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**Shri Balvir, (87250 40137)**

S/o Shri Jagar,

R/o Village Bhullan, Tehsil Moonak,

District Sangrur - 148027

....Appellant

**Versus**

**Public Information Officer,**

O/o Block Development & Panchayat Officer,

Andana at Moonak, District Sangrur.

**First Appellate Authority,**

O/o District Development & Panchayat Officer,

Sangrur.

....Respondents

## **APPEAL CASE NO. 0775 OF 2022**

**(Cisco Webex Proceedings)**

<b>Date of RTI Application</b>	<b>Date of Reply, if any of PIO</b>	<b>Date of First Appeal made, if any</b>	<b>Date of Order, if any of FAA</b>	<b>Date of Appeal/ Complaint Filed in Commission</b>
27.10.2021	--	09.12.2021	--	10.02.2022

**PRESENT:** None on behalf of the Appellant.

Smt. Paramjit Kaur, Superintendent (99151 73977) on behalf of the PIO

## **ORDER (SECOND HEARING):**

This appeal case was earlier allocated to Hon'ble SIC Shri Sanjeev Garg and the same has been reallocated vide office order no. PSIC/Legal/2022/385, dated 12.07.2022 to the Bench of Hon'ble SIC Shri Maninder Singh Patti. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 27.06.2022 passed by the Bench of Hon'ble SIC Shri Sanjeev Garg. The Notice for hearing through Cisco Webex was issued to the parties for 01.11.2022. Accordingly, the case has been heard today.

2. The Appellant is absent from today's hearing. The Respondent states that requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant vide letter dated 20.10.2022.

3. Last and final opportunity is given to the Appellant to follow up his case in the Commission and point out deficiencies in the provided information in writing to the PIO within week, under intimation to the Commission.

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The PIO is also directed to remove the deficiencies to be pointed out and supply rectified information to the appellant, before the next date of hearing.

4. The PIO is also directed to present this case personally through Cisco Webex. In case the information sought by the appellant is not available in the official records, then PIO is 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 will be initiated against the PIO as per Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act, 2005.

5. The matter is adjourned. To come up for hearing on **25.01.2023 at 11:00 AM through CISCO WEBEX MEETING ID No. 158 188 4645**. Both the parties are directed to present their case accordingly.

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....Respondents

## **APPEAL CASE NO. 0776 OF 2022**

**(Cisco Webex Proceedings)**

<b>Date of RTI Application</b>	<b>Date of Reply, if any of PIO</b>	<b>Date of First Appeal made, if any</b>	<b>Date of Order, if any of FAA</b>	<b>Date of Appeal/ Complaint Filed in Commission</b>
21.10.2021	--	09.12.2021	--	10.02.2022

**PRESENT:** None on behalf of the Appellant.

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## **APPEAL CASE NO. 0776 OF 2022**

The PIO is also directed to remove the deficiencies to be pointed out and supply rectified information to the appellant, before the next date of hearing.

4. The PIO is also directed to present this case personally through Cisco Webex. In case the information sought by the appellant is not available in the official records, then PIO is 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 will be initiated against the PIO as per Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act, 2005.

5. The matter is adjourned. To come up for hearing on **25.01.2023 at 11:00 AM through CISCO WEBEX MEETING ID No. 158 188 4645**. Both the parties are directed to present their case accordingly.

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**First Appellate Authority,**

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....Respondents

## **APPEAL CASE NO. 0885 OF 2022**

**(Cisco Webex Proceedings)**

<b>Date of RTI Application</b>	<b>Date of Reply, if any of PIO</b>	<b>Date of First Appeal made, if any</b>	<b>Date of Order, if any of FAA</b>	<b>Date of Appeal/ Complaint Filed in Commission</b>
21.10.2021	--	09.12.2021	--	17.02.2022

**PRESENT:** None on behalf of the Appellant.

Smt. Paramjit Kaur, Superintendent (99152 73977) on behalf of the PIO

## **ORDER (SECOND HEARING):**

This appeal case was earlier allocated to Hon'ble SIC Shri Sanjeev Garg and the same has been reallocated vide office order no. PSIC/Legal/2022/385, dated 12.07.2022 to the Bench of Hon'ble SIC Shri Maninder Singh Patti. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 29.06.2022 passed by the Bench of Hon'ble SIC Shri Sanjeev Garg. The Notice for hearing through Cisco Webex was issued to the parties for 01.11.2022. Accordingly, the case has been heard today.

