

Shri Tejinder Singh, Advocate,
Civil Courts, Tehsil Complex,
Backside Sanjh Kender,
Phillaur.

--Appellant.

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o Municipal Corporation,
Kapurthala.

First Appellate Authority:
O/o Municipal Corporation,
Kapurthala.

..Respondent

Appeal Case No. 4684 of 2021

Present:- Shri Tejinder Singh, Advocate, appellant is present.
Shri Rajinder Sharma, SPIO-cum-Secretary, O/o Municipal Corporation,
Kapurthala is present.

O R D E R

Shri Tejinder Singh, Advocate, appellant filed RTI application dated 22.04.2021 and sought some information from the SPIO, O/o Municipal Corporation, Kapurthala. When no information was provided to him by the SPIO, then he filed First Appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 15.06.2021 and then Second Appeal before the Punjab State Information Commission on 12.10.2021. The case was registered and allocated to the Bench. Notice of hearing was issued to both the parties for today through **CISCO Webex Meetings Software**.

Both the parties are present today. The appellant stated that no information has been provided to him by the SPIO, whereas he has filed RTI application on 22.04.2021 and a period of more than seven months has been passed.

The respondent stated that point-wise information has been sent to the appellant through registered post on 01.12.2021 and a copy of the same has also been sent to the Commission.

The Commission has received an e-mail sent by the SPIO, which is a copy of letter no.2623 dated 01.12.2021 vide which point-wise information was sent to the appellant. I have gone through the said letter and it is submitted by the SPIO that regarding point nos.4, 5, 9, 10 and 11 there is no record available in the office of the Municipal Corporation.

Under these circumstances, the SPIO is directed that he should submit a duly attested affidavit regarding this fact that the information regarding the above mentioned points is not available in the office of the Municipal Corporation, Kapurthala.

The appellant is directed that in case he would not be satisfied with the information sent by the SPIO, then he should submit the deficiencies in writing to the notice of the SPIO within two days and the SPIO is further directed to supply the information regarding the deficiencies to the appellant within five days from the receipt of deficiencies.

Both the parties should personally come present on the next date of hearing i.e.
21.12.2021 at 10:00 A.M.

Dated: 02.12.2021

(Avtar Singh Kaler)
State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

Shri Tejinder Singh, Advocate,
Civil Courts, Tehsil Complex,
Backside Sanjh Kender,
Phillaur.

--Appellant.

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o SHO, Police Station,
Daresi, Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority:
O/o Commissioner of Police,
Ludhiana.

..Respondent

Appeal Case No. 4683 of 2021

Present:- Shri Tejinder Singh, Advocate, appellant is present.
None present on behalf of the SPIO, O/o SHO, Police Station, Daresi, Ludhiana.

O R D E R

Shri Tejinder Singh, Advocate, appellant filed RTI application dated 25.06.2021 and sought some information from the SPIO, O/o SHO, Police Station, Daresi, Ludhiana. When no information was provided to him by the SPIO, then he filed First Appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 03.08.2021 and then Second Appeal before the Punjab State Information Commission on 12.10.2021. The case was registered and allocated to the Bench. Notice of hearing was issued to both the parties for today through **CISCO Webex Meetings Software**.

The appellant is present today, whereas no one has come present on behalf of the SPIO. The appellant stated that no information has been provided to him by the SPIO, whereas he has filed RTI application on 25.06.2021 and a period of more than five months has been passed.

The SPIO has not provided the information to the appellant whereas a period of five months have been passed. So, a compensation of Rs. 2000/- is awarded in favour of the appellant to be paid from the funds of public authority by way of demand draft and be sent to the appellant through registered post within a week along with attested copies of complete information and compliance be sent to the Commission accordingly. In case of non compliance of the Order of the Commission a Show Cause Notice U/s 20(1) of the RTI Act, 2005 will be issued to the SPIO on the next date of hearing and he will be penalized upto Rs.25,000/-, which will be deducted from his salary.

Both the parties should personally come present on the next date of hearing i.e.
21.12.2021 at 10:00 A.M.

Dated: 02.12.2021

(Avtar Singh Kaler)
State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

Shri Tejinder Singh, Advocate,
Civil Courts, Tehsil Complex,
Backside Sanjh Kender,
Phillaur.

--Appellant.

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Sub Registrar,
Jalandhar-2.

