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Sh. Mohabbat Pal Singh,
S/o Braham Singh,
#141 Vill. Sahibajpur,
Tehsil Nawashahar, Distt S.B.S Nagar.

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer,
Block Banga, Distt. S.B.S.Nagar.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o District Development and Panchayat Officer,
S.B.S Nagar.

Respondents

Appeal Case No.2007/2018

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of First Appeal made, if any	Date of order, if any of FAA
18.12.2017	Nil	25.01.2018	Nil

Present: None.

1. Sh. Harvinder Singh, Tax Collector, and
2. Sh. Sukhmandar Kumar, Panchayat Secretary – for Respondents.

ORDER

The case has been heard through video conferencing.

Sh. Harvinder Singh, Tax Collector of BDPO Office, Banga is present in the video conferencing. He submits that the appellant was requested to deposit an amount of Rs.33,860/- being the cost of information which he failed to deposit. Accordingly, he is not entitled to get the information as per provisions of the RTI Act.

The appellant is absent. It is learnt that he did not attend the previous hearing also though it could not mature due to technical glitch. The Commission has perused the application. Apparently it is not motivated by public interest. An indiscriminate information concerning all the activities of the office which have been handled by an official namely Sh. Sukhmandar Kumar, has been sought. Such a fishing and roving exercise with reference to an individual can only be spurred by an intent to settle a personal score. The appellant has failed to rebut the contentions made by the respondents. In the scenario the Commission is not inclined to accept the appeal. It is **disposed** accordingly.

Sd/-

03.04.2019

**(Yashvir Mahajan)
State Information Commissioner**



Sh. Hardeep Singh,
S/o Tarsem Lal,
Vill.Nurpur, Block Aur,
Tehsil Banga,
Distt S.B.S Nagar (144502).

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Gram Panchayat Officer,
Nurpur Block Aur Distt S.B.S Nagar

First Appellate Authority
O/o Block and Development and Panchayat Officer,
Block Aur, Distt S.B.S Nagar.

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 2037/2018

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of First Appeal made, if any	Date of order, if any of FAA
22.12.2017	Nil	27.11.2017	Nil

Present: 1. Dr. Neha Awasti Ban, Counsel for the Appellant at Commission's off. Chandigarh. 2. Sh. Hardeep Singh, Appellant in person through V.C. Sh. Jiwan Lal, Superintendent, BDPO Office, Aur – for Respondents.

ORDER

The case has been heard through video conferencing.

The appellant vide his original application dated 22.12.2017 had sought an information pertaining to various activities of the gram panchayat of Vill: Nurpur, P.O. Sarhal Kajia, Tehsil Banga, District Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar. He admits that by and large the information was provided to him. However, the one pertaining to four points mentioned at Sr. No. 3, 5, 6 and 17 of the application has not been supplied.

The Commission takes an exception to the lackadaisical conduct of the respondents. They are directed to provide the residual information as mentioned above and file a written reply to the Commission explaining the reasons of such an inordinate delay before the next date of hearing positively.

To come up at **Chandigarh on 25.04.2019 at 11.30 AM.**

03.04.2019

**Sd/-
(Yashvir Mahajan)
State Information Commissioner**



Sh. Mohinder Singh,
S/o Bakar Singh,
Vill. Megha, Panjgrain Hithar,
PO Panje ke Uttar,
Distt Ferozepur (152024).

Appellant

Versus

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

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

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 2060/2018

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of First Appeal made, if any	Date of order, if any of FAA
12.10.2017	Nil	26.02.2018	Nil

Present: None.

ORDER

Due to technical glitch the video conferencing could not mature. The Commission observes that the appellant had asked for details of income and expenditure incurred by the Gram Panchayat of Village Megha Punjgrain Hittar, District Ferozepur and information relating to MGNREGA funds for the period from 2013 to 2017 as enumerated in detail in his original application. The BDPO, Gur Harsahai has neither provided the information to the appellant nor filed a reply to the notice of the Commission despite more than couple of communications. The BDPO, Gur Harsahai as such has violated the provisions of Section 7(1) of the RTI Act and rendered himself liable for penal consequences.

The PIO – cum – BDPO, Gur Harsahai (by name) is issued a show cause notice to explain in a self- attested affidavit as to why a penalty @ Rs.250/- per day of delay subject to

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maximum of Rs.25,000/- till the complete information is furnished, be not imposed under Section 20(1) of RTI Act, 2005 on him for causing willful delay / denial of the information to the RTI applicant and why the compensation be not awarded to the Appellant under Section 19 (8) (b) of the Act for the detriment suffered by him.

