

PUNJAB STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION

**Red Cross Building, Near Rose Garden,
Sector 16, Chandigarh.**

Ph: 0172-2864113, Helpline No. 0172-2864100

Email: - psic22@punjabmail.gov.in

Visit us: - www.infocommpunjab.com



(Regd. Post) **Sh. Sanjeev Goyal (9814197689)** Appellant
S/o Sh. Ashok Kumar,
148, Model Town, Phase -1, Bathinda.
Versus
(Regd. Post) **Public Information Officer**
O/o SHO, Police Station,
Talwandi Saboo, District Bathinda.
(Regd. Post) **First Appellate Authority** Respondent
O/o IGP, Bathinda Range, Bathinda.
Appeal Case No.: 4956 of 2021
Through CISCO WEBEX
Present: Appellant: Sh. Sanjeev Goyal is present.
Respondent: None is present from the Department.

ORDER:

1. This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 03.08.2022, 18.10.2022, 18.01.2023 and 28.03.2023.
2. In today's hearing the appellant is present but nobody appears from the respondent department. The respondent is absent for the fourth time in spite of registered post orders issued to him by the Commission time and again. A show cause notice was issued to the respondent PIO vide order dated 18.01.2023.
3. From the material on record, it transpires that there has been unnecessary delay in conveying the correct State of affairs to the appellant in respect to his request for information. No explanation for delay has been given by him. Rather, his failure to even respond to the directions issued to him by the Commission reinforces the fact that he has been without any reasonable cause guilty of remissness in the discharge of his duties, therefore, deserves to be penalized.
4. In view of the defying attitude of the concerned respondent PIO, SHO, Police Station, Talwandi Saboo, District Bathinda neither attending the court nor submitting any explanation for the directions issued to him within the time schedule as prescribed under the RTI Act 2005, the court comes to a logical conclusion that it is a fit case for the **imposition of penalty amounting to Rs. 15000/- (Rupees Fifteen thousand only) upon the concerned respondent PIO.** However, taking a lenient view, I impose a penalty of Rs. 10,000/- (Rs. Ten thousand only) on the respondent PIO.

Appeal Case No.: 4956 of 2021

Through CISCO WEBEX

The Drawing and Disbursing Officer of the office of SHO, Police Station, Talwandi Saboo, District Bathinda is directed to deduct the amount of penalty of Rs. 15000/- from the salary of the concerned respondent PIO and be deposited 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

800-Other Receipts

86-Fee under the RTI Act, 2005

5. To come up on **05.07.2023 at 11:00 AM for further proceedings in the Commission**. Copy of the order be sent to the parties through **registered post**.

Date: 17.05.2023

(Anumit Singh Sodhi)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Note: Sh. Jaskaran Singh, ASI (9417301607) visits in the Commission at 1.45 p.m. He states that he has been deputed in the Hon'ble Punjab & Haryana High Court i.e. why he becomes late. He submits a reply vide letter no. 395/RTI dated 25.02.2023 signed by him dated 17.05.2023 along with one page, which is taken on record.

Date: 17.05.2023

(Anumit Singh Sodhi)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab