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Sh.Manjit Singh, S/o Sh.Khushal Singh, R/o village Shamshahbad, Tehsil &Distt.Fazilka. .

... Complainant

Versus

**Public Information Officer,** 

O/o ADC, (D), Fazilka.

...Respondent

Complaint Case No. 543 of 2018

**Present:** None for the Complainant

Ms.Manjit Kaur, O/o BDPO Fazilka for the respondent

#### ORDER:

The case was first heard on 20.08.2018. The respondent was absent. It was observed that the RTI which was transferred on 22.02.2018 is beyond time limit for transfer of RTI to the appropriate authority. It was further noted that the appropriate authority ADC (D) had not provided the information till date.

APIO, O/o DC Fazilka was directed to explain the reasons for delay in transferring the RTI and the PIO-ADC (Development) was directed to explain the reasons for delay in providing the information."

The case was again heard on **17.09.2018.** The respondent pleaded that they have already transferred the RTI application to the PIO ADC (D) on 22.02.2018. The respondent present submitted a letter of the PIO wherein mentioned that the delay has happened at the level of the Clerk Ms.Sandeep Kaur who now stands transferred to the office of DC, Faridkot. Ms.Sandeep Kaur, Clerk O/o DC, Faridkot was directed to be present on the next date of hearing and explain the reasons for not transferring the RTI application within the time prescribed under the RTI Act.

The Commission received an email from the O/o ADC and observed that the PIO ADC(D) has transferred the RTI application further to the BDPO, Fazilka The Commission had taken a serious view of this scant regard of the RTI Act and directed the PIO- DC Fazilka, PIO-ADC(D), Fazilka, PIO-BDPO Fazilka and Ms.Sandeep Kaur, Clerk O/o DC, Faridkot to appear personally on the next date of hearing through video conference facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Fazilka. and explain the reasons for such delay.

The case was last heard on **15.10.2018.** The order is reproduced hereunder:

"The case has come up for hearing today through video conference facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Fazilka. The complainant Sh.Manjit Singh is absent without intimation to the Commission.

In the last hearing, the Commission has taken a serious note on the delay in attending to the RTI application and the PIO- DC Fazilka, PIO- ADC(D), Fazilka, PIO-BDPO Fazilka and Ms.SandeepKaur, Clerk O/o DC, Faridkot were directed to appear personally on the next date of hearing and explain the reasons for such delay. Ms.Sandeep Kaur, Clerk from the office of DC Faridkot is absent and vide letter received in the Commission on 03.10.2018, she has sought adjournment due to her marriage.

### Complaint Case No. 543 of 2018

The PIO present from the office of DC Fazilka pleaded that they received the RTI application on 12.02.2018 which was transferred to the PIO, ADC(D) on 22.02.2018. The PIO present from the office of ADC(D) pleaded that the information relates to the office of BDPO Fazilka and they have already transferred the RTI application to them on 27.02.2018. The PIO present from the office of BDPO pleaded that the information was sent to the appellant on 24.04.2018.

The PIO- DC Fazilka, PIO- ADC(D), Fazilka and the PIO-BDPO Fazilka are hereby directed to submit detailed report on the delay in attending the RTI application within the time prescribed under RTI Act and the compliance be sent to the Commission on the affidavit within 15 days.

The complainant is also directed to be present on the next date of hearing otherwise the case will be decided ex-parte."

### Hearing dated 03.12.2018:

The case has come up for hearing today through video conference facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Fazilka. The respondent present has informed that the information has been provided to the appellant.

The Commission has received a letter diary No.22166 dated 01.11.2018 whereby the PIO,DC Fazilka has informed that the office of BDPO has provided the complete information to the appellant and has enclosed an acknowledgement of the appellant having received the information to his satisfaction. Regarding delay in providing the information, the Commission has received an email from the PIO whereby the PIO has stated that the delay has occurred at the level of Ms.Sandeep Kaur, clerk and necessary action has been initiated against the concerned employee. The plea is accepted.

Since the information has been provided, no further course of action is required.

The case is **disposed off and closed**.

Chandigarh Dated: 03.12.2018 Sd/-(Khushwant Singh) State Information Commissioner

CC to:

1. The PIO, BDPO Fazilka

2. PIO, DC Fazilka

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Sh.Nirmal Singh S/o Gian Singh, VPO BhochhiRajputtan, Tehsil Baba Bakala,

District Amritsar. ... Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer**,

SSP (Rural) Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority,

Inspector General of Police, Border Range, Amritsar.

...Respondent

**Appeal Case No. 1251 of 2018** 

Present: Sh.Nirmal Singh as the Appellant

None for the Respondent

**ORDER:** The case was first heard on **12.06.2018.** The Appellant was directed to tally the information provided by the respondent with his RTI application and inform the discrepancies if any and the PIO is was also directed to send the remaining information to the appellant by registered post and come with proof of sending the information with dispatch receipt.

The case was again heard on **23.07.2018.**The PIO was absent. The Commission received a letter diary No.13324 dated 02.07.2018 from the PIO mentioning that in compliance with orders of the Commission, the information has been sent to the appellant through post registry No.746597195. The appellant was present and he informed that there is some discrepancy regarding point No.7 i.e. statement of the alleged accused in FIR has not been provided. The PIO was directed to settle this discrepancy under the provisions of RTI Act.

The case was again heard on **28.08.2018.** The appellant informed that despite orders of the Commission, the information has not been provided to him. The respondent present pleaded that they will settle the discrepancy within 5 days. The PIO was again directed to settle the discrepancy regarding point No.7 of RTI i.e. the copy of record and/or statements of accused and/or witnesses recorded during the course of investigation, based on which the report and findings were drawn by the investigation officer within 5 days.

