



Smt Charanjit Kaur,
H. No. 2193, Jal Vayu Vihar,
Sector-67 Mohali.

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Senior Superintendent of Police,
SAS Nagar.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Inspector General of Police,
Roopnagar.

Respondents

Appeal Case No.1679/2019

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of First Appeal made, if any	Date of order, if any of FAA	Date of Second Appeal/ Complaint
14.01.2019	Nil	20.03.2019	Nil	25.06.2019

Present: Smt. Charanjit Kaur, appellant in person.
HC Gurnam Singh, RTI Branch, O/o SSP SAS Nagar
Sh. Gurbinder Singh, Sr. Asstt. O/o IGP Ropar.

ORDER

The appellant is aggrieved with the tardy response of the respondents in providing her information with reference to the application filed on 15.01.2019. She admits having received the information on 14.07.2019. There is an inordinate of five months.

The appellant is seeking imposition of penalty for infringement of Section 7(1) and Section 18 of the Act. The respondents are required to file a written reply and explain the delay before the next date of hearing, failing which, the matter shall be decided on the basis of facts on record.

To come up on **17.09.2019 at 11.30 AM.**

01.08.2019

Sd/-
(Yashvir Mahajan)
State Information Commissioner



Sh. Baldev Singh,
S/o Sh. Savran Singh,
R/o 302, Street No. 5,
New Deep Nagar, Civil Lines,
Ludhiana.

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer,
Batala, Gurdaspur.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o District Development and Panchayat Officer,
Gurdaspur.

Respondents

Appeal Case No.1682/2019

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of First Appeal made, if any	Date of order, if any of FAA	Date of Second Appeal/ Complaint
22.10.2018	Nil	29.12.2018	Nil	07.05.2019

Present: **Shri Baldev Singh, appellant in person**
 Sh. Surjit Singh, Panchayat Secretary, O/o BDPO Batala- for respondents.

ORDER:

The appellant is seeking executive action from the respondents to exchange a land with another land owner in which the Gram Panchayat has no stake. Obviously, they are unable to provide information much less take an action. The Commission understands that the appellant's grievance can be resolved by the mutual understanding of the parties. The Commission desires the jurisdictional Sub Divisional Magistrate to have it looked into and endeavour to redress the issue to the extent possible within the legal framework.

With these observations, the matter is closed. The respondents are directed to extend cooperation and assistance to the parties.

Disposed.

01.08.2019

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Sh. Tejinder Singh, (Advocate)
R/o Village-Bholpur,
P/o Ramgarh, Chandigarh Road,
Ludhiana.

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Assistant Superintendent,
Central Jail, Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Superintendent,
Central Jail, Ludhiana.

Respondents

Appeal Case No.1712/2019

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of First Appeal made, if any	Date of order, if any of FAA	Date of Second Appeal/ Complaint
01.02.2019	Nil	04.03.2019	Nil	08.05.2019

Present: Sh. Tejinder Singh, Appellant is absent.
Sh. Jaswinder Singh, Asstt. Superintendent, Central Jail, Ludhiana.

ORDER:

The appellant has sought adjournment as the Advocates are on strike on the call of the State Bar Association. The respondents are directed to file written reply besides providing the available and admissible information to the appellant.

To come up on **29.08.2019 at 11.30 AM.**

01.08.2019

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Sh. Rajwinder Singh,
S/o Sh. Karnail Singh,
R/o Village-Karam Patti, Tehsil Malout,
Distt. Sri Muktsar Sahib.

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Superintendent,
Department of Rural Development and Panchayat,
Mohali.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Deputy Director,
Department of Rural Development and Panchayat,
Mohali.

Respondents

Appeal Case No.1720/2019

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of First Appeal made, if any	Date of order, if any of FAA	Date of Second Appeal/ Complaint
04.12.2018	Nil	23.01.2019	Nil	08.05.2019

Present: **Sh.Rajwinder Singh, appellant is absent.**
 Ms. Jasbir Kaur, Sr. Asstt. O/o Director, Rural Development & Panchayats
 - For respondents.

ORDER:

The appellant has sought the outcome of a complaint made by him against the Sarpanch and other functionaries of Gram Panchayat of Village Karampatti, Tehsil Malout, District Sri Muktsar Sahib, besides some related information. The respondents have intimated the requisite details vide their communications dated 27.12.2018 and 03.07.2019.

