

PUNJAB STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION

RED CROSS BUILDING, NEAR ROSE GARDEN,

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Shri Sawinder Singh, (98148 24772)

S/o Shri Bal Singh,

VPO Shutrana, Tehsil Patran,

District Patiala – 147105

...Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer, (BY NAME)

O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer,

Block Patran, District Patiala.

First Appellate Authority, (BY NAME)

O/o District Development and Panchayat Officer,

Patiala.

...Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 3790 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 / Reply, if any of FAA	Date of Appeal/Complaint filed in the Commission
23.05.2022	-	04.07.2022	-	18.08.2022

PRESENT:

Shri Sawinder Singh, Appellant.

None on behalf of the Respondents.

ORDER (FOURTH HEARING):

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 24.04.2023 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The Appellant states that information sought has not been provided to him till date.
3. Despite the Show Cause Notice issued and in spite of having been allowed him ample opportunities of being heard, the PIO not only failed to come present on the Fourth consecutive hearing, but also failed to file reply to the Show Cause Notice and not supply the requisite information to the appellant till date.
4. Hence, in exercise of the powers conferred by Section 20(1) of the RTI Act, 2005, **a penalty to the tune of Rs. 25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand Only)** is imposed upon **Shri Krishan Singh, B.D.P.O. – cum – PIO O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Block Patran, District Patiala** to be deducted from his salary.
5. The Drawing and Disbursing Officer O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Block Patran, District Patiala is directed to deduct the amount of penalty of Rs. 25,000/- from the salary of **Shri Krishan Singh, B.D.P.O. – cum – PIO O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Block Patran, District Patiala** 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

6. Shri Krishan Singh, B.D.P.O. – cum – PIO O/o Block Development and Panchayat

Officer, Block Patran, District Patiala is also directed to appear personally and bring along the parawise information as also evidence for having deposited the amount of penalty and produce the same before the Bench on the next date of hearing.

7. The District Development and Panchayat Officer, Patiala is also directed to ensure compliance of the order from the concerned PIO, before the next date of hearing.

8. Further, it also transpires that he does not have any respect for the statutory institution. The Commission cannot take it lying down. The matter has to be taken to a logical end. While exercising its authority under Section 18 (3) (a) of the RTI Act, 2005, a bailable warrant is issued against Shri Krishan Singh, B.D.P.O. – cum – PIO O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Block Patran, District Patiala with the direction to the Senior Superintendent of Police, Patiala to serve it on him to appear along with entire relevant record, before the Bench in the Punjab State Information Commission at Chandigarh on 18.07.2023 at 11:30 AM, so that appropriate action is taken against him. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Chandigarh
29.05.2023

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

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

- 1) The Director, (BY NAME)**
Rural Development and Panchayat Department, Punjab,
Sector 62, S.A.S Nagar (Mohali)
- 2) Shri Varun Sharma, I.P.S.**
Senior Superintendent of Police,
O/o S.S.P. Mini Secretariat, Patiala.
- 3) The Drawing & Disbursing Officer, (BY NAME)**
O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer,
Block Patran, District Patiala.

for information and necessary compliance of the order.