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Sh.Brighh Bhan, S/o Sh. Saroop Chand
R/o House No. 33, Kahangarh Road, Pataran,
Distt. Patiala (9876101698)

.....Appellant

..Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o IGP cum Director State Narcotics Control Bureau
Punjab, Moti Nagar, Chandigarh Road, Ludhiana

First Appellate Authority
O/o IGP cum Director State Narcotics Control Bureau
Punjab, Camp at CID Complex, Sarabha Nagar, Ludhiana

.....Respondent

AC No. 3392 of 2021

Present: None for the parties.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 03.02.2022

2. Today neither the Appellant nor the Respondent is present.
3. The perusal of the file shows that the orders dated 03.02.2022 have again been received back in the Commission as undelivered vide Commission diary no 3067 dated 14.02.2022 with comments from the postal authorities as "Insufficient address". Further, it is ascertained that the Appellant had filed his RTI Application dated 16.04.2021 to the PIO O/o DGP, Punjab. They had forwarded the RTI application of the appellant to the Respondent U/s 6(3) of the RTI Act but all the correspondence sent to the Address of the Respondent have been received back in the Commission as undelivered. Moreover, the information has also not been provided to the Appellant till date. Hence, I order that copy of the orders be sent to PIO O/o DGP Punjab for further necessary action.
4. To come up on 11.05.2022 at 12:00PM. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

Dated : 02.03.2022

(Amrit Partap Singh Sekhon)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

CC: DGP, Punjab (**Registered**)
Sector-9, PP Hqrs, Chandigarh

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Sh. Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia (RTI Activist)
Ward No.18, Street No.2, Kartar Nagar,
Amloh Road, Khanna – 141401. (9464500405)

.....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o EO, MC, Mandi Gobindgarh

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Regional Deputy Director
Urban Local Govt., 1st Floor, Mini Sect.
Ferozepur Road, Ludhiana

.....Respondent

AC.No. 2734 of 2021

Present: (i) None is present on behalf of the appellant
(ii) For the respondent: Sh. Gurjant Singh, JE (9464156944) and Sh. Kewal Singh, JE (9464737480) *in the Commission*

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order vide which the case was adjourned to be heard on 02.03.2022 i.e today. During the first hearing dated 04.08.2021, the respondent was directed to provide the information to the appellant free of cost. On the next date i.e. 08.09.2021, the respondent stated that he has brought the information in the Commission, but the appellant appeared before the Commission through CISCO webex, hence the appellant was directed to collect the information from the Commission office. On 21.09.2021, the appellant collected the information from the Commission office and on the next date of hearing in the Commission i.e. 18.10.2021, the appellant handed over the deficiencies to the respondent. Further the respondent was directed to remove the deficiencies pointed out by the appellant. He was also directed to file an affidavit that the information that has been supplied is true, complete and no other information relating to this RTI application is available in the record. But on the next date i.e. 07.02.2022, the respondent was absent.



AC.No. 2734 of 2021

2. Today, the appellant is not present. He has sent an email stating that the he is unable to attend today's hearing and he has sought another date.
3. Respondent states that he has brought attested copies of information today in the Commission.
4. After hearing the respondent and going through the case file, it is observed that the respondent is not aware about the facts of the case, which shows that the respondent-PIO has no regard for the orders issued by the Commission.
5. It is observed that the respondents are being represented by low level officials who are not in a position to satisfy the commission and the appellant. From the next date of hearing, no person below the PIO or APIO will be allowed to appear. Appearance of low level officials will amount to disrespect to the RTI Act. Such kind of behavior of a Government servant needs to be condemned and such employees need to be taught a good lesson so that rest of the employees have a right kind of message to wake up and perform their duties under the RTI Act for ensuring complete transparency and due accountability in the governance affairs of the public authorities.
6. Looking at the lackadaisical and highly irresponsible attitude of the respondent, **PIO, o/o EO, MC, Mandi Gobindgarh** is directed to show cause as to why penalty @ 250/- per day be not imposed upon her under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act for not sending the information to the complainant within the statutorily period. He may also make use of the next date of hearing for his personal hearing as well under the principles of natural justice and explain her conduct and status of the complaint to enable the Commission to arrive at a reasonable/logical conclusion in the matter.

