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Sh.Manjit Singh, S/o shGurcharan Singh,
Village Maanemajra, Tehsil Chamkaur Sahib,
DisttRopar.

....Complainant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o PUDA,
Mohali..

...Respondent

Complaint Case No. 73 of 2020

PRESENT: None for the Complainant
Sh.Gurdeep Singh, Sr Assistant (A/c branch) PUDA for the Respondent

ORDER:

The complainant through RTI application dated 26.11.2019 has sought information regarding head of account for posting of realization on the sale of plots by the PUDA and name of bank and other information concerning the office of PUDA Mohali. The complainant was not provided the information after which the complainant filed a complaint in the Commission on 15.01.2020.

The case came up for hearing on 23.06.2020 through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Roopnagar. Both the parties were absent. The case was adjourned.

Hearing dated 04.08.2020:

The case has come up for hearing through video conferencing at DAC Ropar. The complainant is absent. The respondent is present in DC Office Mohali. The respondent pleaded that the information regarding point-1 has been sent to the complainant vide letter dated 04.08.2020 and since the information regarding point-2 relates to their head office, reply has been sent to the complainant.

Having gone through the record, the Commission observes that there has been an enormous delay in attending the RTI application. The Commission has taken a serious view of this and hereby directs the PIO to **show cause why penalty be not imposed on him under Section 20 of the RTI Act 2005 for not supplying the information within the statutorily prescribed period of time.** He/she should file an affidavit in this regard. If there are other persons responsible for the delay in providing the information, the PIO is directed to inform such persons of the show cause and direct them to appear before the Commission along with the written replies.

To come up for further hearing on **16.09.2020 at 11.00 AM** through video conference facility available in the office of **Deputy Commissioner, Mohali.**

Chandigarh
Dated 04.08.2020

Sd/-
(Khushwant Singh)
State Information Commissioner



Sh. Sohan Singh, s/o shSucha Singh,
R/o Village Bara, P.O PathreriJattan,
Tehsl&DisttRoopnagar.

... Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o SDO, Sub Division,
PSPCL, Sukhrampur,
DisttRopar.

...Respondent

Complaint Case No. 1003 of 2019

PRESENT: Sh.Sohan Singh as the Complainant
None for the Respondent

ORDER:

The complainant through RTI application dated 05.06.2019 has sought information regarding copy of entry register containing the tubewell connections provided in village Pathreri and village PathreriJattan and other information concerning the office of SDO Sub Division, PSPCL Sukhrampur. The complainant was not provided the information after which the complainant filed a complaint in the Commission on 22.11.2019.

The case came up for hearing on 12.03.2020. The complainant claimed that the PIO has not provided the information. The respondent was absent. The PIO was directed to provide the information within 15 days and send a compliance report to the Commission.

Sh.Bawa Singh, respondent appeared late and informed that the appellant was asked vide letter dated 03.07.2019 to specify the period for which the information is required, but the appellant has not clarified. The respondent was directed to get the clarification from the appellant by contacting him on his phone No.9464869183 and provide the information as per the RTI application.

Hearing dated 04.08.2020:

The case has come up for hearing through video conferencing at DAC Ropar. The appellant is present at Chandigarh and informed that the information provided by the PIO is not legible. The complainant has also brought to the notice of the Commission that the record might be available in the computer.

It the record is stored in an electronic manner in the Computer, the PIO is directed to provide a computer printout of the record to the complainant. The information be provided within 15 days of the receipt of this order otherwise the Commission will be constrained to take action against the PIO as per provisions of the RTI Act.

To come up for compliance on **16.09.2020 at 11.00 AM** through video conference facility available in the office of **Deputy Commissioner, Mohali.**

Chandigarh
Dated 04.08.2020

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Sh. Swaran Singh, S/o ShMahinder Singh,
H No-118, Ward No-10, Shakti Nagar,
Bhogpur, Distt Jalandhar.

