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**Sh. Yogesh Mahajan**

S/o Sh. Kuldip Raj Mahajan (President of Anti Corruption Council)

Opp. Water Tank, Municipal Market,

Mission Road, PathankotM: 9814354649

**Appellant**

V/s.

**(Regd. Post)**

**Public Information Officer,**

O/oXEN, Water Supply & Sanitation Division,

Khanna

**First Appellate Authority,**

O/oSE, Water Supply & Sanitation Circle,

Ludhiana

**Respondent**

## **Appeal Case No. 4919 of 2021**

**{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software}**

**Present :** The Appellant, Sh. Yogesh Mahajan is present.  
Sh. Sukhjeet Singh, SDO is present from the Department.

### **ORDER:**

The date of RTI Application is 02.08.2021, the date of First Appeal is 06.09.2021 and the date of Appeal filed in the Commission is 28.10.2021.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Yogesh Mahajan states that no information has been supplied to him till date.

On the other hand, the SDO, Sh. Sukhjeet Singh states that the information relates with 4 Blocks (i.e. Doraha, Samrala, Khanna and Machhiwara) and out of which some information relating to Doraha Block is pending only and it will be supplied to the Appellant soon.

On further discussion with the parties, it has been found that the SDO, Sh. Sukhjeet Singh is present today without any authority letter.

In view of above, Commission takes a serious view of the casual approach of the Respondent / PIO and **the PIO concerned is directed to appear through Cisco Webex on the next date of hearing.**

The concerned PIO is also directed to supply the requisite information (**as per RTI**) to the Appellant by registered post or email before the next date of hearing positively and if the information is not available with them then the PIO is directed to file a proper reply in the form of an affidavit explaining the reason, why the information could not be supplied to the Appellant till date, failing which an action would be taken against the concerned PIO.

A copy of this order be sent to the PIO through registered post.

The PIO is also directed to submit the copy of the postal receipts to the Commission vide which information would have been supplied to the Appellant, by the next date of hearing.

The Appellant, Sh. Prem Kumar is directed to go through the supplied information and point out deficiencies in written, **if any**, to the Respondent/PIO through registered post or through email, with a copy to the Commission positively **failing which it would be presumed that he has nothing to say and the case would be decided on merits.**

This case is adjourned to **02.08.2022 at 11:00 A.M.** and **both the parties** are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. **02.08.2022** which is going to be heard through **Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings.**  
**Joining Meeting Number of Cisco Webex is 1589136034.**

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**Dated: 05.04.2022**

Sd/-  
(Sanjiv Garg)  
State Information Commissioner  
Punjab

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**Sh. Yogesh Mahajan**

S/o Sh. Kuldip Raj Mahajan (President of Anti Corruption Council)

Opp. Water Tank, Municipal Market,

Mission Road, PathankotM: 9814354649

**Appellant**

V/s.

(Regd. Post)

**Public Information Officer,**

O/oXEN, Water Supply & Sanitation,

Division No. 1, Patiala

**First Appellate Authority,**

O/oSE, Water Supply & Sanitation Circle,

Patiala

**Respondent**

## **Appeal Case No. 4920 of 2021**

**{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software}**

**Present :** The Appellant, Sh. Yogesh Mahajan is present.

Sh. Raghbir Singh, Senior Assistant is present from the Department.

### **ORDER:**

The date of RTI Application is 02.08.2021, the date of First Appeal is 06.09.2021 and the date of Appeal filed in the Commission is 28.10.2021.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Yogesh Mahajan states that no information has been supplied to him till date.

On the other hand, the Senior Assistant, Sh. Raghbir Singh states that the information would be provided to the Appellant soon.

On further asking about the delay in providing the information, to which the Senior Assistant, Sh. Raghbir Singh explains about the delay during the proceedings, **which is unacceptable.**

In view of above, Commission takes a serious view of the casual approach of the Respondent / PIO and **the PIO concerned is directed to appear through Cisco Webex on the next date of hearing.**

The concerned PIO is also directed to supply the requisite information (**as per RTI**) to the Appellant by registered post or email **within a week** positively and if the information is not available with them then the PIO is directed to file a proper reply in the form of an affidavit explaining the reason, why the information could not be supplied to the Appellant till date, failing which an action would be taken against the concerned PIO.

**A copy of this order be sent to the PIO through registered post.**

The PIO is also directed to submit the copy of the postal receipts to the Commission vide which information would have been supplied to the Appellant, by the next date of hearing.

The Appellant, Sh. Prem Kumar is directed to go through the supplied information and point out deficiencies in written, **if any**, to the Respondent/PIO through registered post or through email, with a copy to the Commission positively **failing which it would be presumed that he has nothing to say and the case would be decided on merits.**

This case is adjourned to **02.08.2022 at 11:00 A.M.** and **both the parties** are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. **02.08.2022** which is going to be heard through **Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings.**  
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(Regd. Post) Sh. Prabhjot Singh Advocate  
Chamber No. 100,  
Lawyers Chamber Complex, Part - I,  
District Courts, Ludhiana  
M: 97815-38015

Appellant

V/s.