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7. The respondent-PIO is also directed to bring complete information in the Commission office.

8. To come up on **22.06.2022 at 12.00 PM** for further proceedings in the Commission.
Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated :02.03.2022

Sd/-
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Sh. Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia (RTI Activist)
Ward No.18, Street No.2, Kartar Nagar,
Amloh Road, Khanna – 141401. (9464500405)

.....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o EO, MC, Mandi Gobindgarh.
First Appellate Authority,
O/o Regional Deputy Director
Urban Local Govt., 1st Floor, Mini Sect..
Ferozepur Road, Ludhiana

.....Respondent

AC.No. 2739 of 2021

Present: (i) None is present on behalf of the appellant
(ii) For the respondent: Sh. Gurjant Singh, JE (9464156944) and Sh. Kewal Singh, JE (9464737480) *in the Commission*

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order vide which the case was adjourned to be heard on 02.03.2022 i.e. today. During the first hearing dated 08.09.2021, the respondent was directed to send the information to the Commission office. On the next date of hearing i.e. 18.10.2021, the appellant stated that no information has been given to him and the respondent stated that the information, as exists, in the record has already been sent to the appellant. Hence, the respondent was directed to file an affidavit that the information that has been supplied is true, complete and no other information relating to this RTI application is available in the record. But on the next date i.e. 07.02.2022, the respondent was absent and he was informed on phone that he is unable to attend the hearing due to elections.



AC.No. 2739 of 2021

2. Today, the appellant is not present. He has sent an email stating that the he is unable to attend today's hearing and he has sought another date.
3. After hearing the respondent and going through the case file, it is observed that the respondent is not aware about the facts of the case, which shows that the respondent-PIO has no regard for the orders issued by the Commission.
4. It is observed that the respondents are being represented by low level officials who are not in a position to satisfy the commission and the appellant. From the next date of hearing, no person below the PIO or APIO will be allowed to appear. Appearance of low level officials will amount to disrespect to the RTI Act.
5. Looking at the lackadaisical and highly irresponsible attitude of the respondent, **PIO, o/o EO, MC, Mandi Gobindgarh** is directed to show cause as to why penalty @ 250/- per day be not imposed upon her under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act for not sending the information to the complainant within the statutorily period. He may also make use of the next date of hearing for his personal hearing as well under the principles of natural justice and explain her conduct and status of the complaint to enable the Commission to arrive at a reasonable/logical conclusion in the matter.
6. The respondent-PIO is also directed to bring complete information in the Commission office.
7. To come up on **20.06.2022 at 12.00 PM** for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated :02.03.2022

Sd/-
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Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta

R/o 8/237, Jagraon Road,
Mandi Mullanpur, Distt. Ludhiana – 141101(9814924851)

.....Appellant

..Vs

REGISTERED POST

Public Information Officer,
O/o SSP, Jagraon (Rural)
Ludhiana

First Appellate Authority,
O/o DIG, Ludhiana Range, Ludhiana

.....Respondent

AC No. 572 of 2021

Present : (i) None is present on behalf of the appellant
(ii) Sh. Pritam Singh, ASI , o/o PS, Dakha (9815800919) in the Commission.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 03.02.2022 vide which the appellant stated that he has not received the information pertaining to CIA Ludhiana. Hence, the respondent - CIA, Ludhiana was directed to provide the information pertaining to point nos. 2 and 3.

2. Today, the appellant is absent. He has sent an email mentioning therein that he is unable to attend today's hearing.

3. Today the respondent, o/o CIA, Ludhiana is absent.

4. Taking a lenient view, one last opportunity is given to the respondent, o/o CIA Ludhiana to appear before the Commission and state his case.