First Appellate Authority:

O/o Sub Divisional Magistrate,
Jalandhar-2.

..Respondent

Appeal Case No. 4686 of 2021

Present:- Shri Tejinder Singh, Advocate, appellant is present.
None present on behalf of the SPIO, O/o Sub Registrar, Jalandhar-2.

ORDER

Shri Tejinder Singh, Advocate, appellant filed RTI application dated 04.05.2021 and sought some information from the SPIO, O/o Sub Registrar, Jalandhar-2. When no information was provided to him by the SPIO, then he filed First Appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 05.06.2021 and then Second Appeal before the Punjab State Information Commission on 12.10.2021. The case was registered and allocated to the Bench. Notice of hearing was issued to both the parties for today through **CISCO Webex Meetings Software**.

The appellant is present today, whereas none present on behalf of the SPIO.

The appellant stated that the SPIO has provided him incomplete information and he has submitted the deficiencies in writing to the notice of the SPIO on 14.08.2021, but till date no information regarding the deficiencies has been provided to him by the SPIO.

So, the SPIO is directed that the attested copies of information regarding the deficiencies pointed out by the appellant be provided to the appellant within a week and compliance be sent to the Commission. In case of non compliance of the Order of the Commission a Show Cause Notice U/s 20(1) of the RTI Act, 2005 will be issued to the SPIO on the next date of hearing and a penalty of Rs.25,000/- will be imposed upon him.

Both the parties should personally come present on the next date of hearing i.e. **21.12.2021 at 10:00 A.M.**

Dated: 02.12.2021

(Avtar Singh Kaler)
State Information Commissioner, Punjab.



Shri Tejinder Singh, Advocate,
Civil Courts, Tehsil Complex,
Backside Sanjh Kender,
Phillaur.

--Appellant.

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Sub Registrar,
Sri Goindwal Sahib.

First Appellate Authority:

O/o Sub Divisional Magistrate,
Khadoor Sahib.

..Respondent

Appeal Case No. 4691 of 2021

Present:- Shri Tejinder Singh, Advocate, appellant is present.
None present on behalf of the SPIO, O/o Sub Registrar, Sri Goindwal Sahib.

O R D E R

Shri Tejinder Singh, Advocate, appellant filed RTI application dated 04.05.2021 and sought some information from the SPIO, O/o Sub Registrar, Sri Goindwal Sahib. The SPIO has sent him information vide letter no.45 dated 15.06.2021. But not satisfied with the information, the appellant filed First Appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 05.06.2021 and then Second Appeal before the Punjab State Information Commission on 12.10.2021. The case was registered and allocated to the Bench. Notice of hearing was issued to both the parties for today through **CISCO Webex Meetings Software**.

The appellant is present today, whereas none present on behalf of the SPIO.

The appellant stated that the SPIO has provided him incomplete information and he has submitted the deficiencies in writing to the notice of the SPIO on 14.08.2021, but till date no information regarding the deficiencies has been provided to him by the SPIO.

So, the SPIO is directed that the attested copies of information regarding the deficiencies pointed out by the appellant be provided to the appellant within a week and compliance be sent to the Commission. In case of non compliance of the Order of the Commission a Show Cause Notice U/s 20(1) of the RTI Act, 2005 will be issued to the SPIO on the next date of hearing and a penalty of Rs.25,000/- will be imposed upon him.

Both the parties should personally come present on the next date of hearing i.e.
21.12.2021 at 10:00 A.M.

Dated: 02.12.2021

(Avtar Singh Kaler)
State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

Smt. Neha Nanda, D/o Shri Sunil Maini,
W/o Shri Sahil Nanda,
R/o 5520/1, Gali No.1,
New Shivagi Nagar,
Ludhiana.

--Appellant.

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Commissioner of Police,
Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority:

O/o Commissioner of Police,
Ludhiana.

..Respondent

Appeal Case No. 4694 of 2021

Present:- Advocate Chander Shekhar Chopra is present on behalf of Smt. Neha Nanda, appellant.
ASI Tarsem Singh-1689/LDH is present on behalf of the SPIO, O/o Commissioner of Police, Ludhiana.

O R D E R

Smt. Neha Nanda, appellant filed RTI application and sought some information from the SPIO, O/o Commissioner of Police, Ludhiana. When no information was provided to her by the SPIO, then she filed First Appeal before the First Appellate Authority and then Second Appeal before the Punjab State Information Commission on 12.10.2021. The case was registered and allocated to the Bench. Notice of hearing was issued to both the parties for today through **CISCO Webex Meetings Software**.