2. The Appellant is absent from today's hearing. The PIO is again absent for today's hearing and he was also absent on the last hearing dated 29.06.2022, 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.

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## **APPEAL CASE NO. 0885 OF 2022**

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 12 months period.

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 Block Development & Panchayat Officer, Andana at Moonak, District Sangrur, 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 **25.01.2023 at 11:00 AM** through **CISCO WEBEX MEETING ID No. 158 188 4645**. Both the parties are directed to present their case accordingly.

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2. The Appellant is absent from today's hearing. The Respondent states that requisite information is lying with the Gram Panchayat Bhullan and letter has been sent to the concerned Panchayat Secretary to provide the requisite information to the appellant.

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## **APPEAL CASE NO. 0886 OF 2022**

2. After examining the case, it is clearly shows that there is **a delay of about 12 months** and the information has not been supplied to the Appellant, which is definitely on a higher side and cannot be given a go by.
3. The PIO is absent for today's hearing and he was also absent on the last date of hearing i.e. 08.06.2022. Besides, the PIO O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Andana at Moonak, District Sangrur seems to be totally unmindful and indifferent to the orders issued by the Commission on a number of occasions and he has clearly defied the same.
4. Thus, the Commission draws the inference that the PIO, without any reasonable cause, has malafidly delayed the information and thus, has rendered himself liable for punishment as provided under the RTI Act, 2005. He was given a number of opportunities to provide the information to the Appellant but he is delaying the matter on one pretext or the other. In these circumstances, **the PIO O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Andana at Moonak, District Sangrur** is held guilty of default on the above score.
5. The facts of this case also prove beyond any doubt that the respondent PIO concerned does not deserve any kind of leniency. Hence, in exercise of the powers conferred by Section 20(1) of the RTI Act, 2005, **a penalty to the tune of Rs. 10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand Only)** is imposed upon him to be deducted from his salary, which is to be deposited in the State Treasury under the relevant head.



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## **APPEAL CASE NO. 0886 OF 2022**

6. The Drawing and Disbursing Officer O/o DDPO, Sangrur is directed to deduct the amount of penalty of Rs. 10000/- from the salary of the PIO O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Andana at Moonak, District Sangrur and deposit the same in the State Treasury in the following Head of Account and to report its compliance to the Commission: -

- 0070 – Other Administrative Services
- 60 – Other Services
- 0800 – Other Receipts
- 86 – Fee under the RTI Act, 2005

7. The matter is adjourned. To come up for hearing on **23.01.2023 at 11:30 AM in the Commission.** Both the parties are directed to present their case personally.

Sd/-

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O/o District Development and Panchayat Officer,  
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**Shri Lakhwinder Singh,** (98766 26906)

S/o Shri Gurmel Singh,

R/o Village & Post Office Kalyan,

Tehsil & District Patiala – 147001

....Appellant

**Versus**

**Public Information Officer,**

O/o Block Development & Panchayat Officer,

Patiala.

**First Appellate Authority,**

O/o District Development & Panchayat Officer,

Patiala.

....Respondents

## **APPEAL CASE NO. 0807 OF 2022**

**(Cisco Webex Proceedings)**

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09.11.2021	--	17.12.2021	--	11.02.2022

**PRESENT:** Shri Lakhwinder Singh, Appellant.

Shri Ashok Kumar, Panchayat Secretary (98880 36779) on behalf of the PIO

## **ORDER (SECOND HEARING):**

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2. The Respondent states that requisite information is ready and will be sent to appellant today.