The case came up for hearing on **15.10.2018** through video conference facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Amritsar. Since both the parties were absent, the case was adjourned. The PIO was directed to send compliance report of the previous orders of the Commission.

#### Hearing dated 03.12.2018:

The case has come up for hearing today through video conference facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Amritsar. The appellant pleaded that he has not received the information. The respondent is absent. The Commission has taken a serious note of this and hereby directs the PIO to provide the information as per previous order within a week and send intimation to the Commission failing which the Commission will be constrained to take action under RTI Act.

To come up for further hearing **on 05.02.2019 at 11.00 AM** through video conference facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Amritsar. Copies of the order be sent to the parties *through registered post*.

Sd/-(Khushwant Singh) State Information Commissioner

Chandigarh Dated: 03.12.2018

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Sh Jaswant Singh, S/o Sh Khazan Singh, R/o Basti Sunwa Wali, (Khoo Chubare Wala), Border Road, Ferozepur.

... Complainant

Versus

**Public Information Officer,** 

O/o SDM, Ferozepur.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o SDM,

Ferozepur . ...Respondent

Complaint Case No. 557 of 2018

Present: None for the Complainant

Sh.Deepak Kumar, Clerk O/o Tehsildar Ferozepur for the Respondent

**ORDER:** The case was first heard on **13.08.2018**. The respondent reached late and submitted reply of First Appellate Authority stating therein that the information relates to the office of Tehsildar Ferozepur and they have transferred the RTI application to him. The office of Tehsildar Ferozepur has already informed the complainant that the information cannot be provided as the same is not available in their record. It was ordered that since the matter has come to the Commission, the appeal will be heard by the Second Appellate Authority.

The case was again heard on **12.09.2018**. The respondent present from O/o SDM Ferozepur pleaded that they have already transferred the RTI application to the Tehsildar Ferozepur on 22.02.2018 as the information is not available in their record.

The appellant brought a photo copy of the Sanad which he claimed was provided to him vide some other RTI application from the office of Tehsildar Ferozepur and he needs a certified copy of the Sanad which now as per the Tehsildar is not available on their record. The copy of the Sanad ( Ref No.684/Fzr/32560) was enclosed with the order for the perusal of the Tehsildar with the directions to provide a certified copy of the same to the appellant. The PIO Tehsildar Ferozepur was also directed to be present personally or through his representative on the next date of hearing.

The case came up for hearing again on **23.10.2018**. Since both the parties were absent, the case was adjourned.

#### Hearing dated 03.12.2018:

The respondent pleaded that the available information has been provided to the appellant and a copy is submitted to the Commission. The respondent further pleaded that the appellant has also been provided similar information in appeal case No.232/2015 which was disposed off on 29.04.2015.

In the reply, the PIO has stated that the since the information is 19-20 years old and the record was misplaced by the dealing assistant, after conducting enquiry, necessary action u/s 409 IPC was recommended against the said employee. However, Sh.Janak Raj, concerned employee who was a cancer patient, expired during the enquiry and the action was stopped.

The appellant is absent without intimation to the Commission. Since the information has been provided by the PIO to the best possible extent, no further course of action is required.

The case is disposed off and closed.

Chandigarh Dated: 03.12.2018 Sd/-(Khushwant Singh) State Information Commissioner

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Sh Ashok Kapoor, # 8-C, Kitchlu Nagar, Ludhiana.

... Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer**,

Police Station, Village Ladowal, Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,

Commissioner of Police, Ludhiana

...Respondent

**Appeal Case No. 1286 of 2018** 

Present: Sh.Ashok Kapoor as Appellant.

Sh.Jatinder Singh, ASI Police Station, Ladowal for the respondent

**ORDER:** The case was first heard on **13.06.2018.** Sh.Raj Kumar, ASI, Police Station, Ladowal was present on behalf of respondent-PIO who pleaded that the appellant may visit their office and inspect the available record and get the requisite information. The PIO was directed to provide the point-wise information to the appellant before the next date of hearing.

The case was again heard on **30.07.2018.** The appellant informed that he had visited the office of PIO and after inspecting the record, the PIO was apprised of the information required. The respondent has informed that he has brought the information. The PIO was directed to send the information to the appellant via Registered Post. The appellant was asked to go through the information and inform the deficiency, if any, to the PIO.

The case was last heard on **25.10.2018** through video conference facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana. The appellant informed that no information has been provided to him so far. The respondent was absent without intimation to the Commission and despite repeated orders of the Commission on 13.06.2018 and 30.07.2018, no information was provided. The PIO was **issued show cause notice** and he was directed to appear before the Commission along with the written replies on an affidavit.

The PIO was also directed to provide the information to the appellant within 10 days of the receipt of the orders of the Commission and send compliance report to the Commission.

### Hearing dated 03.12.2018:

#### Facts of the Case-

- That the appellant had filed an RTI application on 30.12.2017 seeking information regarding a partition suit of Sh.Ashok Kapoor & others V/s Seema Rani on 23.10.2017 under Police protection in response to undated letter of Tehsildar to Kanugoo Halka under Ref No.691-700 dated 11.10.2017.
- 2) That information was not provided to the appellant after which he filed the first appeal with Police Commissioner, Ludhiana on 19.02.2018 which took no decision on the appeal.
- 3) That the appellant on not being provided the information filed the 2<sup>nd</sup> appeal with the state information commission, which first came up for hearing 13.06.2018.