Advocate Chander Shekhar Chopra is present on behalf of Smt. Neha Nanda, appellant and ASI Tarsem Singh-1689/LDH is present on behalf of the SPIO.

The counsel of the appellant stated that no information has been provided to the appellant by the SPIO.

The Respondent stated that the appellant sought information regarding application no.1477287 dated 13.12.2018, which is under investigation stage. on.

The Commission has received an e-mail sent by the SPIO, which is a copy of letter no.915-D dated 27.11.2021 along with copy of status report. I have gone through the letter sent by the SPIO and the above mentioned facts have been submitted by the SPIO.

The counsel of the appellant stated that the appellant sought information regarding all the documents related with the said case.

Under these circumstances, both the parties are directed to appear before the Commission personally on the next date of hearing. The Respondent SPIO is directed to come present along with case file.

Both the parties should personally come present for further hearing on **07.12.2021 at 10:30 A.M.**

Dated: 02.12.2021

(Avtar Singh Kaler)
State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

Shri Sanjiv Deora, S/o Shri Mohinder Pal,
Chamber No.190, Block C,
Distt. Court Complex, Faridkot.

--Appellant.

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Principal,
Govt. Sr. Sec. School, Jhanger Bhaini,
Distt. Fazilka.

First Appellate Authority:

O/o Principal,
Govt. Sr. Sec. School, Jhanger Bhaini,
Distt. Fazilka.

..Respondent

Appeal Case No. 4695 of 2021

Present:- Shri Sanjiv Deora, appellant is present.
None present on behalf of the SPIO, O/o Principal, Govt. Sr. Sec. School,
Jhanger Bhaini, Distt. Fazilka.

ORDER

Shri Sanjiv Deora, appellant filed RTI application dated 31.05.2021 and sought some information from the SPIO, O/o Principal, Govt. Sr. Sec. School, Jhanger Bhaini, Distt. Fazilka. A reply was sent to him by the SPIO vide letter no.137 dated 03.08.2021 and the information sought by him was denied being personal information. But not satisfied with the reply of the SPIO, the appellant filed First Appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 18.08.2021 and then Second Appeal before the Punjab State Information Commission on 13.10.2021. The case was registered and allocated to the Bench. Notice of hearing was issued to both the parties for today through **CISCO Webex Meetings Software**.

The appellant is present today, whereas the SPIO has not come present.

The appellant stated that no information has been provided to him by the SPIO rather, the information has been denied U/s 8(1)(j) of the RTI Act, 2005, being the personal information.

I have gone through the RTI application and also gone through letter no.137 dated 03.08.2021 vide which the SPIO has denied the information U/s 8(1)(j) of the RTI Act, 2005. The appellant sought certified copy of the first appointment letter as Science Master issued to Shri Amandeep Monga, S/o Shri Ashok Monga now Lecturer Physics, Govt. Sr. Sec. School, Jhanger Bhaini.

The appellant stated that the information has been wrongly denied.

Under these circumstances, both the parties are directed to come personally present on the next date of hearing. The SPIO is directed to come present along with the relevant record.

Both the parties should personally come present on the next date of hearing i.e.

15.12.2021 at 10:00 A.M.

Dated: 02.12.2021

(Avtar Singh Kaler)
State Information Commissioner, Punjab.



Shri Ravinder Pal Singh Chadha,
30, Banda Bahadur Nagar,
Jalandhar.

..... Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o Municipal Corporation,
Jalandhar.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation,
Jalandhar.

.....Respondent

Appeal Case No. 1935 of 2021

Present:- Shri Ravinder Pal Singh Chadha, appellant is present.
Shri Dinesh Joshi, APIO-cum-Building Inspector is present on behalf of SPIO,
O/o Municipal Corporation, Jalandhar.

O R D E R

Shri Ravinder Pal Singh Chadha, appellant filed RTI application dated 06.10.2020 and sought some information from the SPIO, O/o Municipal Corporation, Jalandhar.

Today the case is heard through CISCO Webex Meetings Software.

The appellant is present through CISCO Webex, whereas the respondent APIO has come personally present in the Commission.

The appellant stated that the sought for information has not been provided to him by the SPIO.