3. The Appellant states that information sought has not been provided to him till today.

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## APPEAL CASE NO. 0807 OF 2022

4. After examining the case, it is clearly shows that there is a **delay of about 12 months** and the information has not been supplied to the Appellant, which is definitely on a higher side and cannot be given a go by.

5. The PIO is absent for today's hearing and he was also absent on the last date of hearing i.e. 27.06.2022. Besides, the PIO O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Patiala seems to be totally unmindful and indifferent to the orders issued by the Commission on a number of occasions and he has clearly defied the same.

4. Thus, the Commission draws the inference that the PIO, without any reasonable cause, has malafidly delayed the information and thus, has rendered himself liable for punishment as provided under the RTI Act, 2005. He was given a number of opportunities to provide the information to the Appellant but he is delaying the matter on one pretext or the other. In these circumstances, **the PIO O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Patiala** is held guilty of default on the above score.

5. The facts of this case also prove beyond any doubt that the respondent PIO concerned does not deserve any kind of leniency. Hence, in exercise of the powers conferred by Section 20(1) of the RTI Act, 2005, **a penalty to the tune of Rs. 10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand Only)** is imposed upon him to be deducted from his salary, which is to be deposited in the State Treasury under the relevant head.

6. The Drawing and Disbursing Officer O/o DDPO, Sangrur is directed to deduct the amount of penalty of Rs. 10000/- from the salary of the PIO O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Patiala and deposit the same in the State Treasury in the following Head of Account and to report its compliance to the Commission: -

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**Shri Avtar Singh, (99149 13787)**

S/o Shri Gurdev Singh,

R/o Village Mamupur, Tehsil Kharar,

District S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali)

....Appellant

**Versus**

**Public Information Officer,**

O/o Block Development & Panchayat Officer,

Kharar, District S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali).

**First Appellate Authority,**

O/o District Development & Panchayat Officer,

S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali).

....Respondents

## **APPEAL CASE NO. 1782 OF 2022**

**(Cisco Webex Proceedings)**

<b>Date of RTI Application</b>	<b>Date of Reply, if any of PIO</b>	<b>Date of First Appeal made, if any</b>	<b>Date of Order, if any of FAA</b>	<b>Date of Appeal/ Complaint Filed in Commission</b>
08.09.2021	--	10.12.2021	--	11.02.2022

**PRESENT:** Shri Avtar Singh, Appellant.

Shri Jagmohan Singh, Panchayat Secretary (98558 25511) for the PIO

## **ORDER (SECOND HEARING):**

This appeal case was earlier allocated to Hon'ble SIC Shri Sanjeev Garg and the same has been reallocated vide office order no. PSIC/Legal/2022/385, dated 12.07.2022 to the Bench of Hon'ble SIC Shri Maninder Singh Patti. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 08.06.2022 passed by the Bench of Hon'ble SIC Shri Sanjeev Garg. The Notice for hearing through Cisco Webex was issued to the parties for 01.11.2022. Accordingly, the case has been heard today.

2. The Respondent states that requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant.

3. The Appellant states that incomplete information has been provided to him.

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## **APPEAL CASE NO. 1782 OF 2022**

4. The Block Development and Panchayat Officer O/o BDPO, Kharar, District S.A.S Nagar (Mohali) 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, S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali) is also directed to appear personally along with complete record as per RTI application of the appellant, on the next date of hearing.

6. In view of the above, both the PIO and FAA are directed to bring along the complete information and to present this case personally in the Commission. In case the information sought by the appellant is not available in the official records, then PIO is 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 **23.11.2022 at 11:30 AM in the Commission.** Both the parties are directed to present their case personally.

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S/o Shri Shadi Singh,  
R/o H. No. 948, New Khel Wali Gali,  
End of Street, Nankiana Sahib Road, Sangrur.

....Appellant

**Versus**

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o Director,  
Rural Dev. & Panchayat Deptt., Pb.,  
Sector 62, Vikas Bhawan, Mohali.

