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Sh. Neta Singh s/o Sh. Lal Singh 9501709211
Village Kot Bhai (Near 66 K.V. Grid)
Tehsil Gidderbaha.
Distt. Sri Muktsar Sahib

..Complainant

Vs

Public Information Officer
o/o District Development and Panchayats Officer,
Mini Secretariat,
Bathinda

Sh. Harmanjeet Singh, A.E. Registered
Public Information Officer
o/o the Executive Engineer,
Bathinda Canal Division,
4th Floor (Extension Building),
District Administrative Complex,
Bathinda

..Respondent

Complaint Case No. 576 of 2020
(Cisco Webex/phone Proceedings)

Present:- None on behalf of the complainant.
Sh. Harmanjeet Singh, A.E. 9872443642 on behalf of the respondents.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 27.10.2020.

- The representative of the respondents states that the remaining information has already been sent to the complainant vide No. 8777 dated 2.12.2020. Although the complainant is absent but an email has been received in which he has pointed out deficiency in the provided information.
- After deliberations, the representative of the respondents states that the complainant may be directed to come to my office and he will provide the certified copy of the information whatever on record pertaining to the deficiencies pointed out by the appellant i.e. ਮੋਘਿਆ ਦੇ ਰਕਬੇ ਅਤੇ ਮੋਘਿਆ ਦੇ ਸਾਇਜ਼ ਅਤੇ ਮਾਇਨਰ ਅਤੇ ਹੈਡ ਦੇ ਸਾਇਜ਼ ਸਬੰਧੀ।
- Accordingly, the complainant is advised to contact the respondent-Public Information Officer within 10 days and he will supply the documents as will be identified and the respondent-Public Information Officer is bound to supply the same duly certified.
- To come up on 23.12.2020 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Bathinda/cisco webex.

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Dated: 4.12.2020

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Sh. Ramesh Kumar s/o Sh. Sukhdev Singh 7015576550
r/o Village Bhulan,
Tehsil Munak,
District Sangrur.

....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer
o/o Block Development and Panchayats Officer,
Block Munak,
District Sangrur.

First Appellate Authority
o/o District Development and Panchayats Officer,
Mini Secretariat,
Sangrur.

Prithvi Singh, Panchayat Secretary,
Gram Panchayat, Bhulan
c/o Block Development and Panchayats Officer,
Block Munak,
District Sangrur.

Public Information Officer
o/o the Director,
Rural Development and Panchayat, Punjab,
Vikas Bhawan, Sector 62,
Mohali

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1911 of 2020
(Cisco Webex Proceedings)

Present:- Sh. Ramesh Kumar, appellant.
Sh. Uttamjeet Singh, Panchayat Secretary, on behalf of the respondents.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 21.10.2020.

2. The representative of the respondents states that the complete information as available on record has been supplied to the appellant. Whereas, the appellant states that the information pertaining to Point No. 1,2 and 4 of the RTI application is incomplete.

3. After deliberations, the respondent-Public Information Officer clarified regarding Point No. 1 of the RTI application that no grant has been received from Sh. Parminder Singh Dhindsa and Sh Bhagwant Mann but the grant has been received from Sh. Sukhdev Singh Dhindsa, Ex-Raj Sabha Member. Regarding Point No. 2 & 4 the respondent-Public Information Officer states that nothing has been entered in the proceeding book.

4. Therefore, the respondent-Public Information Officer is directed to give an undertaking in this regard to the appellant with a copy to the Commission before the next date of hearing.

5. To come up on 24.12.2020 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Sangrur/cisco webex.

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Dated: 4.12.2020

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Shri Jagshir Singh S/o Sh. Gain Singh, 81958-00345
R/o H. No. 9/20,
Mandi Mullanpur,
Ludhiana.

Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer, (By name) Registered
o/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer,
Block- Sidhwa Bet,
District -Ludhiana.

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

Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1723/2020

(Cisco Webex Proceedings)

Present:- Sh. Jagshir Singh, appellant.
Sh. Gurpreet Singh 9501200440 9815201724 on behalf of the respondents.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 26.10.2020.