.....Complainant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o Sub Divison Bhogpur,
PSPCL, Jalandhar.

.....Respondent

Complaint Case .No. 990 of 2019

PRESENT: None for the Complainant
Sh.Swaran Singh, AEE Sub-Division No.1, Bhogpur for the Respondent

ORDER:

The complainant through RTI application dated 29.07.2019 has sought information regarding electric meter account No.CC42/3048 and DC46/0948-M(HRS) and other information concerning the office of PSPCL sub Division, Bhogpur. The complainant was not provided the information after which the complainant filed a complaint in the Commission on 19.11.2019.

The case was last heard on 11.03.2020. The respondent present pleaded that the information has been provided to the complainant vide letter dated 12.02.2020 and a copy of the same submitted to the Commission. The complainant was absent.

Having gone through the file, the Commission observed that there has been an enormous delay of more than seven months in providing the information. The PIO was issued a **show causenotice under Section 20 of the RTI Act 2005 and directed to file reply on an affidavit.**

Hearing dated 04.08.2020

The case has come up for hearing through video conferencing at DAC Jalandhar. The respondent present pleaded that the information has already been provided to the complainant. The complainant is absent.

Regarding delay in providing the information, the respondent pleaded that due to shifting of their office, the record was not traceable and hence the information was delayed. The respondent has however, not submitted reply to the show cause notice issued to the PIO for delay in providing the information. The PIO is given one last opportunity to submit reply to the show cause notice on an affidavit otherwise it will be presumed that the PIO has nothing to say in the matter and the Commission will take action against the PIO as per RTI Act.

To come up for further hearing on **07.09.2020 at 01.30 PM** through video conference facility available in the office of **Deputy Commissioner, Jalandhar.**

Chandigarh
Dated 04.08.2020

Sd/-
(Khushwant Singh)
State Information Commissioner



Sh. Deepak Kalia,
H NO-31, kailash Nagar, Sodal Road,
Jalandhar.

.....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o EO, PUDA, Jalandhar.

First Appellate Authority
O/o PUDA,
Jalandhar.

...Respondent

Appeal Case .No. 4293 of 2019

PRESENT: None for the Appellant
Sh.Sanjeev Sharma, PIO-JDA Jalandhar for the Respondent

ORDER:

The case was last heard on 11.03.2020. The respondent present pleaded that since the information relates to 3rd party, they have written a letter to the 3rd party for seeking its consent and after receipt of consent of the 3rd party, the information will be supplied.

The appellant was absent. Having gone through the record, the Commission found that there is nothing on record which establishes that the disclosure of information has a larger public interest. The appellant was directed to convince the Commission that there is a larger public interest involved in disclosure of information.

Hearing dated 04.08.2020:

The case has come up for hearing through video conferencing at DAC Jalandhar. The appellant is absent nor has submitted any document which establishes that the disclosure of information has a larger public interest.

Having gone through the RTI application all over again with the respondent, the PIO is directed to relook at the RTI application and provide the information to the appellant on all points as per the RTI Act.

The respondent however, pleaded that the appellant be allowed inspection of the record as desired by the appellant in point-10.

The appellant is directed to inspect the record by fixing a mutually convenient date and time with the PIO and get the relevant information. The PIO is directed to allow inspection of the record and provide the relevant information as per RTI Act.

To come up for further hearing on **07.09.2020 at 01.30 PM** through video conference facility available in the office of **Deputy Commissioner, Jalandhar.**

Chandigarh
Dated 04.08.2020

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(Khushwant Singh)
State Information Commissioner



Sh. Deepak Kalia,
H NO-31, kailash Nagar, Sodal Road,
Jalandhar.

...Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o Deputy Chief Engineer,
Distribution Division, PSPCL,
Jalandhar.