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

To come up on **29.05.2019 at 11.30 AM through video conference at Ferozepur.**

Sd/-

03.04.2019

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Sh. Gurcharan Singh,
S/o Sh. Kirpal Singh,
R/o Vill. Basti Aziz Wali, PO Sandhe Hasham,
Tehsil & Distt. Ferozepur.

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer,
Ghall Khurd, Distt. Ferozepur.

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

Respondents

Appeal Case No.2611/2018

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of First Appeal made, if any	Date of order, if any of FAA	Date of Second Appeal
16.09.2017	Nil	15.01.2018	Nil	17.07.2018

Present: None.

Order

Due to technical glitch the video conferencing could not mature.

The matter shall be reheard on **29.05.2019 at 11.30 AM through video conference**
at Ferozepur.

Sd/-

03.04.2019

(Yashvir Mahajan)
State Information Commissioner



Sh. Gurbachan Singh,
S/o Sh. Gian Chand,
R/o Vill. Purewal Jattan,
P.O- Dhariwal,
Tehsil & Distt. Gurdaspur.

Appellant

Versus

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

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

Respondents

Appeal Case No.2613/2018

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of First Appeal made, if any	Date of order, if any of FAA	Date of Second Appeal
17.01.2018	Nil	01.03.2018	Nil	02.07.2018

Present: None on behalf of the Appellant.
Sh. Yusuf Masih, V.D.O., O/o BDPO, Gurdaspur – for Respondents.

Order

The case has been heard through video conferencing.

The following order was made by this forum on 30.01.2019:

“The video conferencing could not mature because of a technical glitch.

Sh. Yusuf Masih, VDO appearing on behalf of the respondents submits that he has been informed of the application only a couple of days ago and has been asked to personally attend the hearing at Chandigarh. The Commission takes a strong exception to the negligent conduct of the office of BDPO, Gurdaspur. In the notice issued by the Commission it had been specifically directed to join the proceedings through video conferencing facility of PAWAN in Deputy Commissioner Office, Gurdaspur. However, to the grave detriment of the public time and funds a government official has been directed to come all the way to Chandigarh. The BDPO is severely reprimanded for such a lackadaisical attitude. He is directed to be watchful in future failing which such derelict act shall be brought to the notice of the government for proceeding against him.

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Sh. Yusuf Masih has brought along the information which obviously could not be handed over on spot. He is directed to deliver it to the appellant within seven days from today under intimation to the Commission."

"The case has come up for hearing today. Sh. Yusuf Masih, VDO appearing on behalf of the respondents submits that the information has been handed over to the appellant whereas the appellant complains it to be deficient. It transpires that he has not provided him the details of the expenditure incurred on the various development activities of the village. He is once again directed to part with the certified copies of the same immediately.

The respondent PIO has rendered himself liable for penal consequences. He is also desired to show cause in writing as to why the penalty as envisaged under Section 20(1) of the Act should not be imposed on him."

The matter is being taken up today. Sh. Yusuf Masih, Panchayat Secretary appearing on behalf of the respondents says that complete information in compliance with the order of the Commission has been provided. He says that he is in possession of an acknowledgement issued by the appellant. As the appellant is absent without any communication the Commission believes that the information has been received by him to his satisfaction. Thus being the case the Commission is not inclined to further intervene into the matter.

Disposed.

Sd/-

03.04.2019

**(Yashvir Mahajan)
State Information Commissioner**



Smt. Surinder Kaur (Sarpanch),
Village-Bhundian,
PO- Behram Saishta,
Distt. Jalandhar.

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer,
Block-Bhogpur, Sirwal,
Distt. Jalandhar.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o District Development and Panchayat Officer,
Tehsil Complex, Jalandhar.

Respondents

Appeal Case No.2637/2018

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of First Appeal made, if any	Date of order, if any of FAA	Date of Second Appeal
12.02.2018	Nil	13.04.2018	Nil	11.07.2018

Present: Smt. Surinder Kaur, Appellant in person.
Sh.Ram Lubhaya, BDPO, Bhogpur – for Respondents.

Order

The case has been heard through video conferencing.

The following order was made by this forum on 30.01.2019:

“The appellant had sought an information relating to various development works executed during the period from 04.07.2017 to 31.12.2017 and the connected information thereto.