2. The representative of the respondents requested for the adjournment of the case and assured that the information pertaining to Point No. 6,8 and 9 as available on record will be supplied to the appellant before the next date of hearing. He also assured that in case the information is not available regarding the complaints/audit report then the affidavit will be filed in this regard specifically. The appellant too agreed with the submissions of the representative of the respondents.

3. According to the assurance given by the representative of the respondents the case is adjourned with the directions to take appropriate action as enumerated in para 2 above before the next date of hearing under intimation to the Commission.

4. To come up on 21.12.2020 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana/Cisco Webex.

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Dated: 4.12.2020

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S. Amar Singh S/o S. Kehar Singh 9872606747
VPO Hambran,
Ludhiana 141110

....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer (By name)
o/o Block Development and Panchayats Officer,
Block Ludhiana-1
Ludhiana.

Registered

First Appellate Authority
o/o Block Development and Panchayats Officer,
Block Ludhiana-1
Ludhiana.

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1321 of 2020
(Cisco Webex/Phone Proceedings)

Present:- Sh. Amar Singh Virk, appellant.
Sh. Sarabjeet Singh Panchayat Secretary 7468805000 on behalf of the
respondents.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 26.10.2020.

2. The appellant states that no information is being supplied by the respondents. The representative of the respondents states that Sh. Baldev Singh, Public Information Officer is on leave and requests for the adjournment of the case. He also assures that the complete information will be supplied to the appellant before the next date of hearing.

3. During the hearing on 26.10.2020 the respondent-Public Information Officer Shri Baldev Singh assured that the information will be supplied but even after a lapse of more than one month neither the information has been supplied nor he is present during the hearing. It clearly reflects that the respondent-Public Information Officer has no regard to the orders of the Commission. Also the Video Conference Facility/cisco webex/phone facility was introduced for the convenience of general public and for the government officials. Viewing the attitude in dealing with the RTI application of the respondent seriously, Sh. Baldev Singh, Panchayat Secretary, is, thus, 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 a maximum of Rs.25000/- 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 application and to issue show cause for compensation to the appellant for detriment suffered by him under section 19(8) of the RTI Act, 2005.

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 a note that in case he does not file his written reply and does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the next date, it will be presumed that he has nothing to say and the Commission will proceed ex-parte.

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4. The respondent-Public Information Officer is also directed to supply the complete information to the appellant before the next date of hearing failing which the disciplinary action will also be recommended against him.

5. To come up on 21.1.2021 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, District Ludhiana cisco webex.

Dated: 4.12.2020

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(Suresh Arora)
Chief Information Commissioner,
Punjab.

District Development and Panchayats Officer(By name)

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S. Amar Singh S/o S. Kehar Singh 9872606747
VPO Hambran,
Ludhiana 141110

....Appellant

Vs

Sh. Baldev Singh, Panchayat Secretary,
Public Information Officer
o/o Sarpanch Gram Panchayat, Hambran
c/o Block Development and Panchayats Officer,
Block Ludhiana-1
Ludhiana.

Registered

First Appellate Authority
o/o Block Development and Panchayats Officer,
Block Ludhiana-1
Ludhiana.

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1322 of 2020
(Cisco Webex/phone Proceedings)

Present:- Sh. Amar Singh Virk, appellant.
Sh. Sarabjeet Singh Panchayat Secretary 7468805000 on behalf of the
respondents.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 26.10.2020.

2. The appellant states that no information is being supplied by the respondents. The representative of the respondents states that Sh. Baldev Singh, Public Information Officer is on leave and requests for the adjournment of the case. He also assures that the complete information will be supplied to the appellant before the next date of hearing.

3. During the hearing on 26.10.2020 the respondent-Public Information Officer Shri Baldev Singh assured that the information will be supplied but even after a lapse of more than one month neither the information has been supplied nor he is present during the hearing. It clearly reflects that the respondent-Public Information Officer has no regard to the orders of the Commission. Also the Video Conference Facility/cisco webex/phone facility was introduced for the convenience of general public and for the government officials. Viewing the attitude in dealing with the RTI application of the respondent seriously, Sh. Baldev Singh, Panchayat Secretary, is, thus, 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 a maximum of Rs.25000/- 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 application and to issue show cause for compensation to the appellant for detriment suffered by him under section 19(8) of the RTI Act, 2005.