5. To come up on **15.06.2022 at 12.00 PM** for further proceedings in the Commission.
Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

Dated :02.03.2022

(Amrit Partap Singh Sekhon)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

REGISTERED POST:

CC: PIO, o/o CIA , Ludhiana

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Mandi Mullanpur, Distt. Ludhiana – 141101(9814924851)

.....Appellant

..Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o SSP, Jagraon (Rural)
Ludhiana
First Appellate Authority,
o/o DIG, Ludhiana Range, Ludhiana

.....Respondent

AC No. 583 of 2021

Present : None for the parties.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 03.02.2022, vide which the respondent had sought some time.

2. Today ,neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. The appellant has sent sent his submissions via email, the same is taken on record.

3. Since, both the parties are not present, one more opportunity is given to both the parties to appear before the Commission and state their case. During the hearing dated 29.11.2021, Sh. Hakam Singh , o/o SSP, Patiala was appeared before the Commission and stated that the information demanded by the appellant is third party information.

Hence, both the PIOs, o/o SSP, Patiala and PIO, o/o SSP, Jagraon (Rural) are directed to come present on the next date of hearing alongwith proper reply.

4. To come up on **20.06.2022 at 12.00 PM** for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

Dated :02.03.2022

(Amrit Partap Singh Sekhon)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

REGISTERED POST

CC: PIO, o/o SSP, Patiala is also directed to come present on the next date of hearing.



Sh. Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia (RTI Activist)
Ward No. 18, Street No. 2,
Kartar Nagar, Amloh Road, Khanna – 141401
(9464500405)

.....Appellant

..Vs

Public Information Officer,
o/o EO, MC, Mandi Gobindgarh
First Appellate Authority,
o/o Regional Deputy Director Urban Local Bodies
Ludhiana

.....Respondent

AC No. 3476 of 2021

Present : (i) None is present on behalf of the appellant
(ii) For the respondent : Sh. Kewal Singh, J.E (9464737480) in the
Commission

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous orders dated 03.02.2022 and 29.11.2021. During the hearing dated 29.11.2021, the appellant stated that no information has been given to him so far and the respondent was directed to bring complete information in the Commission office on the next date of hearing. On the next date i.e. 03.02.2022, neither the appellant nor the respondent was present.

2. Today, the appellant is not present. He has sent an email stating that he is unable to attend today's hearing and has sought another date.
3. Sh. Kewal Singh, J.E. is appearing on behalf of the respondent.
4. After hearing the respondent and going through the case file, it is observed that the respondent is not aware about the facts of the case, which shows that the respondent-PIO has no regard for the orders issued by the Commission.



AC No. 3476 of 2021

5. It is observed that the respondents are being represented by low level officials who are not in a position to satisfy the commission and the appellant. From the next date of hearing, no person below the PIO will be allowed to appear. Appearance of low level officials will amount to disrespect to the RTI Act.

6. Looking at the lackadaisical and highly irresponsible attitude of the respondent, **PIO, o/o EO, MC, Mandi Gobindgarh** is directed to show cause as to why penalty @ 250/- per day be not imposed upon her under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act for not sending the information to the appellant within the statutorily period. He may also make use of the next date of hearing for his personal hearing as well under the principles of natural justice and explain his conduct and status of the appeal to enable the Commission to arrive at a reasonable/logical conclusion in the matter.

7. The respondent-PIO is also directed to bring complete information in the Commission office.

8. To come up on **15.06.2022 at 12.00 PM** for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated :02.03.2022

Sd/-
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State Information Commissioner
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Sh. Ravi Sharma, Advocate
C-128, 2nd Floor, Lajpat Nagar-1,
New Delhi -110024

.....Appellant

..Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o EO, MC, Zirakpur,
Distt. Mohali
First Appellate Authority ,
O/o Regional Deputy Director,
Local Government, Patiala

.....Respondent

AC No. 3735 of 2021

Present : (i) Sh. Ravi Sharma the appellant (*on telephone*)
(ii) For the respondent : Sh. Girish Verma, EO (9872730514) and Sh. Gulshan Mehta, Advocate (9876468637) in the Commission.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 03.02.2022 vide which a show cause notice was issued to the respondent-PIO.

