

# **PUNJAB STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION**

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**Shri Lakhwinder Singh, (95925 49025)**

S/o Shri Mahinder Singh,  
R/o Village Chhanga Khurd, Block Mamdot,  
Tehsil & Distt. Ferozpur – 152023

....Appellant

**Versus**

**Public Information Officer,**

O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer,  
Block Mamdot, District Ferozpur.

**First Appellate Authority,**

O/o District Development and Panchayat Officer,  
Ferozpur.

....Respondents

## **APPEAL CASE NO. 2804 OF 2022** **(Cisco Webex Proceedings)**

**PRESENT:** Shri Lakhwinder Singh, Appellant.  
None on behalf of the Respondents.

### **ORDER (FIRST HEARING):**

The RTI application is dated 02.02.2022 vide which the Appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 22.03.2022 and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on 13.06.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act) and Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 11.10.2022.

2. The Appellant states that the information sought has not been provided to him.
3. The PIO is absent for today's hearing, 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 Block Development and Panchayat Officer O/o BDPO, Mamdot, District Ferozpur is directed to appear personally along with the entire records related to the RTI application of the appellant.
5. The District Development and Panchayat Officer O/o DDPO, Ferozpur is also directed to appear personally along with complete record as per RTI application of the appellant on the next date of hearing.

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6. In view of the above, both the PIO and FAA are directed to bring complete information in the Commission and should present this case personally in the Commission. In case information sought by the appellant is not available in the official records, then both are directed to file an **Affidavit/Undertaking** in this regard and produce the same before the Bench, on the next date of hearing, failing which action under Section 20(1) of the RTI Act, 2005 will be initiated.

7. The matter is adjourned. To come up for hearing on **11.01.2023 at 11:30 AM in the Commission**. Both the parties are directed to present their case personally.

Chandigarh  
11.10.2022

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