It is found that the Director, Rural Development and Panchayat has entrusted the enquiry to the District Development & Panchayat Officer, who is looking into the matter. The Commission understands that the appellant has been apprised of the current status of the issue. He should be informed about the outcome of the enquiry as and when it is completed. The Commission feels that the appellant has been informed of the status. No more action is called for. The appeal is **disposed**.

01.08.2019

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S. Bagga Singh,
S/o Sh. Lal Singh,
R/o Village-Ghudani Khurd, Tehsil Payal,
District-Ludhiana.

Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer,
Doraha, District-Ludhiana.

Respondent

Complaint Case No.428/2019

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of First Appeal made, if any	Date of order, if any of FAA	Date of Second Appeal/ Complaint
26.12.2018	Nil	Nil	Nil	07.05.2019

Present: Sh. Bagga Singh, complainant is absent.
Sh. Avtar Singh, BDPO, Doraha- respondent.

ORDER:

The appellant has sent an e-mail for excusing his absence due to his sickness. He has sought the details of construction of a community centre in Village Ghudani Khurd, Block Doraha, District Ludhiana. Besides, he has also sought information about the grants received on the recommendation by the Finance Commission. Some allied information has also been solicited.

The respondent says that they had sent him the information. The complainant had pointed out some deficiencies. The respondents have brought along the information after sorting out the deficiencies. As the appellant is absent, it is not possible for them to hand it over to him. The respondents are directed to send it across by post under intimation to the Commission.

To come up on **17.09.2019 at 11.30 AM.**

01.08.2019

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Sh. Jatinderpal Singh,
S/o Sh. Lal Singh,
R/o Village-Ghudani Khurd, Tehsil Payal,
District-Ludhiana.

Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer,
Dehlon, District-Ludhiana.

Respondent

Complaint Case No.439/2019

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of First Appeal made, if any	Date of order, if any of FAA	Date of Second Appeal/ Complaint
31.01.2019	Nil	Nil	Nil	13.05.2019

Present: Sh.Jatinderpal Singh, complainant is absent.
Mrs. Sonia Vaid, Addl.Programme Officer, O/o BDPO Dehlon
Sh.Mukesh Kumar,Gram Rozgar Sahayak, O/o BDPO, Dehlon
- for respondent.

ORDER:

The appellant is seeking the details of muster rolls of the works executed under MGNREGA scheme during the period 2013-2018 in village Khera, Block Dehlon, District Ludhiana. The respondents say that this information is already in the public domain and available on website of MGNREGA. The information, as such, is not in exclusive control of respondents. The complaint is thus misplaced and does not lie.

Nonetheless, the respondents say that they have brought along photocopies with them for transmission to the complainant. As he is absent, the Commission desires them to send it to him by post. No further intervention is called for.

Disposed.

01.08.2019

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Sh. Tarsem Singh,
S/o Sh. Najjar Singh,
R/o New Village Jhugian,
PO- Ummar Waal, Block-Mehatpur,
Tehsil-Nakodar, District-Jalandhar.

Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer,
Mehatpur, District-Jalandhar.

Respondent

Complaint Case No.441/2019

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of First Appeal made, if any	Date of order, if any of FAA	Date of Second Appeal/ Complaint
20.03.2019	Nil	Nil	Nil	09.05.2019

Present: Sh.Tarsem Singh, appellant is absent.
None for the respondents.

ORDER:

The complainant has sought information about the encroachment on Panchayat land in Village Jhuggian and the action having been taken by the Gram Panchayat to secure its possession. Besides, they have asked about the grants received by the Gram Panchayat and the works executed therewith. The respondents have neither responded to the application nor to the notice of the Commission Apparently, they have rendered themselves liable for penalty for violation of Section 7(1) of the RTI Act.

The BDPO, Mehatpur, Tehsil Nakodar, District Jalandhar is hereby issued a show cause notice to explain in a self- attested affidavit as to why a penalty @ Rs.250/- per day of delay subject to maximum of Rs.25,000/- till the complete information is furnished, be not imposed under Section 20(1) of RTI Act, 2005 on him for causing willful delay / denial of the information to the RTI applicant and why the compensation be not awarded to the Complainant under Section 19 (8) (b) of the Act for the detriment suffered by him.

In addition to the written reply, the PIO is also given an opportunity under Section 20 (1) proviso thereto, for a personal hearing before the imposition of such penalty on the next date of hearing. He may take note that in case he does not file his written reply and



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does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the date fixed, it will be presumed that he has nothing to say and the Commission shall proceed to take further proceedings against him ex parte.

