



Sh. Raj. M. Singh, (9818575847)
C - 704, SomVihar,
R.K. Puram, New Delhi – 110022

Versus

.....Appellant/Complainant

Public Information Officer
O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Majri,
Distt.Mohali.

.....Respondent

Complaint Case No. 494 of 2022

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Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of Appeal/Complaint filed in the Commission
29.07.2022	03.08.2022	08.08.2022

Present: Appellant:Sh. Raj. M. Singh
Respondent: Sh.Charanjit Singh (Panch. Secy.), 9780012990

ORDER (Fourth Hearing):

1. This order may be read with the reference of previous order of the Commission dated 12.10.2022 vide which the respondent PIO representative, Sh. Surinder pal singh (Panchayat Scty.) admitted in the court that there was damage caused to the fencing of khasra no. 203 by the O/o BDPO Majri from JCB machine. He also submits the unconditional apologies for the same and assured that complainant to compensate for the same. In view of this the respondent PIO was directed to provide a revised reply , as discussed above to the appellant within 15 days from the date of receipt of this order, but the **PIO failed to do so.**
2. In today's hearing the appellant, Sh. Raj. M. Singh made a written submission in court subjected that "the criminal attempt by Ms. Nidhi Sinha, BDPO Majri to blatantly oppose and nullify the order dated 19.10.2022 case no. 494/2022 of the Sate Information Commission by attempting to intimidate me and get an FIR logged against me in Mullanpur Police Station".
3. The Commission observed that despite notice and order of hearing issued to the respondent PIO, the representative of respondent PIO Sh.Charanjit Singh appeared clueless in respect of the nuances of the RTI Act and appeared without proper explanation for non compliance of the previous order of the Commission.
4. A strict warning is issued to the O/o BDPO Majri, Mohali for not providing any reply to the appellant within the timeline prescribed under the Act. The PIOs are warned to be careful with the timeline and refrain from delaying replies.

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 the information to the Appellant but he is delaying the matter on one pretext or the other.

In these circumstances, the PIO O/o BDPO Majri, Mohali is held guilty of default on the above score.

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 PIO O/o BDPO Majri, Mohali is directed to deduct the amount of penalty of Rs. 10000/- from the salary of the PIO O/o BDPO Majri, Mohali 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. To come up on **13.03.2023** through **personal hearing** at PSIC Chandigarh timing **11:30 am**.
Sd/-

Chandigarh
30.11.2022

(Maninder Singh Patti)
State Information Commissioner, Punjab