- 5) That the PIO was absent on the first hearing and did not provide the information despite order of the First Appellate Authority on 11.06.2018 and sent Sh.Raj Kumar, ASI who did not submit any reply and pleaded that the appellant may visit their office and inspect the available record and get the requisite information. The PIO was directed to provide the information point-wise to the appellant.
- 6) That the PIO did not provide the information as directed by the Commission and was absent again on the second hearing of 30.7.2018 which was held through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner Ludhiana and sent Sh.Raj Kumar, ASI who was directed to send the information to the appellant through registered post.
- 7) The case came up for hearing again on 25.10.2018 through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner Ludhiana. The respondent was absent and no information was provided. On the same date, he was show caused under Section 20 of the RTI Act as to why a penalty should not be imposed on the PIO for not supplying information within the statutorily prescribed period of time under section 7 and for not complying with the orders of the commission. He was further directed to provide the reply on an affidavit and appear before the commission on 03.12.2018. He was also ordered to provide the information within ten days of receipt of the orders.
- 7) The case has come up for hearing today and the PIO, SHO Police Station, Ladowal, District Ludhiana is again absent without intimation to the Commission but preferred to send an ASI who does not know contents of the case. This is the fourth consecutive time that the PIO is absent. The PIO has not even bothered to send formal reply citing the reasons for exemption. The appellant is present and has informed that he has not been provided the information and is being harassed for trying to obtain the requisite information under the RTI Act, which is his right. He has pleaded strict action against the erring PIO.

Keeping the above-mentioned facts of the case, it is clear that the PIO is flouting the spirit of the RTI Act continuously. The PIO has not only shown utter disregard for the Commission's repeated orders to provide the information but has shown willful stubbornness in not replying to the Show Cause and not appearing before the commission despite various orders.

To secure an erring PIO's presence before the commission the Information Commission is empowered to issue warrants to Under Section 18(3) of the RTI Act. A bailable Warrant of SHO Police Station, Ladowal, District Ludhiana is hereby issued through Commissioner of Police, Ludhiana for his presence before the Commission on 29.01.2019.

The PIO is also directed to provide the information within five days of receipt of this order

Both the parties to be present on **29.01.2019 at 11.00 AM** for further hearing.

Chandigarh Dated: 03.12.2018

**BAILABLE WARRANT OF PRODUCTION** 

**BEFORE** 

SHRI KHUSHWANT SINGH STATE INFORMATION COMMISSIONER, PUNJAB

**AT CHANDIGARH** 

In case: Ashok Kapoor V/s Public Information Officer, SHO Police Station,

Ladowal, District Ludhiana.

APPEAL CASE NO. 1286 OF 2018

**UNDER SECTION 18 OF THE RIGHT TO INFORMATION ACT, 2005** 

Next Date of Hearing: 29.01.2019

To

The Commissioner of Police,

Ludhiana.

Whereas Public Information Officer, O/o SHO, Police Station,

Ladowal, District Ludhiana has failed to appear before the State

Information Commissioner, Punjab despite the issuance of notice/summon

in the above mentioned appeal case. Therefore, you are hereby directed to

serve this bailable warrant to the PIO O/o SHO, Police Station, Ladowal,

District Ludhiana to appear before the undersigned at Red Cross Building,

Near Rose Garden, Sector 16, Chandigarh on 29.01.2019 at 11.00 AM.

Chandigarh

Dated: 03.12.2018

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Sh Ashok Kapoor, # 8-C, Kitchlu Nagar, Ludhiana

Appellant.

Versus

Public Information Officer, Tehsildar (W), Mini Secretariat,

Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,

SDM (W),

Ludhiana. ...Respondent

**Appeal Case No. 1294 of 2018** 

Present: Sh.Ashok Kapoor as Appellant.

Sh.Davinder Bawa, O/o Tehsildar (W) Ludhiana for the respondent.

ORDER:

The case was first heard on **13.06.2018**. The respondent was absent. The Commission was of the view that a larger public interest is involved in the case, the PIO was hereby directed to be present personally on the next date of hearing to plead the case.

The case was again heard on **30.07.2018**. The respondent was absent. The appellant informed that no information has been provided to him. There was no intimation from the PIO to explain the reason for not providing information except a letter bearing No.201 dated 07.06.2018 received in the Commission on 15.06.2018 mentioning that the appellant has not mentioned the khasra No. of the property for which the information is sought. Having gone through the RTI and the reply of the respondent, it was ascertained that the reply given is not as per the RTI application but wishy washy. The PIO was directed to appear personally on the next date of hearing and explain the reasons for not complying with the orders of the Commission and why action should not be taken against him under RTI Act, 2005.

The case was last heard on **25.10.2018.** The order is reproduced hereunder:

"The case has come up for hearing today through video conference facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana.

The respondent present has pleaded that the information was called from the concerned patwari and the same has been received. The respondent further pleaded that they will send the information to the appellant within 3 days.

The PIO is directed to provide the information to the appellant within 3 days and send a compliance report to the Commission. The PIO is also directed to be present personally on the next date of hearing and explain the reasons for delay in providing the information within the time prescribed under the RTI Act."

#### Hearing dated 03.12.2018:

The case has come up for hearing today through video conference facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana. The respondent pleaded that the information has been provided and the appellant has received the same.

Since the information has been provided by the PIO to the best possible extent, no further course of action is required.

The case is **disposed off and closed.** However, the PIO is hereby directed to be careful in attending the RTI application in future.

Chandigarh Dated: 03.12.2018

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Sh Ashok Kapoor, # 8-C, Kitchlu Nagar, Ludhiana

Appellant.

