



**Jarnail Singh**, S/o Sh. Rawal Singh,  
V.P.O. – Sindhuwal,  
Teh. & Distt. – Patiala - 1147001(Punjab)

V/s

....Appellant

**Public Information Officer**,  
O/o The Executive Engineer,  
Punjab Water Supply And Sanitation,  
Nabha Road, Patiala (Punjab)

ii)**Public Information Officer**,  
O/o The Panchayat Secretary,  
Gram Panchayat, Water Supply Committee,  
Village – Sidhuwal Block,  
Distt. - Patiala (Punjab)

**First Appellate Authority**,  
O/o The Executive Engineer,  
Punjab Water Supply And Sanitation,  
Division – 03,  
Patiala (Punjab)

...Respondents

### **Appeal Case No. 5668 of 2021**

Present : (i) Sh. Jarnail Singh , appellant  
(ii) For the Respondent: None on behalf of the respondent.

#### **ORDER**

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 19.10.2022 vide which a show –cause notice was issued to the PIO O/o the Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panchayat, Water supply Committee, Village Sidhuwal Block, Patiala

2. The Appellant states that no information has been provided to him so far.
3. No one has appeared on behalf of the Respondent today.
4. The perusal of the file shows that no one has appeared on behalf of the Respondent no. 2 today. They have not even bothered to file their reply to the show-cause notice issued on the previous date of hearing nor they have provided the information to the Appellant.



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It is, thus apparent from the response of the PIO O/o Respondent no. 2 that there has been delay in providing the information. Appellant had also suffered financial loss in getting the information. There are systemic deficiencies in the manner of receiving and disposing of applications. The department still does not appear to be properly tuned to the performance of its obligations enshrined under the RTI Act. The departmental officials are not properly sensitized and trained to discharge their functions under the RTI Act 2005.

5. I am, therefore, of the view that the Appellant deserves to be awarded compensation under Section 19(8)(b) of RTI Act 2005 for the loss and detriment suffered by him on account of delayed supply of information.

6. I am of the view that ends of justice would be met by awarding a sum of Rs. **5000/- (Rupees Five Thousand only)** by way of compensation to the Appellant. This amount shall be payable by State Exchequer within fifteen days.

7. Respondent may take note that this is the last opportunity given to appear before the Commission, otherwise bailable warrant will be issued.

8. To come up on **12.12.2022 at 12.00 PM** for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date : 14.11.2022

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

THROUGH REGISTERED POST  
CC ;

(I) DDPO, Patiala (for intimation and further necessary action)

(ii) Ms Ratinder Kaur, BDPO (for intimation and further necessary action)  
Patiala, (Rural)