The respondent says that she has been provided the information. During the course of hearing it transpires that only the copies of the proceedings have been provided. Seemingly, the respondents are intentionally avoiding the information. They are directed to provide her the copies of the measurement book and various bills and vouchers associated with the aforesaid works before the next date of hearing failing which the penal consequences shall follow. Meanwhile, the BDPO shall file a written reply to the Commission as to why he failed to provide the information during the stipulated period.”



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The case has come up for hearing today. Sh. Ram Lubhaya, BDPO, Bhogpur says that Sh. Sarbjeet Singh, Panchayat Secretary who is the custodian of the record is non cooperative despite having been instructed to join the proceedings and supply record. He is defiant. The Commission takes serious note of his defiance.

Sh. Sarbjeet Singh, Panchayat Secretary who is the deemed PIO in this case is directed to come present in person along with the original record on the next date of hearing. He is issued a show cause notice to explain in a self- attested affidavit as to why a penalty @ Rs.250/- per day of delay subject to maximum of Rs.25,000/- till the complete information is furnished, be not imposed under Section 20(1) of RTI Act, 2005 on him for causing willful delay / denial of the information to the RTI applicant and why the compensation be not awarded to the Appellant under Section 19 (8) (b) of the Act for the detriment suffered by him.

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

To come up at **Chandigarh on 16.05.2019 at 11.30 AM.**

Sd/-

03.04.2019

**(Yashvir Mahajan)
State Information Commissioner**



Sh. Ajay Kumar,
S/o Sh. Santokh Ram,
V.P.O-Khaira,
Tehsil Phillaur, Distt. Jalandhar.

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer,
Block- Phillaur, Distt. Jalandhar.

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

Respondents

Appeal Case No.2647/2018

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of First Appeal made, if any	Date of order, if any of FAA	Date of Second Appeal
07.04.2018	Nil	24.05.2018	Nil	03.08.2018

Present: Sh. Ajay Kumar, Appellant in person.
Sh. Gurchetan Ram, Panchayat Secretary, BDPO Office, Phillaur – for Respondents.

Order

The case has been heard through video conferencing.

The following order was passed by this forum on 30.01.2019:

“The appellant had sought basic information about the expenses incurred in the construction of a Sports Club and laying of sewage pipe in the village Khehra, Tehsil Phillaur, Distt. Jalandhar.

The appellant is present in the video conferencing whereas the respondents are absent. He says that a very sketchy information just to dodge him has been given by the concerned Panchayat Secretary. The respondents have failed to file a written reply to the notice of the Commission and provide complete information to the appellant. No tangible action has also been taken by the First Appellate Authority. The PIO has rendered himself liable for penal consequences.

Accordingly, the PIO is issued a show cause notice to explain in a self-attested

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

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

The case has come up for hearing today. Both the parties are present and are contradicting each other whereas the respondent says that he has since parted with the record. The appellant has refused its receipt. It is not possible to resolve it in the video conferencing. The matter shall be heard at **Chandigarh on 16.05.2019 at 11.30 AM** and the respondents shall bring along the entire record so as to vindicate their position.

Sd/-

03.04.2019

**(Yashvir Mahajan)
State Information Commissioner**



Sh. Sukhchain Singh,
 S/o Sh. Karnail Singh,
 R/o Village Kallah,
 Block Khadur Sahib,
 Distt. Tarn Taran.

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
 O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer,
 Block-Khadur Sahib,
 Distt. Tarn Taran.

First Appellate Authority,
 O/o District Development and Panchayat Officer,
 Distt. Tarn Taran.

Respondents

Appeal Case No.2707/2018

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of First Appeal made, if any	Date of order, if any of FAA	Date of Second Appeal
08.12.2017	Nil	25.01.2018	Nil	08.08.2018

Present: Sh. Sukhchain Singh, Appellant in person.
 Sh. Rajinder Kumar Gupta, BDPO, Khadur Sahib – for Respondents.

Order

The case has been heard through video conferencing.

The following order was made by the Commission on 30.01.2019:

“None is present on behalf of the respondents. The Commission takes a serious note of the conduct of the respondents. The PIO, O/o BDPO, Block Khadur Sahib is issued a show cause notice to explain in a self- attested affidavit as to why a penalty @ Rs.250/- per day of delay subject to maximum of Rs.25,000/- till the complete information is furnished, be not imposed under Section 20(1) of RTI Act, 2005 on him for causing willful delay / denial of the information to the RTI applicant and why the compensation be not awarded to the Appellant under Section 19 (8) (b) of the Act for the detriment suffered by him.

