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Sh. Amardeep Singh  
S/o ShriDarshan Singh,  
R/o Burj Muhar, Teh. Abohar,  
District Fazilka.

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,  
O/o Block Development & Panchayat Officer,  
Abohar, District Fazilka

First Appellate Authority  
O/o Distt. Development & Panchayat Officer,  
Fazilka.

Respondents

**Appeal Case No.1558/2019**

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
16.01.2019	Nil	18.02.2019	Nil	24.04.2019

**Present:**

**Appellant:** Sh.Amardeep Singh  
**Respondents:** Shri Gurvinder Singh, Panchayat Officer, O/o  
BDPO Abohar

**ORDER:**

The appellant has sought information relating to various activities of Gram Panchayat of Village Burj Muhar, Tehsil Abohar, District Fazilka for the period commencing from 2013 to 2018. The chronology of the Application and the Appeal figures in the head-note.

The respondent states that the information has been sent to the appellant. The appellant points out deficiencies having been conveyed in writing to the respondents. The respondents are directed to make good the same immediately under intimation to the Commission.

The matter shall be re-heard on **30.10.2019 at 11.30 AM through Video Conferencing at Fazilka.**

**04.09.2019**

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



Sh. Pritam Singh,  
 S/o Sh. Amir Singh,  
 Village-Guddarh Bhaini,  
 PO-Ladhuka, Distt. Fazilka.

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,  
 O/o Director,  
 Rural Development and Panchayat Department,  
 Mohali.

First Appellate Authority,  
 O/o Secretary,  
 Rural Development and Panchayat Department  
 Mohali.

Respondents

**Appeal Case No.545/2019**

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
22.10.2018	Nil	27.11.2018	Nil	25.01.2019

**Present:**            **Appellant:**        **None.**  
                                  **Respondent:**    **Sh. Parvesh Singh, BDPO Fazilka**

**ORDER:**

The following order was passed on 01.05.2019:-

*“Shri Manoj Kumar, Panchayat Secretary is present. He submits that the information comprising 228 pages has already been provided to the Appellant. Shri Pritam Singh, Appellant is dis-satisfied. He has alleged it to be deficient. The Commission directs the Panchayat Secretary to provide him complete access to the record. The Appellant shall identify the documents considered to be furnished to him, which shall be provided by the Respondents free of charge but not beyond 50 pages. The respondent shall convey a definite date and time to the Appellant and comply with the aforesaid directions.”*

The case has come up today through V.C. The BDPO, Fazilka Shri Parvesh is present. He submits that he has recently joined. Simultaneously, he says that the information has reached the family of the appellant as the similar application was filed by his



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brother. In the instant case also, information comprising 200 plus pages has been furnished to him. The Commission feels that the appellant has been sufficiently informed. In the scenario, the Commission is not inclined to intervene any more.

**Disposed.**

**04.09.2019**

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State Information Commissioner**

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Sh. Sunil Kumar  
S/o Shri Ram Lal,  
H.No.1041, Gali No.4D,  
Kailash (Arya)Nagar,  
Fazilka.

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,  
O/o Block Development & Panchayat Officer,  
Fazilka

First Appellate Authority  
O/o Addl.Deputy Commissioner(Dev.)  
Fazilka.

Respondent

**Appeal Case No.1556/2019**

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
01.01.2019	Nil	02.02.2019	Nil	24.04.2019

**Present:**           **Appellant:**    **Sh.Sunil Kumar is absent.**  
**Respondent:**   **Sh. Parvesh Singh, BDPO Fazilka**

**ORDER:**

The appellant is absent. Shri Parvesh Singh, BDPO Fazilka, who is present in the V.C. at Fazilka, submits that the information pertaining to the works executed under MGNREGA scheme during the year 2018-19 has been sent across to the appellant on 18.06.2019 under registered cover. The appellant may like to comment in case he desires so before the final call is taken.

To come up on **06.11.2019 at 11.30 AM through Video Conferencing at Fazilka.**

**04.09.2019**

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Sh. Palwinder Singh,  
S/o Shri Narinder Singh,  
R/o Ward No.12, Near Sai Temple,  
Hari Krishan Avenue, VPO Ajnala,  
District Amritsar.

