R, Jalandhar is held guilty of default on the above score.

4. 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.

The Drawing and Disbursing Officer PIO O/o XEN, Electrical, Division PWD B&R is directed to deduct the amount of penalty of Rs. 10000/- from the salary of the PIO O/o

commissioner of police, Ludhiana 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

1. To come up on **20.03.2023** through **personal hearing** at PSIC Chandigarh timing **11:30 am**.

**Sd/-**

**Chandigarh  
30.11.2022**

**(Maninder Singh Patti)  
State Information Commissioner, Punjab**

(To comply with the commission order & to present in person on next date of hearing with all the relevant records of the case)

**CC: Er.Jatinder Singh Chhina (PIO)**  
O/o XEN, Electrical, Division PWD B&R,  
Jalandhar.