Versus

Public Information Officer, Police Station, ladowal, Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority, Commissioner of Police,

Ludhiana ...Respondent

**Appeal Case No. 1295 of 2018** 

Present: Sh.Ashok Kapoor as Appellant.

Sh.Jatinder Singh, ASI Police Station, Ladowal for the respondent

**ORDER:** The case was first heard on **13.06.2018.** Sh.Raj Kumar, ASI, Police Station, Ladowal was present on behalf of respondent-PIO who pleaded that the appellant may visit their office and inspect the available record and get the requisite information. The PIO was directed to provide the point-wise information to the appellant before the next date of hearing.

The case was again heard on **30.07.2018.** The appellant informed that he had visited the office of PIO and after inspecting the record, the PIO was apprised of the information required. The respondent has informed that he has brought the information. The PIO was directed to send the information to the appellant via Registered Post. The appellant was asked to go through the information and inform the deficiency, if any, to the PIO.

The case was last heard on **25.10.2018** through video conference facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana. The appellant informed that no information has been provided to him so far. The respondent was absent without intimation to the Commission and despite repeated orders of the Commission on 13.06.2018 and 30.07.2018, no information was provided. The PIO was **issued show cause notice** and he was directed to appear before the Commission along with the written replies on an affidavit.

The PIO was also directed to provide the information to the appellant within 10 days of the receipt of the orders of the Commission and send compliance report to the Commission.

### Hearing dated 03.12.2018:

#### Facts of the Case-

- That the appellant had filed an RTI application on 26.12.2017 seeking information regarding a partition suit of Sh.Ashok Kapoor & others V/s Seema Rani on 23.06.2017 under Police protection in response to letter No.600 dated 08.06.2017 of Sh.Sukhminder Singh, Kanugoo to SHO Ladowal.
- 2) That information was not provided to the appellant after which he filed the first appeal with Police Commissioner, Ludhiana on 14.02.2018 which took no decision on the appeal.
- 3) That the appellant on not being provided the information filed the 2<sup>nd</sup> appeal with the state information commission, which first came up for hearing 13.06.2018.

- 5) That the PIO was absent on the first hearing and did not provide the information despite order of the First Appellate Authority on 11.06.2018 and sent Sh.Raj Kumar, ASI who did not submit any reply and pleaded that the appellant may visit their office and inspect the available record and get the requisite information. The PIO was directed to provide the information point-wise to the appellant.
- 6) That the PIO did not provide the information as directed by the Commission and was absent again on the second hearing of 30.7.2018 which was held through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner Ludhiana and sent Sh.Raj Kumar, ASI who was directed to send the information to the appellant through registered post.
- 7) The case came up for hearing again on 25.10.2018 through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner Ludhiana. The respondent was absent and no information was provided. On the same date, he was show caused under Section 20 of the RTI Act as to why a penalty should not be imposed on the PIO for not supplying information within the statutorily prescribed period of time under section 7 and for not complying with the orders of the commission. He was further directed to provide the reply on an affidavit and appear before the commission on 03.12.2018. He was also ordered to provide the information within ten days of receipt of the orders.
- 7) The case has come up for hearing today and the PIO, SHO Police Station, Ladowal, District Ludhiana is again absent without intimation to the Commission but preferred to send an ASI who does not know contents of the case. This is the fourth consecutive time that the PIO is absent. The PIO has not even bothered to send formal reply citing the reasons for exemption. The appellant is present and has informed that he has not been provided the information and is being harassed for trying to obtain the requisite information under the RTI Act, which is his right. He has pleaded strict action against the erring PIO.

Keeping the above-mentioned facts of the case, it is clear that the PIO is flouting the spirit of the RTI Act continuously. The PIO has not only shown utter disregard for the Commission's repeated orders to provide the information but has shown willful stubbornness in not replying to the Show Cause and not appearing before the commission despite various orders.

To secure an erring PIO's presence before the commission the Information Commission is empowered to issue warrants to Under Section 18(3) of the RTI Act. A bailable Warrant of SHO Police Station, Ladowal, District Ludhiana is hereby issued through Commissioner of Police, Ludhiana for his presence before the Commission on 29.01.2019.

The PIO is also directed to provide the information within five days of receipt of this order

Both the parties to be present on **29.01.2019 at 11.00 AM** for further hearing.

Chandigarh Dated: 03.12.2018

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**BEFORE** 

SHRI KHUSHWANT SINGH STATE INFORMATION COMMISSIONER, PUNJAB

**AT CHANDIGARH** 

In case: Ashok Kapoor V/s Public Information Officer, SHO Police Station,

Ladowal, District Ludhiana.

APPEAL CASE NO. 1295 OF 2018

**UNDER SECTION 18 OF THE RIGHT TO INFORMATION ACT, 2005** 

Next Date of Hearing: 29.01.2019

To

The Commissioner of Police,

Ludhiana.

Whereas Public Information Officer, O/o SHO, Police Station,

Ladowal, District Ludhiana has failed to appear before the State

Information Commissioner, Punjab despite the issuance of notice/summon

in the above mentioned appeal case. Therefore, you are hereby directed to

serve this bailable warrant to the PIO O/o SHO, Police Station, Ladowal,

District Ludhiana to appear before the undersigned at Red Cross Building,

Near Rose Garden, Sector 16, Chandigarh on 29.01.2019 at 11.00 AM.

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Dated: 03.12.2018

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Sh Ashok Kapoor, # 8-C, Kitchlu Nagar, Ludhiana

Appellant.