**First Appellate Authority,**  
O/o Director,  
Rural Dev. & Panchayat Deptt., Pb.,  
Sector 62, Vikas Bhawan, Mohali.

....Respondents

## **APPEAL CASE NO. 2258 OF 2022** **(Cisco Webex Proceedings)**

**PRESENT:** None on behalf of the Appellant.  
Shri Sanjeev Kumar, BDPO (77400 26562) on behalf of the Respondents

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

The RTI application is dated 29.11.2021 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 02.03.2022 and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on 09.05.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act) and Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 01.11.2022.

2. The Appellant is absent. The Respondent requests that some more time be given to him to provide the requisite information to the appellant.

3. In view of the above, the PIO is directed to provide the complete information to the appellant, before the next date of hearing and should present this case personally through Cisco Webex.

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## **APPEAL CASE NO. 2258 OF 2022**

In case information sought by the appellant is not available in the official records, then PIO is 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 will be initiated against the PIO as per provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

4. The matter is adjourned. To come up for hearing on **25.01.2023 at 11:00 AM** through **CISCO WEBEX MEETING ID No. 158 188 4645**. Both the parties are directed to present their case accordingly.

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Shri Kuldeep Singh, (98765 14116)  
R/o # 111, First Floor,  
Sector 40-A, Chandigarh.

...Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**  
**O/o Deputy Director,**  
**Rural Dev. & Panchayat Deptt., Pb.,**  
**Sector 62, Vikas Bhawan, Mohali.**

**First Appellate Authority,**  
**O/o Director,**  
**Rural Dev. & Panchayat Deptt., Pb.,**  
**Sector 62, Vikas Bhawan, Mohali.**

...Respondents

## **APPEAL CASE NO. 2560 OF 2022**

**(Cisco Webex Proceedings)**

**PRESENT:** None on behalf of the Appellant.  
Shri Jitender Singh, Sr. Assistant (70093 91703) on behalf of the PIO

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

The RTI application is dated 29.11.2021 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 02.03.2022 and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on 09.05.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act) and Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 01.11.2022. Accordingly, the case has been heard today.

2. The Appellant is absent from today's hearing. The Respondent states that requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant vide letter dated 11.10.2022.

3. Last and final opportunity is given to the Appellant to follow up his case in the Commission and point out deficiencies in the provided information in writing to the PIO within week, under intimation to the Commission.

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## **APPEAL CASE NO. 2560 OF 2022**

The PIO is also directed to remove the deficiencies to be pointed out and supply rectified information to the appellant, before the next date of hearing.

4. The PIO is also directed to present this case personally in the Commission. In case the information sought by the appellant is not available in the official records, then PIO is 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 will be initiated against the PIO as per Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act, 2005.

5. 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.

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R/o # 31, Kailash Nagar,

Sodal Road, Jalandhar.

....Appellant

**Versus**

**Public Information Officer,**

**O/o Commissioner of Police,**

Jalandhar.

**First Appellate Authority,**

**O/o Commissioner of Police,**

Jalandhar.

....Respondents

## **APPEAL CASE NO. 5152 OF 2021**

**(Cisco Webex Proceedings)**

<b>Date of RTI Application</b>	<b>Date of Reply, if any of PIO</b>	<b>Date of First Appeal made, if any</b>	<b>Date of Order, if any of FAA</b>	<b>Date of Appeal/ Complaint Filed in Commission</b>
02.03.2021	--	27.09.2021	--	15.11.2021

**PRESENT:** None for the Parties.

### **ORDER (SECOND HEARING):**

This appeal case was earlier allocated to Hon'ble SIC Shri Sanjeev Garg and the same has been reallocated vide office order no. PSIC/Legal/2022/385, dated 12.07.2022 to the Bench of Hon'ble SIC Shri Maninder Singh Patti. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 23.05.2022 passed by the Bench of Hon'ble SIC Shri Sanjeev Garg. The Notice for hearing through Cisco Webex was issued to the parties for 01.11.2022. Accordingly, the case has been heard today.

2. Both the parties are absent.

3. After perusal of the case file, it is revealed that during the last hearing, the PIO was directed to provide the requisite information consisting 246 pages to the appellant but till date information sought has not been provided to the appellant.