2. Today the appellant was contacted on phone. He states that no information has been given to him so far.
3. The respondent states that the information has been sent to the appellant on 28.02.2022.
4. After hearing both the parties and going through the case file, it is observed that the respondent has sent information to the appellant on 28.02.2022. But the appellant has not received the information so far.

Whenever the appellant has received the information, he is advised to revert back to the authorities in case he is not satisfied with the information. On receipt of the deficiencies, the respondents are directed to remove the same before the next date of hearing.

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AC No. 3735 of 2021

Today the respondent has also filed reply of the show cause notice issued to him. I have gone through the affidavit of the Respondent and agree with the reply of the Respondent resultantly, the proceedings under Section 20 of the RTI are dropped.

5. To come up on **25.04.2022 at 12.00 PM** for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties. *The appellant can attend the hearing through CISCO Webex.*

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Sd/-

Dated :02.03.2022

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Sh. Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia (RTI Activist)
Ward No. 18, Street No. 2,
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(9464500405)

.....Appellant

..Vs

Public Information Officer,
o/o EO, MC, Mandi Gobindgarh
First Appellate Authority,
o/o Regional Deputy Director Urban Local Bodies
Ludhiana

.....Respondent

AC No. 3475 of 2021

Present : (i) None is present on behalf of the appellant
(ii) For the respondent : Sh. Kewal Singh, J.E on behalf of the respondent
(9464737480)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous orders dated 03.02.2022 and 29.11.2021. During the hearing dated 29.11.2021, the appellant stated that no information has been given to him so far and the respondent was directed to bring complete information in the Commission office on the next date of hearing. On the next date i.e. 03.02.2022, neither the appellant nor the respondent was present.

2. Today, the appellant is not present. He has sent an email stating that he is unable to attend today's hearing and he has sought another date.

3. Respondent Sh. Kewal Singh is appearing on behalf of the respondent.

4. After hearing the respondent and going through the case file, it is observed that the respondent is not aware about the facts of the case, which shows that the respondent-PIO has no regard for the orders issued by the Commission.



AC No. 3475 of 2021

5. It is observed that the respondents are being represented by low level officials who are not in a position to satisfy the commission and the appellant. From the next date of hearing, no person below the PIO will be allowed to appear. Appearance of low level officials will amount to disrespect to the RTI Act. Such kind of behavior of a Government servant needs to be condemned and such employees need to be taught a good lesson so that rest of the employees have a right kind of message to wake up and perform their duties under the RTI Act for ensuring complete transparency and due accountability in the governance affairs of the public authorities.

6. Looking at the lackadaisical and highly irresponsible attitude of the respondent, **PIO, o/o EO, MC, Mandi Gobindgarh** is directed to show cause as to why penalty @ 250/- per day be not imposed upon her under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act for not sending the information to the complainant within the statutorily period. He may also make use of the next date of hearing for his personal hearing as well under the principles of natural justice and explain her conduct and status of the complaint to enable the Commission to arrive at a reasonable/logical conclusion in the matter.

7. The respondent-PIO is also directed to bring complete information in the Commission office.

8. To come up on **27.06.2022 at 12.00 PM** for further proceedings in the Commission.
Copy of the order be sent to the parties

Sd/-

Dated :02.03.2022

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Sh Ravinder Pal Singh Chadha, (M-9814228629)
#30, Banda Bahadur Singh, Jalandhar

.....Appellant

..Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o MC, Jalandhar
First Appellate Authority,
O/o Commissioner, MC, Jalandhar

.....Respondent

AC No. 3528 of 2021

Present: None for the parties

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 03.02.2022 vide which neither the appellant nor the respondent was present and a show cause notice was issued to the respondent-PIO.

2. Today again neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. The appellant has sent his submissions through email.