Versus

Public Information Officer, Police Station, ladowal, Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority, Commissioner of Police,

Liudhiana ...Respondent

**Appeal Case No. 1296 of 2018** 

Present: Sh.Ashok Kapoor as Appellant.

Sh.Jatinder Singh, ASI Police Station, Ladowal for the respondent

**ORDER:** The case was first heard on **13.06.2018.** Sh.Raj Kumar, ASI, Police Station, Ladowal was present on behalf of respondent-PIO who pleaded that the appellant may visit their office and inspect the available record and get the requisite information. The PIO was directed to provide the point-wise information to the appellant before the next date of hearing.

The case was again heard on **30.07.2018.** The appellant informed that he had visited the office of PIO and after inspecting the record, the PIO was apprised of the information required. The respondent has informed that he has brought the information. The PIO was directed to send the information to the appellant via Registered Post. The appellant was asked to go through the information and inform the deficiency, if any, to the PIO.

The case was last heard on **25.10.2018** through video conference facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana. The appellant informed that no information has been provided to him so far. The respondent was absent without intimation to the Commission and despite repeated orders of the Commission on 13.06.2018 and 30.07.2018, no information was provided. The PIO was **issued show cause notice** and he was directed to appear before the Commission along with the written replies on an affidavit.

The PIO was also directed to provide the information to the appellant within 10 days of the receipt of the orders of the Commission and send compliance report to the Commission.

### Hearing dated 03.12.2018:

#### Facts of the Case-

- 1) That the appellant had filed an RTI application on 27.12.2017 seeking information regarding a partition suit of Sh.Ashok Kapoor & others V/s Seema Rani on 03.07.2017 under Police protection in response to letter dated 29.06.2017 (without any reference no.) of Sh.Sukhminder Singh, Kanugoo to SHO Ladowal.
- 2) That information was not provided to the appellant after which he filed the first appeal with Police Commissioner, Ludhiana on 15.02.2018 which took no decision on the appeal.
- 3) That the appellant on not being provided the information filed the 2<sup>nd</sup> appeal with the state information commission, which first came up for hearing 13.06.2018.

- 5) That the PIO was absent on the first hearing and did not provide the information despite order of the First Appellate Authority on 11.06.2018 and sent Sh.Raj Kumar, ASI who did not submit any reply and pleaded that the appellant may visit their office and inspect the available record and get the requisite information. The PIO was directed to provide the information point-wise to the appellant.
- 6) That the PIO did not provide the information as directed by the Commission and was absent again on the second hearing of 30.7.2018 which was held through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner Ludhiana and sent Sh.Raj Kumar, ASI who was directed to send the information to the appellant through registered post.
- 7) The case came up for hearing again on 25.10.2018 through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner Ludhiana. The respondent was absent and no information was provided. On the same date, he was **show caused** under Section 20 of the RTI Act as to why a penalty should not be imposed on the PIO for not supplying information within the statutorily prescribed period of time under section 7 and for not complying with the orders of the commission. He was further directed to provide the reply on an affidavit and appear before the commission on 03.12.2018. He was also ordered to provide the information within ten days of receipt of the orders.
- 7) The case has come up for hearing today and the PIO, SHO Police Station, Ladowal, District Ludhiana is again absent without intimation to the Commission but preferred to send an ASI who does not know contents of the case. This is the fourth consecutive time that the PIO is absent. The PIO has not even bothered to send formal reply citing the reasons for exemption. The appellant is present and has informed that he has not been provided the information and is being harassed for trying to obtain the requisite information under the RTI Act, which is his right. He has pleaded strict action against the erring PIO.

Keeping the above-mentioned facts of the case, it is clear that the PIO is flouting the spirit of the RTI Act continuously. The PIO has not only shown utter disregard for the Commission's repeated orders to provide the information but has shown willful stubbornness in not replying to the Show Cause and not appearing before the commission despite various orders.

To secure an erring PIO's presence before the commission the Information Commission is empowered to issue warrants to Under Section 18(3) of the RTI Act. A bailable Warrant of SHO Police Station, Ladowal, District Ludhiana is hereby issued through Commissioner of Police, Ludhiana for his presence before the Commission on 29.01.2019.

The PIO is also directed to provide the information within five days of receipt of this order

Both the parties to be present on **29.01.2019 at 11.00 AM** for further hearing.

Chandigarh Dated: 03.12.2018

**BAILABLE WARRANT OF PRODUCTION** 

**BEFORE** 

SHRI KHUSHWANT SINGH STATE INFORMATION COMMISSIONER, PUNJAB

**AT CHANDIGARH** 

In case: Ashok Kapoor V/s Public Information Officer, SHO Police Station,

Ladowal, District Ludhiana.

APPEAL CASE NO. 1296 OF 2018

**UNDER SECTION 18 OF THE RIGHT TO INFORMATION ACT, 2005** 

Next Date of Hearing: 29.01.2019

To

The Commissioner of Police,

Ludhiana.

Whereas Public Information Officer, O/o SHO, Police Station,

Ladowal, District Ludhiana has failed to appear before the State

Information Commissioner, Punjab despite the issuance of notice/summon

in the above mentioned appeal case. Therefore, you are hereby directed to

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Sh Ashok Kapoor, # 8-C, Kitchlu Nagar, Ludhiana

Appellant.

Versus

**Public Information Officer,** Police Station, ladowal,

Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,

Commissioner of Police, Liudhiana

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 1297 of 2018

Present: Sh.Ashok Kapoor as Appellant.