First Appellate Authority
O/o CE, PSPCL,
Jalandhar

...Respondent

Appeal Case .No. 4297 of 2019

PRESENT: None for the Appellant
Sh.Rajinder Kumar, SDO-PSPCL Jalandhar for the Respondent

ORDER:

The case was last heard on 11.03.2020. The respondent present pleaded that the information concerning them has been provided to the appellant on 28.08.2019 and again on 10.10.2019 and a copy of the same is submitted to the Commission. The respondent further stated that partial information regarding point-2 has been provided and since the remaining information (copy of registry) being 3rd party information, it cannot be provided.

The appellant was absent. The appellant was directed to establish a larger public interest in revealing the information which has been held back by the PIO.

Hearing dated 04.08.2020:

The respondent present pleaded that the information on point-1 &2 has been supplied and the information regarding point-3 being 3rd party information, it cannot be supplied.

Having gone through the RTI application, information provided by the PIO and hearing the respondent, the Commission is of the view that the remaining information which is sought is personal information and there is no larger public interest in disclosure of this information.

At the last hearing, the appellant was asked to establish a larger public interest in revealing the information, which the appellant has not been able to establish. Hence the information that has been provided takes care of this RTI application and no further course of action is required.

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

Chandigarh
Dated 04.08.2020

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H No-2220/2, Gali Arian,
I/s Mahan Singh Gate,
Amritsar.

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Commissioner, MC,
Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Commissioner, MC,
Amritsar.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 2631 of 2019

PRESENT: Sh.JaswantSarpal as the Appellant
Sh.Rajinder Sharma, Suptd. O/o MC for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant through RTI application dated 29.03.2019 has sought information regarding appointment of APIOs, PIOs and AA in the MC Moga and other information concerning the office of Commissioner, MC Moga. The appellant was not provided the information after which the appellant filed first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 07.05.2019 which took no decision on the appeal. After filing the appeal, the PIO sent a reply to the appellant on 13.05.2019 stating that the information was not available in their record.

The case has been heard once by this bench on 26.02.2020, after it was transferred from the bench of Dr.Pawan Kumar Singla, State Information Commissioner. It was transferred after the Commission had received a letter from the appellant in appeal cases numbers 2203 & 2204 stating that his cases are being disposed off without supply of demanded documents and that the matter should have been placed before the CIC or some other Bench. Thus, the Ld. Commissioner had recused himself from the above mentioned cases after which they were transferred to this bench.

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing facility at DAC Amritsar. The appellant has now shown dissatisfaction with this bench also. Since the appellant is showing continuous dissatisfaction over benches where his cases are being transferred, I may be recused from this case. I request the Hon'ble Chief Information Commissioner to consider constituting a double or a larger bench to decide all cases of the appellant.

The case file is being sent to the Registry Branch to put up before the Hon'ble Chief Information Commissioner to constitute a Double Bench or a larger Bench. It may be brought on record that the Commissioner is duty bound morally and ethically to take decisions without bias or ill-will against anyone.

Chandigarh
Dated 04.08.2020

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(Khushwant Singh)
State Information Commissioner

The Deputy Registrar
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H No-2220/2, Gali Arian,
I/s Mahan Singh Gate,
Amritsar.

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Commissioner, MC,
Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Commissioner, MC,
Amritsar.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 2632 of 2019

PRESENT: Sh.JaswantSarpal as the Appellant
None for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant through RTI application dated 24.02.2019 has sought information regarding amount granted and utilized in Smart City Project scheme, completion report and other information concerning the office of Commissioner, MC Ludhiana. The appellant was asked by the PIO vide letter dated 19.03.2019 to deposit requisite fee of Rs.920/- for 460 pages after which the appellant filed first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 18.04.2019 which took no decision on the appeal.

The case has been heard once by this bench on 26.02.2020, after it was transferred from the bench of Dr.Pawan Kumar Singla, State Information Commissioner. It was transferred after the Commission had received a letter from the appellant in appeal cases numbers 2203 & 2204 stating that his cases are being disposed off without supply of demanded documents and that the matter should have been placed before the CIC or some other Bench. Thus, the Ld. Commissioner had recused himself from the above mentioned cases after which they were transferred to this bench.

