

# **PUNJAB STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION**

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**Shri Baldev Singh, (98721 24103)**

S/o Shri Baaj Singh,

Village Sathiali, P.O Nainokot,

District Gurdaspur – 143528

....Appellant

**Versus**

**Public Information Officer,**

O/o Additional Deputy Commissioner,  
(Development), Gurdaspur.

**Public Information Officer,**

O/o District Development and Panchayat Officer,  
Gurdaspur.

**First Appellate Authority,**

O/o Deputy Commissioner,  
Gurdaspur.

....Respondents

## **APPEAL CASE NO. 3449 OF 2022**

**(Cisco Webex Proceedings)**

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

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

The RTI application is dated 28.04.2022 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 08.06.2022 and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on 25.07.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act) and Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 14.11.2022.

2. The Appellant states that 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 as it has affected hearing and disposal of the case.

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4. A letter has been received from the Respondents by the Bench through Email mentioning therein that information sought by the appellant relates to the PIO O/o DDPO, Gurdaspur and the concerned PIO has been directed to provide requisite information to the appellant.

5. In view of the above, information sought has to be provided by the PIO O/o DDPO, Gurdaspur, hence the PIO O/o DDPO, Gurdaspur is impleaded necessary party as Respondent No. 2.

6. The PIO O/o ADC (D), Gurdaspur is directed to retrieve the requisite information from the concerned office and provide to the appellant, before the next date of hearing.

7. The PIO O/o DDPO, Gurdaspur is also directed to provide the complete information to the appellant. In case the information as sought by the appellant is not available in the official records, then PIO is directed to file an **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.

8. The matter is adjourned. To come up for hearing on **31.01.2023 at 11:00 AM through CISCO WEBEX MEETING ID No. 158 188 4645**. Both the parties are directed to present their case accordingly. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

**Chandigarh  
14.11.2022**

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