Sh. Jatinder Singh, ASI Police Station, Ladowal for the respondent

**ORDER:** The case was first heard on **13.06.2018.** Sh.Raj Kumar, ASI, Police Station, Ladowal was present on behalf of respondent-PIO who pleaded that the appellant may visit their office and inspect the available record and get the requisite information. The PIO was directed to provide the point-wise information to the appellant before the next date of hearing.

The case was again heard on **30.07.2018.** The appellant informed that he had visited the office of PIO and after inspecting the record, the PIO was apprised of the information required. The respondent has informed that he has brought the information. The PIO was directed to send the information to the appellant via Registered Post. The appellant was asked to go through the information and inform the deficiency, if any, to the PIO.

The case was last heard on **25.10.2018** through video conference facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana. The appellant informed that no information has been provided to him so far. The respondent was absent without intimation to the Commission and despite repeated orders of the Commission on 13.06.2018 and 30.07.2018, no information was provided. The PIO was **issued show cause notice** and he was directed to appear before the Commission along with the written replies on an affidavit.

The PIO was also directed to provide the information to the appellant within 10 days of the receipt of the orders of the Commission and send compliance report to the Commission.

### Hearing dated 03.12.2018:

#### Facts of the Case-

- 1) That the appellant had filed an RTI application on 29.12.2017 seeking information regarding a partition suit of Sh.Ashok Kapoor & others V/s Seema Rani on 19.12.2017 under Police protection in response to letter No.799 dated 28.11.2017 addressed to Kanugoo Halka and copies under ref No.800-810/reader dated 28.11.2017 to SHO Ladowal at s.no.5.
- That information was not provided to the appellant after which he filed the first appeal with Police Commissioner, Ludhiana on 17.02.2018 which took no decision on the appeal.
- 3) That the appellant on not being provided the information filed the 2<sup>nd</sup> appeal with the state information commission, which first came up for hearing 13.06.2018.

- 5) That the PIO was absent on the first hearing and did not provide the information despite order of the First Appellate Authority on 11.06.2018 and sent Sh.Raj Kumar, ASI who did not submit any reply and pleaded that the appellant may visit their office and inspect the available record and get the requisite information. The PIO was directed to provide the information point-wise to the appellant.
- 6) That the PIO did not provide the information as directed by the Commission and was absent again on the second hearing of 30.7.2018 which was held through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner Ludhiana and sent Sh.Raj Kumar, ASI who was directed to send the information to the appellant through registered post.
- 7) The case came up for hearing again on 25.10.2018 through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner Ludhiana. The respondent was absent and no information was provided. On the same date, he was show caused under Section 20 of the RTI Act as to why a penalty should not be imposed on the PIO for not supplying information within the statutorily prescribed period of time under section 7 and for not complying with the orders of the commission. He was further directed to provide the reply on an affidavit and appear before the commission on 03.12.2018. He was also ordered to provide the information within ten days of receipt of the orders.
- 7) The case has come up for hearing today and the PIO, SHO Police Station, Ladowal, District Ludhiana is again absent without intimation to the Commission but preferred to send an ASI who does not know contents of the case. This is the fourth consecutive time that the PIO is absent. The PIO has not even bothered to send formal reply citing the reasons for exemption. The appellant is present and has informed that he has not been provided the information and is being harassed for trying to obtain the requisite information under the RTI Act, which is his right. He has pleaded strict action against the erring PIO.

Keeping the above-mentioned facts of the case, it is clear that the PIO is flouting the spirit of the RTI Act continuously. The PIO has not only shown utter disregard for the Commission's repeated orders to provide the information but has shown willful stubbornness in not replying to the Show Cause and not appearing before the commission despite various orders.

To secure an erring PIO's presence before the commission the Information Commission is empowered to issue warrants to Under Section 18(3) of the RTI Act. A bailable Warrant of SHO Police Station, Ladowal, District Ludhiana is hereby issued through Commissioner of Police, Ludhiana for his presence before the Commission on 29.01.2019.

The PIO is also directed to provide the information within five days of receipt of this order

Both the parties to be present on 29.01.2019 at 11.00 AM for further hearing.

Chandigarh Dated: 03.12.2018

BAILABLE WARRANT OF PRODUCTION

**BEFORE** 

SHRI KHUSHWANT SINGH STATE INFORMATION COMMISSIONER, PUNJAB

**AT CHANDIGARH** 

In case: Ashok Kapoor V/s Public Information Officer, SHO Police Station,

Ladowal, District Ludhiana.

APPEAL CASE NO. 1297 OF 2018

**UNDER SECTION 18 OF THE RIGHT TO INFORMATION ACT, 2005** 

Next Date of Hearing: 29.01.2019

To

The Commissioner of Police,

Ludhiana.

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Information Commissioner, Punjab despite the issuance of notice/summon

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Appellant.

Versus

Public Information Officer, Police Station, Ladowal, Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority, Commissioner of Police,

Liudhiana ....Respondent

**Appeal Case No. 1298 of 2018** 

Present: Sh.Ashok Kapoor as Appellant.

Sh.Jatinder Singh, ASI Police Station, Ladowal for the respondent

**ORDER:** The case was first heard on **13.06.2018.** Sh.Raj Kumar, ASI, Police Station, Ladowal was present on behalf of respondent-PIO who pleaded that the appellant may visit their office and inspect the available record and get the requisite information. The PIO was directed to provide the point-wise information to the appellant before the next date of hearing.

The case was again heard on **30.07.2018.** The appellant informed that he had visited the office of PIO and after inspecting the record, the PIO was apprised of the information required. The respondent has informed that he has brought the information. The PIO was directed to send the information to the appellant via Registered Post. The appellant was asked to go through the information and inform the deficiency, if any, to the PIO.