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing facility at DAC Amritsar. The appellant has now shown dissatisfaction with this bench also. Since the appellant is showing continuous dissatisfaction over benches where his cases are being transferred, I may be recused from this case. I request the Hon'ble Chief Information Commissioner to consider constituting a double or a larger bench to decide all cases of the appellant.

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S/o ShDarbariLalSarpal,
H No-2220/2, Gali Arian,
I/s Mahan Singh Gate,
Amritsar.

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Commissioner, MC,
Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Commissioner, MC,
Amritsar.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 2633 of 2019

PRESENT: Sh.JaswantSarpal as the Appellant
None for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant through RTI application dated 24.02.2019 has sought information regarding amount granted and utilized in HIRDAY PROJECT scheme, completion report and other information concerning the office of Commissioner, MC Ludhiana. The appellant was asked by the PIO vide letter dated 19.03.2019 to deposit requisite fee of Rs.920/- for 460 pages after which the appellant filed first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 18.04.2019 which took no decision on the appeal.

The case has been heard once by this bench on 26.02.2020, after it was transferred from the bench of Dr.Pawan Kumar Singla, State Information Commissioner. It was transferred after the Commission had received a letter from the appellant in appeal cases numbers 2203 & 2204 stating that his cases are being disposed off without supply of demanded documents and that the matter should have been placed before the CIC or some other Bench. Thus, the Ld. Commissioner had recused himself from the above mentioned cases after which they were transferred to this bench.

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Chandigarh
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I/s Mahan Singh Gate,
Amritsar.

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Commissioner, MC,
Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Commissioner, MC,
Amritsar.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 3133 of 2019

PRESENT: Sh.JaswantSarpal as the Appellant
None for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant through RTI application dated 01.06.2019 has sought information regarding renovation in Municipal Corporation Amritsar – date of proposal, sanction obtained, amount sanctioned and utilized, tender called and other information concerning the office of Commissioner, MC Ludhiana. The appellant was not provided the information after which the appellant filed first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 02.07.2019 which took no decision on the appeal.

The case has been heard once by this bench on 26.02.2020, after it was transferred from the bench of Dr.Pawan Kumar Singla, State Information Commissioner. It was transferred after the Commission had received a letter from the appellant in appeal cases numbers 2203 & 2204 stating that his cases are being disposed off without supply of demanded documents and that the matter should have been placed before the CIC or some other Bench. Thus, the Ld. Commissioner had recused himself from the above mentioned cases after which they were transferred to this bench.

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing facility at DAC Amritsar. The appellant has now shown dissatisfaction with this bench also. Since the appellant is showing continuous dissatisfaction over benches where his cases are being transferred, I may be recused from this case. I request the Hon'ble Chief Information Commissioner to consider constituting a double or a larger bench to decide all cases of the appellant.

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Amritsar.

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Commissioner, MC,
Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Director, Department of Local Govt,
Govt of Punjab, Chandigarh.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 3134 of 2019

PRESENT: Sh.JaswantSarpal as the Appellant
Sh.RajinderSharma,Suptd. O/o MC Amritsar for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant through RTI application dated 05.04.2019 has sought information regarding circular issued by the department of Local Govt. of Punjab ignored by the MC Amritsar regarding appointment of PIOs & APIOs and other information concerning the office of Commissioner, MC Ludhiana. The appellant was not provided the information after which the appellant filed first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 02.07.2019 which took no decision on the appeal.

The case has been heard once by this bench on 26.02.2020, after it was transferred from the bench of Dr.Pawan Kumar Singla, State Information Commissioner. It was transferred after the Commission had received a letter from the appellant in appeal cases numbers 2203 & 2204 stating that his cases are being disposed off without supply of demanded documents and that the matter should have been placed before the CIC or some other Bench. Thus, the Ld. Commissioner had recused himself from the above mentioned cases after which they were transferred to this bench.