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

The matter is being taken up today. Sh. Rajinder Kumar Gupta, BDPO, Khadur Sahib submits



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that he has joined recently. It transpires that the information sought was conveyed to the appellant through a registered post during the month of November, 2018. The appellant submits that the same was deficient and uncertified.

The Commission feels that the information sought is quite huge and voluminous and providing the Zerox copies of the entire record shall disproportionately divert their resources. It shall be fair if BDPO arranges an inspection of the record in his office by the appellant on a prefixed date and time and provides him certified copies of the documents identified by him to an extent of one hundred pages besides the ones already provided to the appellant. Meanwhile he shall arrange the certification of the documents which had earlier been sent to the appellant.

The matter shall be heard on **03.07.2019 at 11.30 AM through video conference at Tarn Taran.**

Sd/-

03.04.2019

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Smt. Jagwinder Kaur,
W/o Amarjit Singh,
Vill. Lohara,
Tehsil Nihal Singh Wala,
Distt. Moga (152024).

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o District Development and Panchayat Officer,
Moga.

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

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 2033/2018

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of First Appeal made, if any	Date of order, if any of FAA
04.07.2017	Nil	30.11.2017	Nil

Present: None.

ORDER

Due to technical glitch the video conferencing could not mature.

The matter shall be reheard at **Chandigarh on 16.05.2019 at 11.30 AM.**

03.04.2019

**Sd/-
(Yashvir Mahajan)
State Information Commissioner**



Sh. Surinderjit Singh,
S/o Late Shri Gurcharan Singh,
Village Chak Wasan,
PO Bham, Tehsil Batala,
Block, Sri Hargobindpur, Distt Gurdaspur.

Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Panchayat Secretary,
Gram Panchayat, Chak Wasan,
Block- Sri Hargobindpur, Distt Gurdaspur.

Respondent

Complaint Case No.1141/2018

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of First Appeal made, if any	Date of order, if any of FAA	Date of Second Appeal/ Complaint
18.05.2018	Nil	Nil	Nil	06.08.2018

Present: Sh. Surinderjit Singh, Complainant in person.
None on behalf of the Respondent.

ORDER

The case has been heard through video conferencing.

The following order was made on 06.02.2019:

"The complainant is present in the video conferencing. None is present on behalf of the respondent. No reply has also been filed. The Commission takes strong note of the conduct of the respondent and directs him to show as to why the penal proceedings should not be initiated against them. Meanwhile they are directed to provide the information to the complainant and explain their position."

The case has come up for hearing today. The respondents are absent on trot. Nothing has been heard from them also. The Commission is inclined to believe that they are willfully and malafidely withholding the information. As such they have rendered themselves liable for



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

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

To come up on **03.07.2019 at 11.30 AM through video conference at Gurdaspur.**

Sd/-

03.04.2019

**(Yashvir Mahajan)
State Information Commissioner**



Shri Makhan Singh,
S/o Shri Inder Singh,
R/o Village Mehmood Khane Ke (Bame Wala),
Tehsil Jalalabad, Distt Fazilka.

Appellant

Versus

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

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

Respondents

Appeal Case No.2908/2018

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of First Appeal made, if any	Date of order, if any of FAA	Date of Second Appeal/ Complaint
21.02.2018	Nil	22.03.2018	Nil	27.08.2018

Present: Sh. Makhan Singh, Appellant in person.
None on behalf of the Respondents.

ORDER

The case has been heard through video conferencing.

The following order was made on 06.02.2019:

“The appellant nurses a grievance for having not been paid the remunerations ever since his employment in various development works of NREGA from the month of January, 2013 onwards. The respondents are neither present nor a reply has been filed. The Commission takes an adverse note of it. The BDPO, Guruharsahai is directed to file a written statement and arrange to provide the information before the next date of hearing positively.”

“The case has come up today. Despite the express directions issued by the Commission in the aforementioned order the respondents have chosen to maintain a studied silence. Apparently the respondents have violated the provisions of Section 7(1) of the RTI Act and rendered themselves liable for penal consequences.