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The PIO was also directed to provide the information to the appellant within 10 days of the receipt of the orders of the Commission and send compliance report to the Commission.

### Hearing dated 03.12.2018:

#### Facts of the Case-

- 1) That the appellant had filed an RTI application on 28.12.2017 seeking information regarding a partition suit of Sh.Ashok Kapoor & others V/s Seema Rani on 11.10.2017 under Police protection in response to letter No.639-40/Reader dated 22.09.2017 of Tehsildar to Kanugoo halka and copies under ref No.641-650/reader dated 22.09.2017 to SHO Ladowal at s.no.5.
- 2) That information was not provided to the appellant after which he filed the first appeal with Police Commissioner, Ludhiana on 16.02.2018 which took no decision on the appeal.
- 3) That the appellant on not being provided the information filed the 2<sup>nd</sup> appeal with the state information commission, which first came up for hearing 13.06.2018.

- 5) That the PIO was absent on the first hearing and did not provide the information despite order of the First Appellate Authority on 11.06.2018 and sent Sh.Raj Kumar, ASI who did not submit any reply and pleaded that the appellant may visit their office and inspect the available record and get the requisite information. The PIO was directed to provide the information point-wise to the appellant.
- 6) That the PIO did not provide the information as directed by the Commission and was absent again on the second hearing of 30.7.2018 which was held through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner Ludhiana and sent Sh.Raj Kumar, ASI who was directed to send the information to the appellant through registered post.
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Both the parties to be present on 29.01.2019 at 11.00 AM for further hearing.

Chandigarh Dated: 03.12.2018

**BAILABLE WARRANT OF PRODUCTION** 

**BEFORE** 

SHRI KHUSHWANT SINGH STATE INFORMATION COMMISSIONER, PUNJAB

**AT CHANDIGARH** 

In case: Ashok Kapoor V/s Public Information Officer, SHO Police Station,

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Sh. Harpreet Singh, S/o Sh.Gurdev Singh, Professor Colony, Near DAV College, Jalalabad, Distt.Fazilka

... Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer**,

SSP, Fazilka.

First Appellate Authority,

IGP, Ferozepur Zone, Ferozepur

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 1985 of 2018

Present: Sh.Harpreet Singh as Appellant

Sh. Jaswinder Singhl O/o SSP Fazilka on behalf of the Respondent

The case was last heard **on 30.07.2018. Sh.Vaibhav Sehgal** from the office of SSP Fazilka was present on behalf of the respondent. During hearing, it came to the notice of the Commission that the appellant was sent a communication by the PIO vide letter dated 20.4.2018 whereby it was stated that since Inspector Jaswant Singh has been transferred to Moga, his enquiry case has been sent to SSP Moga. Further the PIO in his communication informed that the information relating to Sh.Bhajan Singh and Sh.Kashmir Singh was third party and hence exempted u/s 8(1)(j) of the RTI act 2005.

The respondent further denied the information taking plea that the release of information, may put in danger the lives of Sh. Jaswant Singh, Sh. Kashmir Singh and Bhajan Singh, which was pleaded at time of hearing also. The respondent also informed that the enquiry has been completed.

The appellant pleaded that he is the complainant in the case and the Bureau of Investigation Punjab ordered the enquiry to SSP Fazilka on his complaint. He further pleaded that he has every right to seek the enquiry report, which is not personal but has larger public interest.

It was found that the PIO has clearly not adhered to the RTI Act and the PIO was directed to forward the application to the concerned authority i.e. SSP Moga within three days of receipt of this order and inform the appellant about the same. The PIO was also directed to submit a clear, cogent, concise submission as to how the release of information can lead to threat of life to the three. Mere assumption of threat cannot be a ground to refuse information. It should be based on some material fact and not merely on apprehension and without evidence. The PIO was directed to submit his reply to the commission within 10 days of receiving this order.

The appellant was also directed to submit a copy of the complaint, which he filed to the Director Bureau of Investigation to the commission before the next date of hearing.

The case was last heard on 25.10.2018. The order is reproduced hereunder:

"The case has come up for hearing today through video conference facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Fazilka. Sh.Jaswinder Singhl from the office of the SSP Fazilka is present on behalf of the Respondent

The respondent present reiterated his plea invoking section 8(1)(j) of the RTI Act as well as shown concern that providing the information can endanger the lives of Sh.Jaswant Singh, Sh. Kashmir Singh and Sh.Bhajan Singh. The appellant also reiterated his plea that he is seeking the copy of the enquiry report that he has filed himself.

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After hearing both the parties, I adjudicate on the plea of the respondent and direct the PIO to provide action taken report on the complaint of the appellant filed against all three persons namely Sh.Jaswant Singh, Sh. Kashmir Singh and Sh.Bhajan Singh within 10 days and send compliance report to the Commission."

### Hearing dated 03.12.2018:

The case has come up for hearing today through video conference facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Fazilka. The appellant informed that he has not received the action taken report of his complaint so far.

The respondent informed that the information is to be provided by the office of SSP Moga since on the transfer of Sh.Jaswant Singh from Ferozepur to Moga, the departmental enquiry was entrusted to the office of SSP Moga and the final action has also to be taken by the office of SSP Moga. The Commission has taken a serious note of this reply of the PIIO and for not complying with the orders of the Commission. The Commission makes Sh.Jaswinder Singh as deemed PIO and hereby directs him to collect the information from the office of SSP Moga and provide the same to the appellant within a week and send compliance report to the Commission.

To come up on **05.02.2019 at 11.00 AM** for further proceedings to be heard through video conference facility **available in the Office of the Deputy Commissioner**, **Fazilka**. Copies of the order are sent to the parties *Through Registered Post*.