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,  
O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer,  
Ajnala, Distt Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o Distt. Development & Panchayat Officer,  
Amritsar.

Respondents

**Appeal Case Nos.1089 of 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 Complaint
07.12.2018	Nil	02.02.2019	Nil	19.03.2019

**Present:** Appellant: **Sh. Palwinder Singh**  
Respondents: **Sh.Manmohan Singh, BDPO Ajnala (Amrisar)**

**ORDER**

The respondent, Sh.Manmohan Singh, BDPO Ajnala is present. He says that the issue relates to a dispute for possession of Panchayat land. The Hon'ble High Court has been approached and the case is under its adjudication. The information available in their record, besides one figuring in the *Jamabandi* as procured from the revenue authorities, has been provided to the information seeker. The Commission considers that the appellant has been adequately informed. There is marginal delay in providing the information. The Commission sees no mala fide on the part of the respondents. The appeal is **disposed**.

**04.09.2019**

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



Sh. Sandeep Kumar Maluja,  
S/o Sh. Om Parkash,  
R/o Gali No. 2, Shanidev Mander Wali Gali,  
Patel Nagar, Malout, Distt Sri Muktsar Sahib.

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,  
O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer,  
Malout, Distt Sri Muktsar Sahib.

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o District Development and Panchayat Officer,  
Sri Muktsar Sahib.

Respondents

**Appeal Case No.2896/2018**

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
06.02.2018	Nil	20.04.2018	Nil	29.08.2018

**Present:** **Appellant: Sh. Sandeep Kumar Maluja,**  
**Respondents: Sh.Jaswant Singh, BDPO Malout (Sri Muktsar Sahib)**

**Order**

The following order was made by this forum on 10.07.2019:

*“The appellant has sought adjournment. He is seeking a detailed and exhaustive information for the period from 01.01.2013 to 01.01.2017 relating to more or less all the activities of panchayat.*

*Sh. Jatinder Singh, Panchayat Secretary appearing on behalf of the respondents says that the appellant has been duly informed vide a communication under registered cover. As the appellant is not present he may like to react in writing.*  
08.05.2019

*The case been taken up today. Sh. Jatinder Singh, Panchayat Secretary, says that he has brought along the copy of bills which has been handed over to the appellant. However, it is found that copies of measurement book as well as the utilization certificates have not been supplied. The PIO/ Panchayat Secy. and JE, are hereby advised to explain their conduct in delayed provision of the information and explain as to why penalty should not be imposed on them.*

*To come up on 10.07.2019 at 11.30 AM through video conference at Sri Muktsar Sahib”.*



**Appeal Case No.2896/2018**

10.07.2019

*Neither the respondent is present nor any information has been provided to the appellant by the respondent. The BDPO, Malout is hereby 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.*

**04.09.2019**

The appellant is present. Shri Jaswant Singh, the incumbent BDPO Malout submits that he has just joined. He says that by and large, the information has already been provided sans the copies of Measurement Books and the utilization certificates. The Commission is intrigued that despite serious observations and issue of Show Cause Notice of the Commission, the status quo remains. The BDPO is afforded an opportunity to make good the residual information as mentioned above under intimation to the Commission. He shall intimate the Commission the particulars of his predecessor and the period he has remained in the office.

**To come up on 06.11.2019 at 11.30 AM through Video Conferencing at Sri Muktsar Sahib.**

**04.09.2019**

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



Sh. Hakam Singh,  
S/o Sh. Darshan Singh,  
R/o Sadhir, Tehsil-Giderbaha,  
Distt. Sri Muktsar Sahib.

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,  
O/o Block Development and Panhayat Officer,  
Malout. Distt. Sri Muktsar Sahib.

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o District Development and Panchayat Officer,  
Sri Muktsar Sahib.