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## **APPEAL CASE NO. 5152 OF 2021**

4. In view of the above, the PIO is directed to provide the requisite information, to the appellant, before the next date of hearing and should present this case personally through Cisco Webex. In case the information sought by the appellant is not available in the official records, then PIO is 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 will be initiated against the PIO as per provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

5. The Appellant is also directed to follow up his case in the Commission, failing which decision shall be taken on merits.

6. The matter is adjourned. To come up for hearing on **25.01.2023 at 11:00 AM through CISCO WEBEX MEETING ID No. 158 188 4645**. Both the parties are directed to present their case accordingly.

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**Public Information Officer,**

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**First Appellate Authority,**

**O/o Commissioner of Police,**

Jalandhar.

....Respondents

## **APPEAL CASE NO. 5153 OF 2021**

**(Cisco Webex Proceedings)**

<b>Date of RTI Application</b>	<b>Date of Reply, if any of PIO</b>	<b>Date of First Appeal made, if any</b>	<b>Date of Order, if any of FAA</b>	<b>Date of Appeal/ Complaint Filed in Commission</b>
02.03.2021	--	27.09.2021	--	15.11.2021

**PRESENT:** None for the Parties.

### **ORDER (SECOND HEARING):**

This appeal case was earlier allocated to Hon'ble SIC Shri Sanjeev Garg and the same has been reallocated vide office order no. PSIC/Legal/2022/385, dated 12.07.2022 to the Bench of Hon'ble SIC Shri Maninder Singh Patti. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 23.05.2022 passed by the Bench of Hon'ble SIC Shri Sanjeev Garg. The Notice for hearing through Cisco Webex was issued to the parties for 01.11.2022. Accordingly, the case has been heard today.

2. Both the parties are absent.

3. After perusal of the case file, it is revealed that during the last hearing, the PIO was directed to provide the requisite information consisting 282 pages to the appellant but till date information sought has not been provided to the appellant.

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## **APPEAL CASE NO. 5153 OF 2021**

4. In view of the above, the PIO is directed to provide the requisite information, to the appellant, before the next date of hearing and should present this case personally through Cisco Webex. In case the information sought by the appellant is not available in the official records, then PIO is 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 will be initiated against the PIO as per provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

5. The Appellant is also directed to follow up his case in the Commission, failing which decision shall be taken on merits.

6. The matter is adjourned. To come up for hearing on **25.01.2023 at 11:00 AM through CISCO WEBEX MEETING ID No. 158 188 4645**. Both the parties are directed to present their case accordingly.

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**Shri Puneet Singh, (62832 70078)**

S/o Shri Anil Pathania,

R/o # 183, Village Lahri,

P.O. Rattangarh, Tehsil & District Pathankot.

....Appellant

**Versus**

**Public Information Officer,**

O/o Block Development & Panchayat Officer,

Gharota, Tehsil and District Pathankot.

**First Appellate Authority,**

O/o District Development & Panchayat Officer,

Pathankot.

....Respondents

## **APPEAL CASE NO. 5261 OF 2021**

**(Cisco Webex Proceedings)**

<b>Date of RTI Application</b>	<b>Date of Reply, if any of PIO</b>	<b>Date of First Appeal made, if any</b>	<b>Date of Order, if any of FAA</b>	<b>Date of Appeal/ Complaint Filed in Commission</b>
26.08.2021	--	04.10.2021	--	22.11.2021

**PRESENT:** Shri Puneet Singh, Appellant.

Shri Manjinder Singh, Panchayat Secretary (98777 91172) for the PIO

## **ORDER (SECOND HEARING):**

This appeal case was earlier allocated to Hon'ble SIC Shri Sanjeev Garg and the same has been reallocated vide office order no. PSIC/Legal/2022/385, dated 12.07.2022 to the Bench of Hon'ble SIC Shri Maninder Singh Patti. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 31.05.2022 passed by the Bench of Hon'ble SIC Shri Sanjeev Garg. The Notice for hearing through Cisco Webex was issued to the parties for 01.11.2022. Accordingly, the case has been heard today.

