



**Sh. Guljar Singh, (991412687)**

S/o Sh. Bhajan Singh,  
Village Jagatpur, P.O Bela,  
Tehsil Sri Chamkaur Sahib, Distt Roopnagar.

.....Appellant/Complainant

**Versus**

**Public Information Officer**

O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Sri Chamkaur Sahib,  
Distt Roopnagar.

.....Respondent

**First Appellate Authority**

O/o District Development and Panchayat Officer,  
Roopnagar.

**Appeal Case No. 5878of 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 |
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| 05.08.2022              | 18.08.2022                    | 09.09.2022                        | -                                    | 25.11.2022                                       |

Present: Appellant: Sh. Guljar Singh

Respondent: Sh. Ramjeet Singh (PS) 9417977859 along with

Sh. Gurpreet Kaur (Sarpanch)

**ORDER (FIRST HEARING):**

1. The Appellant filed above mentioned appeal case in the Commission. Accordingly, the case is fixed for today.
2. Both the parties are present for hearing. Respondent, Sh. Ramjeet Singh stated that sought information can only be supplied to the appellant when he deposits the documentation fee. He further added that the appellant was duly informed vide letter dated 18.08.2022 for additional fees, within the mandated period of 30 days as per Section 7(1) & 7(3) of the Right to Information (RTI) Act.
3. Post Deliberation: The Commission in this context, directed the appellant to deposit Rs 2390/- towards the necessary fee for Xeroxing the documents in accordance with the provision of Right to Information (Regulation of fee and costs) Rules, 2005 at the earliest so that the desired documents may be provided to you under RTI Act, 2005." On other hand, PIO is directed to furnish relevant available records to the appellant, within 15 days from the date of receipt of the requisite fee. The appellant is directed to avail of the said offer within a period of 30 days from the date of receipt of this order, failing which no further opportunity will be provided to him. A Compliance report shall be submitted by the Respondent before the Commission within one month. It is made clear that non-compliance of these directions shall attract penal action by the Commission.

**Section 7(1) & 7(3) of the RTI Act are relevant and are given below...**

*"7. (1) Subject to the proviso to sub-section (2) of section 5 or the proviso to sub.-section (3) of section 6, the Central Public Information Officer or State Public Information Officer, as the case may be, on receipt of a request under section 6 shall, as expeditiously as possible, and in any case within thirty days of the receipt of the request, either provide the information on payment of such fee as may be prescribed or reject the request for any of the reasons specified in sections 8 and 9:*

*(3) Where a decision is taken to provide the information on payment of any further fee representing the cost of providing the information, Central Public Information Officer or State Public Information Officer, as the case may be, shall send an intimation to the person making the request, giving-*

*(a) the details of further fees representing the cost of providing the information as determined by him, together with the calculations made to arrive at the amount in accordance with fee prescribed under sub-section (1), requesting him to deposit that fees, and the period intervening between the despatch of the said intimation and payment of fees shall be excluded for the purpose of calculating the period of thirty days referred to in that sub-section;"*

This appeal case is **disposed of and closed** with above observations & directions.

**Sd/-**

**Chandigarh  
27.02.2023**

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