Respondents

**Appeal Case No.88/2019**

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
01.08.2018	13.09.2018	23.08.2018	Nil	05.12.2018

**Present:**           **Appellant:**    **Sh.Hakam Singh absent.**  
                          **Respondents;** **Sh.Jaswant Singh, BDPO, Malout**

**ORDER**

The following order was passed on 20.03.2019:-

*“The appellant has sought information pertaining to virtually all the activities of seven villages of the block. He admits having received the record of four villages. The Commission feels that dispensing such an information shall disproportionately erode the resources of the public authority for sure. The respondents should allow him the inspection of the record of the rest of the villages and part with the certified copies of the documents identified by him not beyond 150 pages in all. The respondents shall inform him about the definite date, time and place for inspection well in advance.”*

04.09.2019

The case has come up today. The BDPO Shri Jaswant Singh states that the information has been provided to the appellant and the appellant has issued an acknowledgement for having received the information to his satisfaction. It has been read over by him during the course of proceedings. The Commission has no reason to disbelieve him. As the information has been conveyed to the appellant, no cause of action remains. **The matter is disposed.**

**04.09.2019**

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





Sh. Gurkirat Singh,  
S/o Sh. Gursharan Singh,  
V.P.O-Malwala,  
Tehsil-Malout, Distt. Muktsar.

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,  
O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer,  
Malout, District- Sri Muktsar Sahib.

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer,  
Malout, District- Sri Muktsar Sahib.

Respondents

**Appeal Case No.1642/2019**

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
01.02.2019	Nil	13.03.2019	Nil	01.05.2019

**Present:**           **Appellant:**   **Shri Prem Singh, Advocate on behalf of Appellant.**  
**Respondents:** **Sh.Jaswamt Singh, BDPO Malout with**  
**Shri Jatinder Singh, Panchayat Secretary,**  
**O/o BDPO Malout,(Sri Muktsar Sahib)**

**ORDER:**

The following order was passed on 09.07.2019:-

*“The appellant is absent. Shri Jatinder Singh, Panchayat Secretary submits that the entire record pertaining to the various activities of the Gram Panchayat, Malwala for the period 2008 to 2018 has been given to the appellant. The Commission feels that the record would have been massive. The better course should have been to get the record inspected and provide him the reasonable number of copies which would be of significance to them. They should resort to it now and provide certified copies of the documents not beyond 50 pages.*

04.09.2019

The appellant as well as the respondents are not prepared as they are unaware of the observations of the Commission made on 09.07.2019. The parties are advised to act accordingly.

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**Appeal Case No.1642/2019**

**To come up on 06.11.2019 at 11.30 AM through Video Conference at Sri  
Muktsar Sahib.**

**04.09.2019**

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Sh. Gurkirat Singh,  
S/o Sh. Gursharan Singh,  
V.P.O-Malwala,  
Tehsil-Malout, Distt. Muktsar.

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,  
O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer,  
Malout, District- Sri Muktsar Sahib.

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer,  
Malout, District- Sri Muktsar Sahib.

Respondents

**Appeal Case No.1643/2019**

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
01.02.2019	Nil	13.03.2019	Nil	01.05.2019

**Present:**           **Appellant:**   **Shri Prem Singh, Advocate on behalf of Appellant.**  
**Respondents:** **Sh.Jaswamt Singh, BDPO Malout with**  
**Shri Jatinder Singh, Panchayat Secretary,**  
**O/o BDPO Malout,(Sri Muktsar Sahib)**

**ORDER:**

The following order was passed on 09.07.2019:-

*"The appellant is absent. Shri Jatinder Singh, V.D.O.-cum- PIO, Gram Panchayat, Malwala is present. He submits a letter dated 08.07.2019 from the BDPO, Malout addressed to the Commission vide which it has been reported that the audit report and audit note, as asked for by the appellant, are not available.*

*The BDPO, Malout is directed to file an affidavit before the Commission to the effect that the audit report and audit note for the period 01.01.2008 to 30.12.2018 have never been received in the office of the BDPO or the Panchayat Secretary. "*

04.09.2019

The Commission observes that the status quo still remains.

The matter shall be heard on **06.11.2019 at 11.30 AM through Video Conference at Sri Muktsar Sahib.**

04.09.2019

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Dr. K.K. Jindal S/o Sh.Tej Ram Jindal  
R/o # 13843, Near Red Cross Bal Bhawan,  
Ganesh Basti, Bathinda-151001

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,  
O/o Senior Supdt. of Police,  
Mansa.