2. The Respondent states that requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant.

3. The Appellant states that he has pointed out the deficiencies to the PIO but till date complete information has not been provided to him.

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## **APPEAL CASE NO. 5261 OF 2021**

3. In view of the above, the appellant is again advised to be send deficiencies in writing to the PIO within week, under intimation to the Commission. The PIO is also directed to remove the deficiencies to be pointed out and supply rectified information to the appellant, before the next date of hearing. In case the information sought by the appellant is not available in the official records, then PIO is 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 will be initiated against the PIO as per Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act, 2005.

6. The matter is adjourned. To come up for hearing on **25.01.2023 at 11:00 AM** through **CISCO WEBEX MEETING ID No. 158 188 4645**. Both the parties are directed to present their case accordingly.

**Chandigarh**  
**01.11.2022**

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**State Information Commissioner, Punjab**



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**Shri Puneet Singh, (62832 70078)**

S/o Shri Anil Pathania,

R/o # 183, Village Lahri,

P.O. Rattangarh, Tehsil & District Pathankot.

....Appellant

**Versus**

**Public Information Officer,**

O/o Director,

Rural Development & Pachayats, Punjab,

Vikas Bhawan, Phase-VIII, S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali).

**First Appellate Authority,**

O/o Financial Commissioner,

Rural Development & Pachayats, Punjab,

Vikas Bhawan, Phase-VIII, S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali).

....Respondents

## **APPEAL CASE NO. 5266 OF 2021**

**(Cisco Webex Proceedings)**

<b>Date of RTI Application</b>	<b>Date of Reply, if any of PIO</b>	<b>Date of First Appeal made, if any</b>	<b>Date of Order, if any of FAA</b>	<b>Date of Appeal/ Complaint Filed in Commission</b>
26.08.2021	--	04.10.2021	--	23.11.2021

**PRESENT:** Shri Puneet Singh, Appellant.

Shri Manjinder Singh, Panchayat Secretary (98777 91172) for the PIO

## **ORDER (THIRD HEARING):**

This appeal case was earlier heard by the Hon'ble Chief Information Commissioner, Punjab and the same has been reallocated to the undersigned Bench. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 04.10.2022 passed by the Hon'ble Chief Information Commissioner, Punjab. The Notice for hearing through Cisco Webex was issued to the parties for 01.11.2022. Accordingly, the case has been heard today.

2. The Respondent states that requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant.

3. The Appellant states that he has pointed out the deficiencies to the PIO but till date complete information has not been provided to him.

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## **APPEAL CASE NO. 5266 OF 2021**

3. In view of the above, the appellant is again advised to be send deficiencies in writing to the PIO within week, under intimation to the Commission. The PIO is also directed to remove the deficiencies to be pointed out and supply rectified information to the appellant, before the next date of hearing. In case the information sought by the appellant is not available in the official records, then PIO is 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 will be initiated against the PIO as per Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act, 2005.

6. The matter is adjourned. To come up for hearing on **25.01.2023 at 11:00 AM through CISCO WEBEX MEETING ID No. 158 188 4645**. Both the parties are directed to present their case accordingly.

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R/o # 183, Village Lahri,

P.O. Rattangarh, Tehsil & District Pathankot.

....Appellant

**Versus**

**Public Information Officer,**

O/o Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panchayat Lahri,

Block Gharota, Tehsil and District Pathankot.

**First Appellate Authority,**

O/o Block Development & Panchayat Officer,

Block Gharota, Tehsil and District Pathankot.