On the other hand the respondent APIO, who is personally present today submitted a copy of letter, which is taken in the file of the Commission. I have gone through the said letter vide which the APIO has submitted point-wise information/reply regarding the RTI application filed by the appellant.

The appellant is directed to visit the office of the SPIO tomorrow i.e. 03.12.2021 at 10.00 A.M. and the SPIO is further directed that he should provide him the attested copies of sought for information/reply and compliance be sent to the Commission. In case of non compliance of the Order of the Commission a Show Cause Notice U/s 20(1) of the RTI Act, 2005 will be issued to the SPIO, on the next date of hearing and he will be penalized up to Rs.25,000/-, which will be deducted from his salary.

Both the parties should connect through **CISCO WEBEX MEETINGS Software (Meeting No. 1582695783)** on the next date of hearing i.e. **14.12.2021 at 11:00 A.M.**

Dated: 02.12.2021

(Avtar Singh Kaler)
State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

Shri Ravinder Pal Singh Chadha,
30, Banda Bahadur Nagar,
Jalandhar.

..... Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o Municipal Corporation,
Jalandhar.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation,
Jalandhar.

.....Respondent

Appeal Case No. 1936 of 2021

Present:- Shri Ravinder Pal Singh Chadha, appellant is present.
Shri Paul Parneet Singh, APIO-cum-Building Inspector is present on behalf of
SPIO, O/o Municipal Corporation, Jalandhar.

O R D E R

Shri Ravinder Pal Singh Chadha, appellant filed RTI application dated 11.01.2020 and sought some information from the SPIO, O/o Municipal Corporation, Jalandhar.

Today the case is heard through CISCO Webex Meetings Software.

The appellant is present through CISCO Webex, whereas the respondent APIO has come personally present in the Commission.

The appellant stated that the sought for information has not been provided to him by the SPIO. He further stated that the SPIO has sent him the compensation of Rs.2,000/-, whereas vide order dated 17.11.2021 the amount of compensation has been enhanced to Rs.5,000/-.

The respondent stated that the appellant sought information regarding action taken on the letter sent by the Directorate, Local Govt. Punjab to the Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Jalandhar and regarding that the notice has been issued to the concerned and except that no other information is available in the record.

Under these circumstances the appellant is directed to visit the office of the SPIO tomorrow i.e. 03.12.2021 at 10.00 A.M. and the SPIO is further directed that he should provide him the attested copies of sought for information/reply along with balance amount of compensation of Rs.3,000/- by way of demand draft and compliance be sent to the Commission. In case of non compliance of the Order of the Commission a Show Cause Notice U/s 20(1) of the RTI Act, 2005 will be issued to the SPIO, on the next date of hearing and he will be penalized up to Rs.25,000/-, which will be deducted from his salary.

Both the parties should connect through **CISCO WEBEX MEETINGS Software (Meeting No. 1582695783)** on the next date of hearing i.e. **14.12.2021 at 11:00 A.M.**

Dated: 02.12.2021

(Avtar Singh Kaler)
State Information Commissioner, Punjab.



Shri Ravinder Pal Singh Chadha,
30, Banda Bahadur Nagar,
Jalandhar.

..... Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o Municipal Corporation,
Jalandhar.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation,
Jalandhar.

.....Respondent

Appeal Case No. 1949 of 2021

Present:- Shri Ravinder Pal Singh Chadha, appellant is present.
Shri Paul Parneet Singh, APIO-cum-Building Inspector is present on behalf of
SPIO, O/o Municipal Corporation, Jalandhar.

O R D E R

Shri Ravinder Pal Singh Chadha, appellant filed RTI application dated 21.01.2021 and sought some information from the SPIO, O/o Municipal Corporation, Jalandhar.

Today the case is heard through CISCO Webex Meetings Software.

The appellant is present through CISCO Webex, whereas the respondent APIO has come personally present in the Commission.

The appellant stated that the sought for information has not been provided to him by the SPIO. He further stated that the SPIO has sent him the compensation of Rs.2,000/-, whereas vide order dated 17.11.2021 the amount of compensation has been enhanced to Rs.5,000/-.

The respondent requested that the appellant may visit the office of the SPIO tomorrow and the sought for information/reply will be provided to him.