3. The perusal of the file shows that the respondent is absent for third consecutive hearing. However taking a lenient view, one last opportunity is given to both the parties to appear before the Commission and state their case. It is made clear that in case both the parties do not appear on the next date of hearing, appropriate order in their absence shall be passed. *Respondent is also directed to file reply to the show cause notice issued to him, failing which action under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act 2005 will be initiated.*

4. To come up on **30.05.2022 at 12.00PM** for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

Dated :02.03.2022

(Amrit Partap Singh Sekhon)
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Sh Ravinder Pal Singh Chadha, (M-9814228629)
#30, Banda Bahadur Singh, Jalandhar

.....Appellant

..Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o MC, Jalandhar
First Appellate Authority,
O/o Commissioner, MC, Jalandhar

.....Respondent

AC No. 3527 of 2021

Present: None for the parties

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 03.02.2022 vide which neither the appellant nor the respondent was present and a show cause notice was issued to the respondent-PIO.

2. Today again neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. The appellant has sent his submissions through email.

3. The perusal of the file shows that the respondent is absent for third consecutive hearing. However taking a lenient view, one last opportunity is given to both the parties to appear before the Commission and state their case. It is made clear that in case both the parties do not appear on the next date of hearing, appropriate order in their absence shall be passed. *Respondent is also directed to file reply to the show cause notice issued to him, failing which action under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act 2005 will be initiated.*

4. To come up on **08.06.2022 at 12.00PM** for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

Dated :02.03.2022

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#30, Banda Bahadur Singh, Jalandhar

.....Appellant

..Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o MC, Jalandhar
First Appellate Authority,
O/o Commissioner, MC, Jalandhar

.....Respondent

AC No. 3529 of 2021

Present: None for the parties

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 03.02.2022 vide which neither the appellant nor the respondent was present and a show cause notice was issued to the respondent-PIO.

2. Today again neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. The appellant has sent his submissions through email.

3. The perusal of the file shows that the respondent is absent for third consecutive hearing. However taking a lenient view, one last opportunity is given to both the parties to appear before the Commission and state their case. It is made clear that in case both the parties do not appear on the next date of hearing, appropriate order in their absence shall be passed. *Respondent is also directed to file reply to the show cause notice issued to him, failing which action under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act 2005 will be initiated.*

4. To come up on **01.06.2022 at 12.00PM** for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

Dated :02.03.2022

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Sh. Ravinder Pal Singh Chadha,
30, Banda Bahadur Nagar, Jalandhar
9814228629

.....Appellant

..Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o MC, Jalandhar

First Appellate Authority
O/o Commissioner, MC, Jalandhar

.....Respondent

AC No. 3522 of 2021

Present: None for the parties

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 07.02.2022 vide which the appellant stated that no information has been given to him so far and the respondent was sent his reply. Accordingly the respondent was directed to file an affidavit regarding point no. 1, 2, 3 and 5.

2. Today neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. The appellant has sent an email, which is taken on record

3. The perusal of the file shows that the respondent is absent today. However taking a lenient view, one last opportunity is given to the respondent to appear before the Commission and state his case, failing which action under Section 20(1) of the RTI Act 2005 will be initiated.

4. To come up on **15.06.2022 at 12.00PM** for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

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Sh. Ravinder Pal Singh Chadha,
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9814228629

.....Appellant

..Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o MC, Jalandhar
First Appellate Authority
O/o Commissioner, MC, Jalandhar

.....Respondent

AC No. 3525 of 2021

Present: None for the parties

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 07.02.2022 vide which the respondent was absent and the appellant stated that no information has been given to him so far.

2. Today neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. The appellant has sent an email, which is taken on record
3. The perusal of the file shows that the respondent is absent for second consecutive hearing. However taking a lenient view, one last opportunity is given to the respondent to appear before the Commission and state his case, failing which action under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act will be initiated.
4. To come up on **15.06.2022 at 12.00PM** for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated :02.03.2022

Sd/-
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State Information Commissioner
Punjab