....Respondents

## **APPEAL CASE NO. 5267 OF 2021**

**(Cisco Webex Proceedings)**

<b>Date of RTI Application</b>	<b>Date of Reply, if any of PIO</b>	<b>Date of First Appeal made, if any</b>	<b>Date of Order, if any of FAA</b>	<b>Date of Appeal/ Complaint Filed in Commission</b>
15.07.2021	--	21.08.2021	--	23.11.2021

**PRESENT:** Shri Puneet Singh, Appellant.

Shri Manjinder Singh, Panchayat Secretary (98777 91172) for the PIO

## **ORDER (SECOND HEARING):**

This appeal case was earlier allocated to Hon'ble SIC Shri Sanjeev Garg and the same has been reallocated vide office order no. PSIC/Legal/2022/385, dated 12.07.2022 to the Bench of Hon'ble SIC Shri Maninder Singh Patti. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 31.05.2022 passed by the Bench of Hon'ble SIC Shri Sanjeev Garg. The Notice for hearing through Cisco Webex was issued to the parties for 01.11.2022. Accordingly, the case has been heard today.

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

3. The Respondent requests that some more time be given to him to provide the requisite information to the appellant.

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## **APPEAL CASE NO. 5267 OF 2021**

3. In view of the above, the PIO is directed to provide the complete information to the appellant, before the next date of hearing and should present this case personally through Cisco Webex. In case information sought by the appellant is not available in the official records, then PIO is 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 will be initiated against the PIO as per provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

4. The matter is adjourned. To come up for hearing on **25.01.2023 at 11:00 AM** through **CISCO WEBEX MEETING ID No. 158 188 4645**. Both the parties are directed to present their case accordingly.

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**01.11.2022**

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**Shri Mohinder Pal Goyal, (98557 00543)**

S/o Shri Sant Ram Goyal,

R/o Village Jatiwal, Post Office Bhadson,

Tehsil Nabha, District Patiala.

....Appellant

**Versus**

**Public Information Officer,**

O/o Block Development & Panchayat Officer,

Block Nabha, District Patiala.

**First Appellate Authority,**

O/o District Development & Panchayat Officer,

Patiala.

....Respondents

## **APPEAL CASE NO. 5539 OF 2021**

**(Cisco Webex Proceedings)**

<b>Date of RTI Application</b>	<b>Date of Reply, if any of PIO</b>	<b>Date of First Appeal made, if any</b>	<b>Date of Order, if any of FAA</b>	<b>Date of Appeal/ Complaint Filed in Commission</b>
17.08.2021	--	01.10.2021	--	10.12.2021

**PRESENT:** Shri Mohinder Pal Goyal, Appellant.

None on behalf of the PIO

## **ORDER (SECOND HEARING):**

This appeal case was earlier allocated to Hon'ble SIC Shri Sanjeev Garg and the same has been reallocated vide office order no. PSIC/Legal/2022/385, dated 12.07.2022 to the Bench of Hon'ble SIC Shri Maninder Singh Patti. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 24.05.2022 passed by the Bench of Hon'ble SIC Shri Sanjeev Garg. The Notice for hearing through Cisco Webex was issued to the parties for 01.11.2022. Accordingly, the case has been heard today.

2. The Appellant has highlighted that till date, no information has been provided to him. It clearly shows that there is **a delay of about 14 months** and the information has not been supplied to the Appellant, which is definitely on a higher side and cannot be given a go by.

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## APPEAL CASE NO. 5539 OF 2021

3. The PIO is absent for today's hearing and he was also absent on the last date of hearing i.e. 24.05.2022 and a Show Cause Notice was issued to him. Besides, the PIO O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Nabha, District Patiala seems to be totally unmindful and indifferent to the orders issued by the Commission on a number of occasions and he has clearly defied the same.

4. Thus, the Commission draws the inference that the PIO, without any reasonable cause, has malafidly delayed the information and thus, has rendered himself liable for punishment as provided under the RTI Act, 2005. He was given a number of opportunities to provide the information to the Appellant but he is delaying the matter on one pretext or the other. In these circumstances, **the PIO O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Nabha, District Patiala** is held guilty of default on the above score.

5. The facts of this case also prove beyond any doubt that the respondent PIO concerned does not deserve any kind of leniency. Hence, in exercise of the powers conferred by Section 20(1) of the RTI Act, 2005, **a penalty to the tune of Rs. 10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand Only)** is imposed upon him to be deducted from his salary, which is to be deposited in the State Treasury under the relevant head.