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 a note that in case he does not file his written reply and does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the next date, it will be presumed that he has nothing to say and the Commission will proceed ex-parte.

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4. The respondent-Public Information Officer is also directed to supply the complete information to the appellant before the next date of hearing failing which the disciplinary action will also be recommended against him.

5. To come up on 21.1.2021 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, District Ludhiana cisco webex.

Dated: 4.12.2020

sd
(Suresh Arora)
Chief Information Commissioner,
Punjab.

District Development and Panchayats Officer (By name)
Ludhiana

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Block Development and Panchayats Officer (By name)
Block Ludhiana-1
Ludhiana

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Sh. Balwinder Singh s/o S. Fakir Singh 9855274078
VPO Hambran,
District Ludhiana 141110

....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer
o/o Block Development and Panchayats Officer,
Block Ludhiana -1,
District Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority
o/o District Development and Panchayats Officer,
District Administrative Complex,
District Ludhiana.

Sh. Baldev Singh, Registered
Panchayat Secretary, Hambran
c/o Block Development and Panchayats Officer,
Block Ludhiana-1,
Ludhiana.

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1323 of 2020
(Cisco Webex/Phone Proceedings)

Present:- Sh. Balwinder Singh, appellant.
Sh. Sarabjeet Singh Panchayat Secretary 7468805000 on behalf of the respondents.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 26.10.2020.

2. The appellant states that no information is being supplied by the respondents. The representative of the respondents states that Sh. Baldev Singh, Public Information Officer is on leave and requests for the adjournment of the case. He also assures that the complete information will be supplied to the appellant before the next date of hearing.

3. During the hearing on 26.10.2020 the respondent-Public Information Officer Shri Baldev Singh assured that the information will be supplied but even after a lapse of more than one month neither the information has been supplied nor he is present during the hearing. It clearly reflects that the respondent-Public Information Officer has no regard to the orders of the Commission. Also the Video Conference Facility/cisco webex/phone facility was introduced for the convenience of general public and for the government officials. Viewing the attitude in dealing with the RTI application of the respondent seriously, Sh. Baldev Singh, Panchayat Secretary, 7468805000 is, thus, 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 a maximum of Rs.25000/- 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 application and to issue show cause for compensation to the appellant for detriment suffered by him under section 19(8) of the RTI Act, 2005.

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Appeal Case No. 1323 of 2020

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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 a note that in case he does not file his written reply and does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the next date, it will be presumed that he has nothing to say and the Commission will proceed ex-parte.

4. The respondent-Public Information Officer is also directed to supply the complete information to the appellant before the next date of hearing failing which the disciplinary action will also be recommended against him.

5. To come up on 21.1.2021 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, District Ludhiana cisco webex.

Dated: 4.12.2020

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(Suresh Arora)
Chief Information Commissioner,
Punjab.

District Development and Panchayats Officer (By name)

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Sh. Dharampal M 9514221225
VPO Bhagwanpura,
Tehsil Samrala,
District Ludhiana.

Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
o/o Director, Rural Development and Panchayat,
Department, Punjab, Vikas Bhawan,
Mohali.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Director, Rural Development and Panchayat,
Department, Punjab,
Vikas Bhawan, Mohali

Public Information Officer
o/o the Block Development and Panchayats Officer,
Block Samrala,
Ludhiana

Public Information Officer
o/o the Executive Engineer,
Panchayati Raj,
Ludhiana.

Public Information Officer – By name Registered
o/o the Sub Divisional Engineer,
Panchayati Raj Sub Division,
Samrala 9814099934
Ludhiana.

Respondents

Appeal Case No. 783 of 2016
(Cisco Webex/Phone Proceedings)

Present:- Shri Daharmpal, appellant.
Sh. Rupinder Singh, Superintendent 9888110227 and Sh. Jaswant Singh 9814099934
on behalf of the respondents.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 26.10.2020.