Under these circumstances the appellant is directed to visit the office of the SPIO tomorrow i.e. 03.12.2021 at 10.00 A.M. and the SPIO is further directed that he should provide him the attested copies of sought for information/reply along with balance amount of compensation of Rs.3,000/- by way of demand draft and compliance be sent to the Commission. In case of non compliance of the Order of the Commission a Show Cause Notice U/s 20(1) of the RTI Act, 2005 will be issued to the SPIO, on the next date of hearing and he will be penalized up to Rs.25,000/-, which will be deducted from his salary.

Both the parties should connect through **CISCO WEBEX MEETINGS Software (Meeting No. 1582695783)** on the next date of hearing i.e. **14.12.2021 at 11:00 A.M.**

Dated: 02.12.2021

(Avtar Singh Kaler)
State Information Commissioner, Punjab.



Shri Amarjit Singh Dhamotia,
H.No. 60-35-P376-1,
Street No.8, Maha Singh Nagar,
P.O. Dhandari Kalan, Ludhiana.

..... Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o SHO,
Police Station, Daba,
Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o SHO,
Police Station, Daba,
Ludhiana.

.....Respondent

Appeal Case No. 1596 of 2021

Present:- Shri Amarjit Singh Dhamotia, appellant is present.
None present on behalf of the SPIO, O/o SHO, Police Station, Daba, Ludhiana.

O R D E R

Shri Amarjit Singh Dhamotia, appellant filed RTI application dated 14.12.2020 and sought some information from the SPIO, O/o SHO, Police Station, Daba, Ludhiana.

Today the case was heard through CISCO WEBEX SOFTWARE.

The appellant is present today, whereas none has come present on behalf of the SPIO. The appellant stated that neither the information nor the amount of compensation of Rs.2,000/- has been provided to him the SPIO till date.

The SPIO has never come present on any date of hearing and neither he has provided the information and compensation to the appellant. The conduct of the SPIO amounts to denial of information and defiance of the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005. So, a **show cause notice** is issued to **SPIO-cum-SHO, Police Station, Daba, Ludhiana** that why the sought for information has not been provided to the applicant till date and so why he may not be penalized up to Rs. 25,000/-.

The SPIO is directed to file reply to the show cause notice in writing and send the same to the Commission within 7 days and an opportunity of personal hearing will be afforded to him on the show cause notice. In case the SPIO would not file reply to the show cause notice then it will be assumed that he do not want to say anything in his defense and the show cause notice will be decided without hearing him and a penalty of Rs.25,000/- will be imposed upon him.

Both the parties should personally come present on the next date of hearing i.e.
21.12.2021 at 10:00 A.M.

Dated: 02.12.2021

(Avtar Singh Kaler)
State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

Shri Daljit Singh, S/o ShriSatnam Singh,
R/o H.No. 23/7, Friends Colony,
Opposite DAV College,
Jalandhar.

..... Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o Municipal Corporation,
Jalandhar.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation,
Jalandhar.

.....Respondent

Appeal Case No. 1588 of 2021

Present:- Shri Daljit Singh, appellant is present.
Shri Paul Parneet Singh, APIO-cum-Building Inspector is present on behalf of
SPIO, O/o Municipal Corporation, Jalandhar.

O R D E R

Shri Daljit Singh, appellant filed RTI application dated 04.11.2020 and sought some information from the SPIO, O/o Municipal Corporation, Jalandhar.

Today the case is heard through CISCO Webex Meetings Software.

The appellant is present through CISCO Webex, whereas the respondent APIO has come personally present in the Commission.

The appellant stated that neither the information nor the amount of compensation of Rs.3,000/- has been provided to him by the SPIO.

The respondent APIO requested for some time for providing information to the appellant and to file reply to the Show Cause Notice.

So, the SPIO is directed to provide the information/reply to the appellant along with compensation of Rs.3,000/- from the funds of public authority by way of demand draft and to send compliance to the Commission accordingly. The SPIO is further directed to file written reply to the Show Cause Notice and send the same to the Commission within a week and an opportunity of personal hearing will be afforded to him on the show cause notice. In case the SPIO would not file reply to the show cause notice then it will be assumed that he do not want to say anything in his defense and the show cause notice will be decided without hearing him and a penalty of Rs. 25,000/- will be imposed upon him.