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o Dy. Inspector General of Police,  
Bathinda Range, Bathinda.

Respondents

**Appeal Case No.4112/2018**

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
01.02.2019	Nil	13.03.2019	Nil	01.05.2019

**Present:**                      **Appellant:**      **Dr. K.K. Jindal**  
**Respondents:**      **Sh.Angrez Singh, ASI, O/o SSP Mansa**

**ORDER:**

The appellant is aggrieved with the inaction of the respondents on a decision of Sub Divisional Magistrate, Mansa to put him in possession of the property within the specified time which allowed his adversaries to approach the court and procure a stay order.

The respondents say that the available information with them has already been provided to him. They are not in a position to file explanation for the omission and commission of an official. It does not fall in the domain of RTI Act. Be that as it may, the respondents are advised to file a reply to the notice of the Commission along with copies of the information already sent to the appellant.

**The matter shall be heard on 06.11.2019 at 11.30 AM through Video Conferencing at Bathinda.**

04.09.2019

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...Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,  
O/o Senior Supdt. of Police,  
Mansa.

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o Dy. Inspector General of Police,  
Bathinda Range, Bathinda

...Respondents

**Appeal Case No.3780/2018**

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
01.02.2019	Nil	13.03.2019	Nil	01.05.2019

**Present:**           **Appellant:**    **Dr. K.K. Jindal**  
                          **Respondents:** **None from O/o SDM Mansa**

**ORDER:**

The hearing could not commence due to technical glitch in the Video Conference facility.

**The matter shall be heard on 06.11.2019 at 11.30 AM through Video Conferencing at Bathinda.**

**04.09.2019**

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Sh. Sukhjit Singh,  
S/o Sh. Harjoginder Singh,  
VPO- Mianwal Molvian,  
Tehsil-Shahkot, Distt. Jalandhar.

Appellant

Versus

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

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

Respondents

**Appeal Case No.518/2019**

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
04.06.2018	Nil	17.07.2018	Nil	03.01.2019

**Present:**           **Appellant:**       **Sukhjit Singh is absent.**  
                          **Respondents:** **None.**

**ORDER:**

The following order was passed on 01.05.2019:-

*“The respondents are absent. The appellant has sought detailed information connected with the laying of sewer in the village Mianwal Maulvian, Tehsil Shahkot, District Jalandhar. The Commission takes serious note of the absence of the respondents. They have not even bothered to file reply to the notice, much less providing the information to the Appellant. BDPO is desired to file an affidavit and explain his conduct as to why he should not be proceeded against.”*

04.09.2019

*In spite of serious observations of the Commission, the respondents have failed not only to file reply to the notice of the Commission, but also to provide information to the appellant. The BDPO Shahkot is hereby 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.*

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**Appeal Case No.518/2019**

*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 shall be heard on **06.11.2019 at 11.30 AM through Video Conference at Jalandhar.**

**04.09.2019**

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



Sh. Amrinder Singh Sidhu,  
R/o House No. 2, Street No. 19,  
Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar,  
Near Leo House, Dhandra Road,  
Ludhiana.

Appellant

Versus

Public information Officer,  
O/o District Development and Panchayat Officer,  
Ludhiana.

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

Respondents

**Appeal Case No.99/2019**

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
20.08.2018	13.09.2018	24.09.2018	Nil	05.11.2018

**Present:**           **Appellant:**    **Amrinder Singh Sidhu**  
                          **Respondents:** **Sh.Jaswinder Singh, Supdt. o/o DDPO Ludhiana**

**ORDER**

The appellant was absent on the last date of hearing. The Commission has perused his application. He is seeking information which is indiscriminate, all & sundry and exhaustive. In a way he is seeking the entire record of Gram Panchayat of village Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar, Dhandra Road, Ludhiana for the last 10 years. Obviously, it shall be voluminous and require humongous efforts and resources.

He is required to prune down information to some specified areas. It is more desirable that he visits the office of respondents, inspect the record and identify the documents he intends to procure. The respondents may convey him the date and time to inspect the record and provide him the certified copies to an extent of 150 pages at the most.

To come up on **30.10.2019 at 11.30 AM through video conference at Ludhiana.**

**04.09.2019**

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