

PUNJAB STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION

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Shri Ajay Kumar Mehta, (98146 46309)
R/o # C-118, East Mohan Nagar,
Chamrang road, District Amritsar.

...Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Chief Secretary,
Government of Punjab, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Chief Secretary,
Government of Punjab, Chandigarh.

...Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 1840 OF 2021

(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
17.03.2021	--	02.03.2021	-	09.04.2021

PRESENT: Shri Ajay Kumar Mehta, Appellant.
None on behalf of the Respondents.

ORDER (SECOND HEARING):

This order may be read with reference to the order dated 12.09.2022 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.

2. The Appellant states that information sought has not been provided to him by the Respondents.

3. The PIO is again absent for today's hearing and he was also absent on the last hearing dated 12.09.2022, inspite of the Notice/Orders of the Commission. This shows his disregard to the Commission. The absence of the PIO is viewed seriously and it has also affected hearing and disposal of the case.

4. The perusal of the case reveals that the PIO has not provided the complete information to the appellant even after the lapse of the 17 months period.

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5. In view of the above, a **SHOW CAUSE NOTICE** under Section 20(1) of the RTI Act is issued to the Public Information Officer O/o Chief Secretary, Punjab, Chandigarh, to explain as to why penalty should not be imposed upon him for wilful delay/denial in supplying the information to the RTI applicant and why the compensation be not awarded to the appellant under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

6. The PIO is directed to file reply to the Show Cause Notice and provide the complete information to the appellant and should appear personally through CISCO Webex, on the next date fixed, failing which Rs. 25000/- penalty will be imposed upon him as per provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

7. The matter is adjourned. To come up for hearing on **27.03.2023 at 11:30 AM in the Commission**. Both the parties are directed to present their case personally. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Chandigarh
22.11.2022

Sd/-
(Maninder Singh Patti)
State Information Commissioner, Punjab

Copy of the above is forwarded to the following for information and compliance of the order: (Regd. Post)

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Punjab, Chandigarh.
- 2) **The Public Information Officer, (By Name)**
O/o Chief Secretary,
Punjab, Chandigarh.
- 3) **The Public Information Officer, (By Name)**
O/o Hon'ble Governor, Punjab,
Punjab Raj Bhawan, Chandigarh.

Chandigarh
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