Both the parties should connect through **CISCO WEBEX MEETINGS Software (Meeting No. 1582695783)** on the next date of hearing i.e. **14.12.2021 at 11:00 A.M.**

Dated: 02.12.2021

(Avtar Singh Kaler)
State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

Shri Gulab Singh,
S/o Shri Malkit Singh,
R/o Kalyan,
Distt. Bathinda.

..... Complainant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer,
Nathana, Distt. Bathinda.

.....Respondent

Complaint Case No. 394 of 2021

Present:- Shri Gulab Singh, complainant/applicant is absent.
None present on behalf of the SPIO, O/o Block Development and Panchayat
Officer, Nathana, Distt. Bathinda.

ORDER

Shri Gulab Singh, complainant/applicant filed RTI application dated 22.06.2020 and sought some information from the SPIO, O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Nathana, Distt. Bathinda.

Today the case is heard through CISCO WEBEX MEETINGS SOFTWARE.

Both the parties are absent today.

I have perused the case file. The complainant has filed RTI application dated 22.06.2020 and sought some information regarding Gram Panchayat, Kalyan Sukha. When no information was provided to him by the PIO, then he filed complaint before the Punjab State Information Commission. The case was registered and notice of hearing was issued to both the parties for 14.07.2021.

On 14.07.2021, Advocate Sukhmandar Singh was present on behalf of the applicant, whereas none has come present on behalf of the respondent SPIO. The SPIO-cum-BDPO, Nathana has sent a copy of letter no.45 dated 18.05.2021 to Commission vide which directions were issued to Shri Harpreet Singh, PIO-cum-Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panchayat, Kalyan Sukha, Block Nathana to attend the hearing before the Commission for 14.07.2021, but inspite of the directions the said Panchayat Secretary has not appeared before the Commission.

After that Shri Harpreet Singh, PIO-cum-Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panchayat, Kalyan Sukha, Block Nathana has not come present before the Commission on 07.09.2021, 30.09.2021, 11.11.2021 and today again he is absent without any intimation to the Commission. He has not complied with the Orders of the Commission and has not filed any reply to the complaint filed by the complainant/applicant.

A Show Cause Notice had already been issued to Shri Harpreet Singh, PIO-cum-Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panchayat, Kalyan Sukha, Block Nathana vide Order dated 30.09.2021 and he was directed to file reply to the Show Cause Notice. But he has not filed any reply to the Show Cause Notice.

Then vide Order dated 11.11.2021 a last and final opportunity was granted to Shri Harpreet Singh, PIO-cum-Panchayat Secretary to file reply to the complaint filed by the complainant-applicant and also to the show cause notice in writing and send the same to the Commission within a week and an opportunity of personal hearing will be afforded to him on the show cause notice. He was further directed that in case he would not file reply to the show cause notice then it will be assumed that he do not want to say anything in his defense and the show cause notice will be decided without hearing him and a penalty of Rs.25,000/- will be imposed upon him.

Today again Shri Harpreet Singh, PIO-cum-Panchayat Secretary is absent and neither he has sent any reply to the Show Cause Notice. He has never come present on any date of hearing and neither he has sent any compliance report to the Commission. His act shows disrespect towards the law and the Commission.

So, I am of the view that the conduct of the PIO is not fair. He has not bothered about his duty and has not provided the information to the complainant-applicant whereas a period of about one and half year has been passed. So, I imposed a penalty of Rs.10,000/- upon Shri Harpreet Singh, PIO-cum-Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panchayat, Kalyan Sukha, Block Nathana. The BDPO, Nathana, Distt. Bathinda is directed that the amount of penalty be deducted from the salary of Shri Harpreet Singh, Panchayat Secretary and be deposited in the following heads and compliance report be sent back to the Commission:-

" Major Head	0070-Other Administrative Services
Sub Major Head	60-Other Services
Minor Head	800-Other Receipts
Sub Head	86-Right to Information Act, 2005."

A copy of order be sent to the DDPO, Bathinda for compliance of the order.

Waiting for the compliance of the Order the case is adjourned for **18.01.2022 at 11:00 A.M.**

Dated: 02.12.2021	(Avtar Singh Kaler) State Information Commissioner, Punjab.
(Regd.) CC: Shri Harpreet Singh, PIO-cum-Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panchayat, Kalyan Sukha, Block Nathana.	
	– for compliance of the Order.
(Regd.) CC: BDPO, Nathana, Distt. Bathinda.	
	– for compliance of the Order.
(Regd.) CC: DDPO, Distt. Bathinda.	
	– for compliance of the Order.