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

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

The case has come up again for hearing today. It is very intriguing that the BDPO, Gur Harsahai, District Ferozepur is stubbornly maintaining silence on the directions and show cause notice of the Commission. The Commission finds that he had been advised by the District Development and Panchayat Officer, Ferozepur also to comply with the orders of the Commission. Though he does not deserve any relaxation yet in the interest of fair play another opportunity is afforded to him to file a written reply to the show cause notice failing which the penal action as proposed in the SCN shall be taken against him.

To come up on **03.07.2019 at 11.30 AM through video conference at Fazilka.**

03.04.2019

**Sd/-
(Yashvir Mahajan)
State Information Commissioner**



Sh. Parvinder Singh,
S/o Shri Ajaib Singh,
R/o Village Alamgarh,
Tehsil Abohar, Distt Fazilka.

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer,
Khuian Sarwar, Tehsil-Abohar,
Distt. Fazilka.

Respondent

Complaint Case No.1135/2018

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of First Appeal made, if any	Date of order, if any of FAA	Date of Second Appeal/ Complaint
06.03.2018	Nil	Nil	Nil	27.08.2018

Present: None on behalf of the Complainant.
Sh. Lal Bahadur Singh, Panchayat Secretary on behalf of the Respondent.

ORDER

The case has been heard through video conferencing.

The Commission had passed the following order on 06.02.2019:

"The complainant is absent. The respondent represented by Sh. Lal Bahadur Singh, Panchayat Secretary, submits that the information has been provided under acknowledgement from the complainant who is satisfied with the same. There is nothing on record to corroborate his contention. He is directed to send across a copy of the receipt issued by the complainant and the information provided to him. The complainant may react to the submissions thus made by him before the next date of hearing."

The case has come up today for hearing. Sh. Lal Bahadur appearing on behalf of the respondent reiterates the contention having been made earlier. The complainant is absent on trot. Seemingly, he is not interested any more to pursue the case. No further action is called for.

Disposed.

Sd/-

03.04.2019

**(Yashvir Mahajan)
State Information Commissioner**



Sh. Balwinder Singh,
S/o Sh. Mangal Singh,
V.P.O- Rayya (Khurd), Ward No.3,
Tehsil- Baba Bakala, Distt. Amritsar.

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer,
Raiya, Tehsil Baba Bakala,
Distt. Amritsar.

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

Respondents

Appeal Case No.3564/2018

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of First Appeal made, if any	Date of order, if any of FAA	Date of Second Appeal/ Complaint
15.06.2018	Nil	24.08.2018	Nil	23.10.2018

Present: **None is present on behalf of the Appellant.**
 Sh. Chetan Sharma, Tax Collector, Block Rayya – for Respondents.

ORDER

The case has been heard through video conferencing.

The Commission had made the following order on 06.02.2019:

“The appellant has sent a communication seeking adjournment. Simultaneously, he says that he has appointed an attorney to represent him who is not present.

Sh. Amandeep Singh, BDPO, Rayya has come present in person. He submits that the information sought is colossal pertaining to four villages in his jurisdiction. The Panchayat Secretaries of the villages have intimated him the cost of providing information to the extent of Rs.4400/- approximately. He further says that the appellant claims the information free of cost being BPL copy holder. The respondent says that in such a scenario he can only be provided information costing up to Rs.50/- as per notification of the Punjab Government.

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The Commission has carefully perused his application. At its mere sight it is suggested that an indiscriminate all and sundry information pertaining to a period of about ten years relating to various aspects of the functioning of the respective panchayats has been sought. The Commission is at a loss to understand as to how he would like to serve the public cause with such a massive information. Seemingly it suggests a fishing and roving exercise on the part of the appellant. Nonetheless, in the interest of transparency the Commission directs him to confine the information only to a couple of years which he may identify. The respondents shall allow the inspection of record to the appellant for these years on mutually agreed date and time and shall deliver him the certified copies of the documents not beyond one hundred pages in respect of each panchayat.”

The case is being taken up today. Sh. Chetan Sharma, Tax Collector, Block Rayya appearing on behalf of the respondents submits that the proxy counsel of the appellant was made to inspect the record in compliance with the aforementioned order and certified copies of documents to an extent of one hundred pages in respect of each Panchayat have been handed over to him. He submits that acknowledgement on this score has been issued by Sh. Lakhvir Singh which is available with them on record. The Commission has no reason to disbelieve it. The interim order having been complied, the Commission feels that the appellant has been sufficiently informed. No further intervention is called for. The appeal is **disposed**.

Sd/-

03.04.2019

**(Yashvir Mahajan)
State Information Commissioner**