6. The Drawing and Disbursing Officer O/o DDPO, Patiala is directed to deduct the amount of penalty of Rs. 10000/- from the salary of the PIO O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Nabha, District Patiala and deposit the same in the State Treasury in the following Head of Account and to report its compliance to the Commission: -

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**APPEAL CASE NO. 5539 OF 2021**

- 0070 – Other Administrative Services
- 60 – Other Services
- 0800 – Other Receipts
- 86 – Fee under the RTI Act, 2005

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  
01.11.2022

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

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O/o District Development and Panchayat Officer,  
Patiala.
- 4) **The PIO – cum – Block Development & Panchayat Officer,**  
O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer,  
Nabha, District Patiala.

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S/o Shri Sukhdev Singh,

Shri Harjinder Pal S/o Shri Satnam Singh,

R/o Village Rajowal, Tehsil Phillaur,

District Jalandhar-144039

....Appellant

**Versus**

**Public Information Officer,**

O/o Block Development & Panchayat Officer,

Block Nurmahal, District Jalandhar.

**First Appellate Authority,**

O/o District Development & Panchayat Officer,

Jalandhar.

....Respondents

## **APPEAL CASE NO. 5640 OF 2021**

**(Cisco Webex Proceedings)**

<b>Date of RTI Application</b>	<b>Date of Reply, if any of PIO</b>	<b>Date of First Appeal made, if any</b>	<b>Date of Order, if any of FAA</b>	<b>Date of Appeal/ Complaint Filed in Commission</b>
13.09.2021	--	18.10.2021	--	13.12.2021

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

## **ORDER (SECOND HEARING):**

This appeal case was earlier allocated to Hon'ble SIC Shri Sanjeev Garg and the same has been reallocated vide office order no. PSIC/Legal/2022/385, dated 12.07.2022 to the Bench of Hon'ble SIC Shri Maninder Singh Patti. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 24.05.2022 passed by the Bench of Hon'ble SIC Shri Sanjeev Garg. The Notice for hearing through Cisco Webex was issued to the parties for 01.11.2022. Accordingly, the case has been heard today.

2. The Appellant has highlighted that till date, no information has been provided to him. It clearly shows that there is **a delay of about 13 months** and the information has not been supplied to the Appellant, which is definitely on a higher side and cannot be given a go by.

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3. The PIO is absent for today's hearing and he was also absent on the last date of hearing i.e. 24.05.2022 and a Show Cause Notice was issued to him. Besides, the PIO O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Nurmahal, District Jalandhar seems to be totally unmindful and indifferent to the orders issued by the Commission on a number of occasions and he has clearly defied the same.

4. Thus, the Commission draws the inference that the PIO, without any reasonable cause, has malafidly delayed the information and thus, has rendered himself liable for punishment as provided under the RTI Act, 2005. He was given a number of opportunities to provide the information to the Appellant but he is delaying the matter on one pretext or the other. In these circumstances, **the PIO O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Nurmahal, District Jalandhar** is held guilty of default on the above score.

5. The facts of this case also prove beyond any doubt that the respondent PIO concerned does not deserve any kind of leniency. Hence, in exercise of the powers conferred by Section 20(1) of the RTI Act, 2005, **a penalty to the tune of Rs. 10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand Only)** is imposed upon him to be deducted from his salary, which is to be deposited in the State Treasury under the relevant head.

6. The Drawing and Disbursing Officer O/o DDPO, Jalandhar is directed to deduct the amount of penalty of Rs. 10000/- from the salary of the PIO O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Nurmahal, District Jalandhar and deposit the same in the State Treasury in the following Head of Account and to report its compliance to the Commission: -

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- 0070 – Other Administrative Services
- 60 – Other Services
- 0800 – Other Receipts
- 86 – Fee under the RTI Act, 2005

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  
01.11.2022

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

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Jalandhar.
- 4) **The PIO – cum – Block Development & Panchayat Officer,**  
O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer,  
Nurmahal, District Jalandhar.