To come up on **17.09.2019 at 11.30 AM.**

01.08.2019

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PS: Shri Ranjit Singh, Panchayat Secretary, O/o BDPO Mehatpur, Tehsil Nakodar, Distt. Jalandhar came present after 01.30 PM when the proceedings in the hearing had been recorded. He has submitted a letter dated 05.05.2019 showing that the information had already been sent to the appellant which is taken on record.



Sh. Rajinder Kumar Gupta,
Block Dev. & Panchayat Officer,
Vikas Bhawan, SAS Nagar(Mohali)

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Block Development & Panchayat Officer,
Guruharsahai, Distt. Ferozepur.

First Appellate Authority
O/o District Development & Panchayat Officer
Ferozepur.

Respondents

Appeal Case No.1453/2019

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of First Appeal made, if any	Date of order, if any of FAA	Date of Second Appeal/ Complaint
21.07.2018	Nil	01.10.2018	Nil	18.04.2019

Present: Shri Rajinder Kumar, appellant is absent.
Shri Sukhwant Singh, Panchayat Secretary and
Shri Nishan Singh, Panchayat Secretary, O/o BDPO Guruharsahai.

ORDER:

The following order was passed on 20.06.2019:-

"The appellant, who is a public servant, has sought exemption as his presence is unavoidable in an another official engagement. Shri Nishan Singh, Panchayat Secretary appears and submits that the record has not been transferred to him by his predecessor Shri Rajvir Singh. Be that as it may be, BDPO Guruharsahai is hereby desired to ensure that the information sought is provided to the appellant, failing which, the Commission shall be constrained to hold him personally responsible and the necessary follow up, penal action shall be taken."

01.08.2019

The respondents are present with the record sought for. As the appellant is absent, Shri Nishan Singh, Panchayat Secretary has been asked to send it to the appellant by post. A copy of the same has been retained in the Commission. The Commission feels that appropriate action has been taken by the respondents towards provision of information.

Disposed.

01.08.2019

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Sh.Harbhajan Singh,
S/o Sh.Mohan Singh,
R/o Vill.Giganwal, PO Bheram Sarishta,
Tehsil & District Jalandhar.

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Block Development & Panchayat Officer,
Bhogpur, District Jalandhar.

First Appellate Authority-cum-
District Development & Panchayat Officer,
Jalandhar

Respondents

Appeal Case No.1489/2019

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of First Appeal made, if any	Date of order, if any of FAA	Date of Second Appeal/ Complaint
18.10.2019	Nil	04.02.2019	Nil	23.04.2019

Present: Sh.Harbhajan Singh, Appellant.

None is present on behalf of respondents.

ORDER:

The following order was passed on 20.06.2019:-

“The appellant vide his application dated 18.10.2018 has sought information about various development activities having been undertaken and the record pertaining thereto during the period from 01.04.2014 to 30.09.2018. The appeal filed on 04.02.2019 has also not elicited any response from the appellate authority. Being constrained, the appellant has filed the second appeal with the Commission.

The respondents have demanded an amount of Rs.9850/- for providing the information without annexing any calculation on the basis of which the aforesaid amount has been arrived at. To common sense, the amount seems inflated and exorbitant. The Commission takes serious view of the fact that the BDPO who is respondent has not filed any reply despite the notice of the Commission. While desiring him to explain as to why he should not be penalized, he is directed to arrange inspection of the record relating to the information on 16.07.2019 at 11.00 AM. After inspection, he shall provide certified copies of the documents to the appellant to an extent of 200 pages only free of cost.”



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Appeal Case No.1489/2019

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The case has come up today. None is present to represent the respondents. No reply has been received. It is a brazen and blatant violation of the provisions of the Act and defiance of the directions of the Commission which warrants serious view.

The BDPO Bhogpur is issued a show cause notice to explain in a self- attested affidavit as to why a penalty @ Rs.250/- per day of delay subject to maximum of Rs.25,000/- till the complete information is furnished, be not imposed under Section 20(1) of RTI Act, 2005 on him for causing willful delay / denial of the information to the RTI applicant and why the compensation be not awarded to the Complainant under Section 19 (8) (b) of the Act for the detriment suffered by him.

In addition to the written reply, the PIO is also given an opportunity under Section 20 (1) proviso thereto, for a personal hearing before the imposition of such penalty on the next date of hearing. He may take note that in case he does not file his written reply and does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the date fixed, it will be presumed that he has nothing to say and the Commission shall proceed to take further proceedings against him ex parte".

To come up on **17.09.2019 at 11.30 AM.**

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