Shri Gulab Singh,
S/o Shri Malkit Singh,
R/o Kalyan,
Distt. Bathinda.

..... Complainant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer,
Nathana, Distt. Bathinda.

.....Respondent

Complaint Case No. 388 of 2021

Present:- Shri Gulab Singh, complainant/applicant is absent.
None present on behalf of the SPIO, O/o Block Development and Panchayat
Officer, Nathana, Distt. Bathinda.

ORDER

Shri Gulab Singh, complainant/applicant filed RTI application dated 22.06.2020 and sought some information from the SPIO, O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Nathana, Distt. Bathinda.

Today the case is heard through CISCO WEBEX MEETINGS SOFTWARE.

Both the parties are absent today.

I have perused the case file. The complainant has filed RTI application dated 22.06.2020 and sought some information regarding Gram Panchayat, Kalyan Sukha. When no information was provided to him by the PIO, then he filed complaint before the Punjab State Information Commission. The case was registered and notice of hearing was issued to both the parties for 14.07.2021.

On 14.07.2021, Advocate Sukhmandar Singh was present on behalf of the applicant, whereas none has come present on behalf of the respondent SPIO. The SPIO-cum-BDPO, Nathana has sent a copy of letter no.45 dated 18.05.2021 to Commission vide which directions were issued to Shri Harpreet Singh, PIO-cum-Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panchayat, Kalyan Sukha, Block Nathana to attend the hearing before the Commission for 14.07.2021, but inspite of the directions the said Panchayat Secretary has not appeared before the Commission.

After that Shri Harpreet Singh, PIO-cum-Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panchayat, Kalyan Sukha, Block Nathana has not come present before the Commission on 07.09.2021, 30.09.2021, 11.11.2021 and today again he is absent without any intimation to the Commission. He has not complied with the Orders of the Commission and has not filed any reply to the complaint filed by the complainant/applicant.

A Show Cause Notice had already been issued to Shri Harpreet Singh, PIO-cum-Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panchayat, Kalyan Sukha, Block Nathana vide Order dated 30.09.2021 and he was directed to file reply to the Show Cause Notice. But he has not filed any reply to the Show Cause Notice.

Then vide Order dated 11.11.2021 a last and final opportunity was granted to Shri Harpreet Singh, PIO-cum-Panchayat Secretary to file reply to the complaint filed by the complainant-applicant and also to the show cause notice in writing and send the same to the Commission within a week and an opportunity of personal hearing will be afforded to him on the show cause notice. He was further directed that in case he would not file reply to the show cause notice then it will be assumed that he do not want to say anything in his defense and the show cause notice will be decided without hearing him and a penalty of Rs.25,000/- will be imposed upon him.

Today again Shri Harpreet Singh, PIO-cum-Panchayat Secretary is absent and neither he has sent any reply to the Show Cause Notice. He has never come present on any date of hearing and neither he has sent any compliance report to the Commission. His act shows disrespect towards the law and the Commission.

So, I am of the view that the conduct of the PIO is not fair. He has not bothered about his duty and has not provided the information to the complainant-applicant whereas a period of about one and half year has been passed. So, I imposed a penalty of Rs.10,000/- upon Shri Harpreet Singh, PIO-cum-Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panchayat, Kalyan Sukha, Block Nathana. The BDPO, Nathana, Distt. Bathinda is directed that the amount of penalty be deducted from the salary of Shri Harpreet Singh, Panchayat Secretary and be deposited in the following heads and compliance report be sent back to the Commission:-

" Major Head	0070-Other Administrative Services
Sub Major Head	60-Other Services
Minor Head	800-Other Receipts
Sub Head	86-Right to Information Act, 2005."

A copy of order be sent to the DDPO, Bathinda for compliance of the order.

Waiting for the compliance of the Order the case is adjourned for **18.01.2022 at 11:00 A.M.**

Dated: 02.12.2021	(Avtar Singh Kaler) State Information Commissioner, Punjab.
(Regd.) CC: Shri Harpreet Singh, PIO-cum-Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panchayat, Kalyan Sukha, Block Nathana.	
	– for compliance of the Order.
(Regd.) CC: BDPO, Nathana, Distt. Bathinda.	
	– for compliance of the Order.
(Regd.) CC: DDPO, Distt. Bathinda.	
	– for compliance of the Order.