Chandigarh Dated: 03.12.2018

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Sh Rajeshwar Sharma,

Kothi No-584, Phase-4, Mohali. ... Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer,** 

GMADA, Mohali.

First Appellate Authority,

Chief Administrator, GMADA,

Mohali. ...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 2343 of 2018

Present: Sh.Rajeshwar Sharma as Appellant

None for the Respondent

#### ORDER:

The case was first heard on **11.09.2018.** Since both the parties were absent, the case was adjourned."

The case was last heard on **25.10.2018.** The order is reproduced hereunder:

The respondent present has brought the information and a copy of the same is submitted to the Commission. The appellant is absent to point out the discrepancy, if any.

I have seen the reply of the respondent and observed that the respondent in his reply has stated that the information regarding points 1 & 2 relates to CTP, Punjab and information regarding point No.6 also does not relate to them. The PIO is directed to collect the information regarding points 1, 2 & 6 from the concerned PIOs and send it to the appellant within 15 days. The appellant is also directed to point out the discrepancy if any in the information and be present on the next date of hearing otherwise the case will be decided ex-parte."

### Hearing dated 03.12.2018:

The appellant is present. The appellant has submitted a letter to the Commission whereby the appellant has pointed out discrepancies in the information provided. A copy of the letter submitted by the appellant is being sent to the PIO alongwith the order and the PIO is directed to relook the RTI application and sort out the discrepancies.

Both the parties to be present on 23.01.2019 at 11.00 AM for further hearing.

Chandigarh Dated: 03.12.2018.

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Sh Mangal Singh, # 296, SJS Avenue, Ajnala Road, Amritsar.

.... Appellant.

Versus

**Public Information Officer** 

O/o Deputy Chief Er., Operational, Sub Urban Circle, PSPCL, Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Deputy Chief Engineer, Border Zone, PSPCL, Amritsar.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 3403 of 2018

Present: None for the Appellant

Sh.Narinder Pal Singh O/o Dy.Director, CE,PSPCL Amritsar

#### ORDER:

The appellant through RTI application dated 01.06.2018 has sought information regarding action taken on his letter dated 01.06.2018 concerning the office of Deputy Chief Er. Operational, Sub Urban Circle, PSPCL, Amritsar. The appellant was not provided the information after which he filed first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 18.07.2018 which took no decision on the appeal.

The respondent present has pleaded that the information has been provided to the appellant vide letter dated 24.08.2018. The appellant is absent and vide email has sought adjournment.

The case is adjourned. To come up on **05.02.2019 at 11.00 AM** for further proceedings to be heard through video conference facility **available in the Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Amritsar**. Copies of the order are sent to the parties *Through Registered Post*.

Chandigarh Dated: 03.12.2018.

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Sh Rajesh Kumar, S/o Lt Sh Om Prakash, R/o Near Police Station Sadar Railway Road, Nabha...

Appellant.

Versus

**Public Information Officer,** EO, NC, Nabha, Distt Patiala.

First Appellate Authority, Regional Deputy Director,

Urban Local Bodies, Patiala. ....R

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 1308 of 2018

Present: None for the Appellant

Sh.Rulia Ram, Clerk O/o NC Nabha for the Respondent

**ORDER:** The case was first heard on **26.06.2018**. The appellant was absent. The respondent informed that the information was sent to the appellant but the appellant was not satisfied relating to points 3,4 & 5. The PIO was directed to clarify that correct information has been sent to the appellant and that the appellant is satisfied with the information as sought by him in his RTI application.

The case was again heard on **31.07.2018**: The respondent was absent. In the interest of justice, one more opportunity was granted and the PIO was directed to comply with the original orders and provide the information to the appellant before the next date of hearing.

The case again came up for hearing on **04.09.2018**: The respondent present provided an affidavit to the appellant regarding information relating to point No.3 & 4. The respondent further pleaded that the appellant be asked to inspect the record relating to point No.5 and get the information he wants. The appellant was not ready to visit their office. The PIO was hereby directed to bring the assessment register for the year 1998-99 to the Commission on the next date of hearing for further perusal of the case.

The case was last heard on 16.10.2018. The order is reproduced hereunder:

"The respondent present has brought the assessment register as ordered. The respondent pleaded that this register is a very old register and it is very difficult for him to bring it again and again. The respondent has submitted a certified copy of the page containing the property numbers. I have tallied the original page with the certified copy and found it in order. A copy of the page of the assessment register containing the property numbers is being attached with the order to be sent to the appellant.

Keeping in view the history of the case, it is evident that the public authority has sent the information to the appellant to the best possible extent, which was held under its control. Since the appellant is absent to point out the discrepancy, if any, he is granted one more opportunity to point out the discrepancy. He is also directed to be present on the next date of hearing failing which the case will be decided ex-parte. The respondent is also directed to bring the assessment register at the next date of hearing."

### Appeal Case No. 1308 of 2018

### Hearing dated 03.12.2018:

In the last hearing, it was observed that the public authority has sent the information to the appellant to the best possible extent which was held under its control. The appellant was absent and he was directed to point out the discrepancy, if any and be present on the next date of hearing.

The respondent has again brought brought the assessment register. The appellant is absent and vide email, has informed that the PIO has not provided complete information. The appellant is directed to be present on the next date of hearing failing which the case will be decided ex-parte. The respondent is also directed to bring the assessment register at the next date of hearing.

Both the parties to be present on 21.01.2019 at 11.00 AM for further hearing.

Chandigarh Dated: 03.12.2018.