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing facility at DAC Amritsar. The appellant has now shown dissatisfaction with this bench also. Since the appellant is showing continuous dissatisfaction over benches where his cases are being transferred, I may be recused from this case. I request the Hon'ble Chief Information Commissioner to consider constituting a double or a larger bench to decide all cases of the appellant.

The case file is being sent to the Registry Branch to put up before the Hon'ble Chief Information Commissioner to constitute a Double Bench or a larger Bench. It may be brought on record that the Commissioner is duty bound morally and ethically to take decisions without bias or ill-will against anyone.

Chandigarh
Dated 04.08.2020

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Amritsar.

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Commissioner, MC,
Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Commissioner, MC,
Amritsar.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 3170 of 2019

PRESENT: Sh.JaswantSarpal as the Appellant
Sh.Raj Kumar, Inspector, Land Dept.for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant through RTI application dated 08.06.2019 has sought information on 9 points regarding Som Bazar in which area on road for Phuries and Rehri had been allotted on rent which is valid for one day on the road under the old wall city of Amritsar by the order of Commissioner, MC Amritsar – copy of request from general public, order of Commissioner, date of permission and other information concerning the office of Commissioner, MC Amritsar. The appellant was not provided the information after which the appellant filed first appeal before the First appellate Authority on 09.07.2019 after which the PIO sent information to the appellant vide letter dated 10.07.2019, 06.08.2019 and 20.08.2019.

The case has been heard once by this bench on 26.02.2020, after it was transferred from the bench of Dr.Pawan Kumar Singla, State Information Commissioner. It was transferred after the Commission had received a letter from the appellant in appeal cases numbers 2203 & 2204 stating that his cases are being disposed off without supply of demanded documents and that the matter should have been placed before the CIC or some other Bench. Thus, the Ld. Commissioner had recused himself from the above mentioned cases after which they were transferred to this bench.

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing facility at DAC Amritsar. The appellant has now shown dissatisfaction with this bench also. Since the appellant is showing continuous dissatisfaction over benches where his cases are being transferred, I may be recused from this case. I request the Hon'ble Chief Information Commissioner to consider constituting a double or a larger bench to decide all cases of the appellant.

The case file is being sent to the Registry Branch to put up before the Hon'ble Chief Information Commissioner to constitute a Double Bench or a larger Bench. It may be brought on record that the Commissioner is duty bound morally and ethically to take decisions without bias or ill-will against anyone.

Chandigarh
Dated 04.08.2020

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Amritsar.

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Commissioner, MC,
Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Commissioner, MC,
Amritsar.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 3656 of 2019

PRESENT: Sh.JaswantSarpal as the Appellant
None for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant through RTI application dated 02.07.2019 has sought information regarding ban on constructions in the walled city of Amritsar by order of Hon'ble High Court as per CWP 14900 of 2010 indicating MC letter dated 13.10.2017 – action taken, list of illegal buildings/hotels and other information concerning the office of Commissioner, MC Ludhiana. The appellant was not provided the information after which the appellant filed first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 12.08.2019 which took no decision on the appeal.

The case has been heard once by this bench on 26.02.2020, after it was transferred from the bench of Dr.Pawan Kumar Singla, State Information Commissioner. It was transferred after the Commission had received a letter from the appellant in appeal cases numbers 2203 & 2204 stating that his cases are being disposed off without supply of demanded documents and that the matter should have been placed before the CIC or some other Bench. Thus, the Ld. Commissioner had recused himself from the above mentioned cases after which they were transferred to this bench.

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing facility at DAC Amritsar. The appellant has now shown dissatisfaction with this bench also. Since the appellant is showing continuous dissatisfaction over benches where his cases are being transferred, I may be recused from this case. I request the Hon'ble Chief Information Commissioner to consider constituting a double or a larger bench to decide all cases of the appellant.

