



**Ms. Balbir Kaur**

W/o Sh. Parwinder Singh,  
H. No. 612, Ward No. 04,  
Old Bassi Road, Morinda, Distt. - Roopnagar(Punjab)  
(M : 9530796100)

....Appellant

V/s

(Regd. Post)

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o The Sub Registrar,  
Majri, Distt. – S. A. S. Nagar (Mohali)(Punjab)

**First Appellate Authority,**

O/o The Sub Divisional Magistrate,  
Kharar(Punjab)

...Respondents

**Appeal Case No. 6142 of 2022**

Present : Sh. Parminder Singh (with authority letter) on behalf of the appellant.  
Sh. Rajinder Singh, Clerk (M.-6284531945), on behalf of the respondent.

**ORDER**

Heard in the Commission.

2. The RTI request is dated 15.07.2022. First appeal is dated 09.09.2022. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 08.12.2022.

3. Sh. Rajinder Singh, Clerk, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that reply has already been sent to the appellant

5. Sh. Parminder Singh, who appeared on behalf of the appellant, Ms. Balbir Kaur, in today's hearing with authority letter, states that the respondent has given wrong reply to the appellant.

6. After going through the reply sent by the respondent, it is found that the respondent has given wrong reply to the appellant as well as to the Commission without any application of mind. This shows that the respondent has no regard for the RTI regime.

7. Further it is observed that the respondents are being represented by very low level officials who are not in a position to satisfy the commission and the appellant. From the next date of hearing, no person below the PIO or APIO will be allowed to appear. Appearance of low level officials will amount to disrespect to the RTI Act besides invoking the provisions of imposition of penalty and also award of compensation to the appellant

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and also recommendation of disciplinary action against the PIO under Section 20 of RTI Act, 2005.

8. Taking a lenient view, last opportunity is given to the respondent-PIO to avail opportunity of personal hearing failing which it shall be presumed that he/she has nothing else to say and matter shall be proceeded ex-parte against him/her.

9. To come up on **22<sup>nd</sup> February, 2023 at 12:00 P. M. for further hearing in the Commission.** Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date :6<sup>th</sup> February, 2023

Sd/-  
(Amrit Partap Singh Sekhon)  
State Information Commissioner  
Punjab