

PUNJAB STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION

RED CROSS BUILDING, NEAR ROSE GARDEN,

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Advocate Bhupinder Singh Kamboj, (99880 08352)

S/o Shri Balwinder Singh,
Village Jameetpur Dheru,
Tehsil & District Ferozepur.

...Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer, (BY NAME)

O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer,
Block Ghal Khurd, District Ferozepur.

First Appellate Authority, (BY NAME)

O/o District Development and Panchayat Officer,
Ferozepur.

...Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 3793 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
21.05.2022	--	02.07.2022	--	18.08.2022

PRESENT: Advocate Bhupinder Singh Kamboj, 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 incomplete information has been provided to him.
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 complete 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. 20,000/- (Rupees Twenty Thousand Only)** is imposed upon **Shri Vinod Kumar Joshi, B.D.P.O. – cum – PIO O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Block Ghal Khurd, District Ferozepur** to be deducted from his salary.
5. The Drawing and Disbursing Officer O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Block Ghal Khurd, District Ferozepur is directed to deduct the amount of penalty of Rs. 20,000/- from the salary of **Shri Vinod Kumar Joshi, B.D.P.O. – cum – PIO O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Block Ghal Khurd, District Ferozepur** 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 Vinod Kumar Joshi, B.D.P.O. – cum – PIO O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Block Ghal Khurd, District Ferozepur** 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, Ferozepur 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 Vinod Kumar Joshi, B.D.P.O. – cum – PIO O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Block Ghal Khurd, District Ferozepur** 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 Bhupinder Singh Sidhu, P.P.S.**
Senior Superintendent of Police,
O/o S.S.P., D.P.O., Ferozepur.
- 3) **The Drawing & Disbursing Officer, (BY NAME)**
O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer,
Block Ghal Khurd, District Ferozepur.

for information and necessary compliance of the order.