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Chandigarh
Dated 04.08.2020

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The Deputy Registrar
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Sh. Tarsem Singh, S/o ShNishan Singh,
Roj Avenue, Chamiani Road,
Ajnala, Amritsar

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Addl, SE (Operational),
PSPCL, Division Ajnala,
Distt Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Chief Engineer, Border Zone,
Amritsar.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 3057 of 2019

PRESENT: Sh. Tarsem Singh for the Appellant
None for the Respondent

ORDER:

Facts of the case-

That the appellant through RTI application dated 30.04.2019 sought information regarding copy of application form/request dated 25.08.2015 for electric connection No.A11SA441492M alongwith copy of bills issued and other information from the office of Addl. SE (Operational), PSPCL Division Ajnala. The appellant was not provided the information after which the appellant filed first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 20.05.2019 which took no decision on the appeal.

That after filing first appeal, the PIO sent reply to the appellant vide letter dated 27.06.2019. On being not satisfied with the information, the appellant filed 2nd appeal in the Commission on 21.08.2019.

That the case came up for hearing on 30.12.2019. The representative appeared on behalf of the appellant informed that the PIO has not provided the complete information. The respondent was absent. The PIO was directed to relook at the RTI application and provide the complete information to the appellant within 10 days. The PIO was further directed to provide the information within 10 days of the receipt of order and send a compliance report to the Commission.

That on the next date of hearing which was held on **17.03.2020**, the appellant claims that the PIO has not provided the information. The respondent is absent on 2nd consecutive hearing.

Having gone through the record, the Commission observed that there has been an enormous delay of eight months in providing the information. The PIO-Addl. SE(Operational), PSPCL Division Ajnala was issued a **show cause notice under Section 20 of the RTI Act 2005 for not supplying the information within the statutorily prescribed period of time. The PIO was directed to file reply to the show cause notice on an affidavit.** If there are other persons responsible for the delay in providing the information, the PIO is directed to inform such persons of the show cause and direct them to appear before the Commission along with the written replies.

The PIO was again directed to provide the complete information within 10 days of the receipt of this order.

That the case has come up for hearing today through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Amritsar. The appellant claims that the PIO has not provided the information.

That the PIO-Additional SE (Operational) PSPCL, Division Ajnalais absent on 3rd consecutive hearing nor has filed reply to the show cause notice.

Keeping the above-mentioned facts of the case, it is clear that the PIO-Additional SE (Operational) PSPCL, Division Ajnala 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 of the Commission.

To secure an erring PIO's presence before the commission the Information Commissionis empowered to issue warrants to Under Section 18(3) of the RTI Act. Aailable Warrant of the PIO-Additional SE (Operational) PSPCL, Division Ajnala is hereby issued through Senior Superintendent of Police, Amritsar for his presence before the Commission on **15.09.2020**.

To come up for further hearing on **15.09.2020 at 01.30 PM** through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Amritsar. The PIO to **appear at Chandigarh**.

Chandigarh
Dated 04.08.2020

Sd/-
(Khushwant Singh)
State Information Commissioner

**BAILABLE WARRANT OF PRODUCTION
BEFORE
SHRI KHUSHWANT SINGH
STATE INFORMATION COMMISSIONER, PUNJAB
AT CHANDIGARH**

In case: Tarsem Singh V/s Public Information Officer-Addl. SE (Operational),
PSPCL, Division Ajnala, District Amritsar

APPEAL CASE NO.3057/2019

UNDER SECTION 18 OF THE RIGHT TO INFORMATION ACT, 2005

Next Date of Hearing :15.09.2020

To

**The Senior Superintendent of Police,
Amritsar**

Whereas PIO-Addl. SE (Operational), PSPCL, Division Ajnala 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-Addl. SE (Operational), PSPCL, Division Ajnala to appear before the undersigned at Red Cross Building, Near Rose Garden, Sector 16, Chandigarh on **15.09.2020 at 01.30.00 P.M.**

**Chandigarh
Dated: 04.08.2020**

**(Khushwant Singh)
State Information Commissioner**