2. The appellant states that the respondent's office is knowingly not providing the information. However, the representative of the respondents on behalf of the Block Development and Panchayats Officer states that the office has traced the letter bearing No. 407 and sent the same to the Commission along with the letter bearing No. 3717 dated 28.1.2016, which are taken on record. The representative of the respondents on behalf of the respondent-Public Information Officer o/o the Sub Divisional Engineer, Panchayati Raj Sub Division, Samrala states that the information whatever on record has already been supplied to the appellant vide letter bearing No. 98 dated 9.4.2012 in which the appellant has given the receipt. He also states that vide letter dated 9.4.2012, the map and estimate of the said houses has also been provided but nothing is available regarding allotment of the said houses.

3. After hearing, the respondent-Public Information Officer o/o Block Development and Panchayats Officer is directed to place on record the true copy/typed copy of the letter bearing No. 407 duly certified before the next date of hearing. He is also directed to give an undertaking that no record is available regarding the complaints action taken of which has been sought by the appellant.

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Appeal Case No. 783 of 2016

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4. Also the respondent-Public Information Officer o/o the Sub Divisional Engineer, Panchayati Raj Sub Division is directed to place on record the information already supplied to the appellant along with an undertaking regarding the amount spent by the office for the construction of the houses in question, if any, before the next date of hearing. He is also directed to place on record the undertaking that no record is available in the office regarding the construction/allotment of the houses in question.

5. To come up on 20.1.2021 to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana/cisco webex.

Dated: 4.12.2020

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Sh. Tejinder Singh Advocate, R/o Village Bholapur, PO Ramgarh,
Chandigarh Road, Ludhiana-141123.
M : 9041004313

Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o Deputy Commissioner,
Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority
O/o Deputy Commissioner,
Ludhiana.

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2450 of 2020
(Cisco Webex/Phone proceedings)

Present:- Sh. Tejinder Singh, appellant.
Sh. Pardeep 9988110640 on behalf of the respondents.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 12.11.2020.

2. Appellant states that he has received the reply of the respondent-Public Information Officer but is not satisfied with the information so replied/supplied by the respondents. He has also sent the deficiencies in the information so supplied by the respondent-Public Information Officer. However, the representative of the respondents states that the office may inspect the record pertaining to Point No. 1 & 2 of the RTI application on any working day. Regarding Point No.3, the representative of the respondents states that the office of the Deputy Commissioner does not have any such information but it may be available with the office of the District Food & Supplies Controller, Ludhiana so he will transfer the RTI application of the appellant to him under Section 6(3) of the RTI Act, 2005. With regard to Point No. 4 & 5 the representative of the respondents states that the reply has already been sent to the appellant.

3. After deliberations, the respondent-Public Information Officer o/o the district Food & Supplies Controller, Ludhiana is impleaded as necessary party to file the reply/supply the information pertaining to the RTI application which is **sent** with this order. Also the respondent-Public Information Officer o/o the Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana is directed to reconsider the reply pertaining to the Point No. 4 & 5 of the RTI application and file the reply/supply the information afresh before the next date of hearing.

4. To come up on 21.1.2021 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana/cisco webex.

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Dated: 4.12.2020

(Suresh Arora)

Chief Information Commissioner,
Punjab.

CC

District Food and Supplies Controller,
Ludhiana

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Shri Harjeet Singh S/o Shri Balbir Singh, 98148-09717

R/o H. No. 4882 - B,

Guru Arjan Dev Nagar,

PO - Khalsa Collale, Amrisar.

..Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,

O/o Executive Engineer,

Panchayti Raj Division, Tarn Taran,

Zila Pendu, Vikas Bhawan,

Tarn Taran.

First Appellate Authority-cum-

Superintending Engineer,

Panchayti Raj, P.W. Circle,

Jalandhar.

..Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1714 of 2020

(Cisco Webex Proceedings)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 21.10.2020.

2. The respondents have placed on record an order of the Hon'ble Punjab and Haryana High Court vide which the case was adjourned to 8.3.2021 and the interim orders regarding stay is to continue till the next date of hearing. Therefore, the case is adjourned and both the parties have been informed accordingly.

3. To come up on 18.4.2021 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Amritsar/cisco webex.

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Dated: 4.12.2020

(Suresh Arora)

Chief Information Commissioner,
Punjab.