Public Information Officer,  
O/o Dept. of Local Govt.  
Punjab, Sector 35-A, Chandigarh

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o Dept. of Local Govt.  
Punjab, Sector 35-A, Chandigarh

Respondent

## Appeal Case No. 4966 of 2021

{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software}

Present : The Appellant, Sh. Prabhjot Singh is absent.  
Sh. MandeepKamboj APIO –cum- Senior Assistant is present from the Department.

### ORDER:

The date of RTI Application is 18.01.2021, the date of First Appeal is 19.04.2021 and the date of Appeal filed in the Commission is 28.10.2021.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Prabhjot Singh is absent today without any intimation to the Commission.

On the other hand, the APIO, Sh. MandeepKamboj states that the Appellant, Sh. Prabhjot Singh is asking for personal information which could not be provided and mentions a letter number 307 dated 14.02.2022 which has been sent to the Commission and is taken on record.

In view of above, the Appellant, Sh. Prabhjot Singh is directed to clear the facts of this case by explaining the public interest for gathering such information through his RTI to the undersigned by appearing on the next date of hearing which is going to be heard through Cisco Webex and if he fails to appear on the next date of hearing then it would be presumed that he has nothing to say or he doesnot require the information anymore and the case would be decided on merits.

### A copy of this order be sent to the Appellant through registered post.

The concerned PIO is also directed to appear on the next date of hearing which is going to be heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software positively.

This case is adjourned to 02.08.2022 at 11:00 A.M. and both the parties are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. 02.08.2022 which is going to be heard through Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings. Joining Meeting Number of Cisco Webex is 1589136034.

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Dated: 05.04.2022

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(Regd. Post) Sh. Rajinder Kumar Sharma  
RTI Activist and Reporter  
VPO Raisar, Tehsil & Distt. Barnala-148101  
M: 9463512563, 8360589644

Appellant

V/s.

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,  
O/o Senior Superintendent of Police, Barnala

(Regd. Post) First Appellate Authority,  
O/o Inspector General of Police, Patiala Range,  
Patiala

Respondent

## **Appeal Case No. 4970 of 2021**

**{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software}**

**Present :** The Appellant, Sh. Rajinder Kumar Sharma is present.  
Sh. Harpal Singh, ASI (Incharge RTI Cell) is present from the Department.

### **ORDER:**

The date of RTI Application is 11.06.2021, the date of First Appeal is 06.09.2021 and the date of Appeal filed in the Commission is 28.10.2021.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Rajinder Kumar states that no information has been supplied to him.

On the other hand, the ASI, Sh. Harpal Singh states that the information doesnot relates to the Appellant that is why they couldnot provide the information to the Appellant. He further mentions about his letter number 176 dated 26.03.2022 which has been sent to the Commission and is taken on record.

In view of above, the PIO concerned is directed to bring all the documents / reply to the Commission relating to this case on the next date and **if the PIO would not personally appear with all the concerned documents relating to this case in the Court on the next date of hearing then it would be presumed that he has nothing to say and Court could take further action against him on the next date of hearing.**

The Appellant, Sh. Rajinder Kumar is directed to appear in the Commission with all the requisite documents relating to this case on the next date of the hearing and if he failed to appear personally in the Commission on the next date of hearing then it would be presumed that he has no intention in collecting the information and the case would be decided on merits.

**This case is adjourned to 03.08.2022at 11.00 am and both the parties are directed to appear on the next date of hearing i.e. 03.08.2022 which is going to be heard in the Court Room at Punjab State Information Commission, Sector 16, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Chandigarh.**

Copy of the order be sent to the parties through registered post.

Dated: 05.04.2022

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(Regd. Post) **Sh. Buta Ram**, S/o Sh. Tirath Ram,  
Hanumangarh Road, Backside Kundan Palace  
Abohar, Distt. Ferozepur-152116

**Appellant**

V/s.

(Regd. Post) **Public Information Officer**,  
O/oXEN, Water Supply & Sanitation  
Sewerage Dept., AboharDistt. Fazilka

(Regd. Post) **First Appellate Authority**,  
O/oSE, Water Supply and Sewerage Board Circle,  
Bathinda

**Respondent**

## **Appeal Case No. 5115 of 2021**

**{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software}**

**Present :** The Appellant, Sh. Buta Ram along with Advocate, Sh. Prem Kumar is present.  
Sh. Jugal Kishore, Executive Engineer is present from the Department.

### **ORDER:**

The date of RTI Application is 30.07.2021, the date of First Appeal is 24.09.2021 and the date of Appeal filed in the Commission is 10.11.2021.

In today's hearing, the representative of the Appellant, Sh. Prem Kumar states that incomplete information has been supplied to him. He further mentions about his letter dated 24.03.2022 which has been sent to the Commission and is taken on record.

On the other hand, the Executive Engineer, Sh. Jugal Kishore states that this department was established on 01.10.2018 and the concerned information is with the PIO concerned of Punjab Water Supply and Sewerage Division Ferozepur. He further mentions about an email dated 02.03.2022, a letter number 450 dated 28.02.2022 along with annexure and an email dated 01.04.2022 which has been sent to the Commission and is taken on record.

On asking the name and number of the PIO of the Ferozepur Division to which he states that the Executive Engineer, Sh. Pritpal Singh is the current PIO of the Ferozepur Division. **A copy of this order along with the RTI Application be sent to Sh. Pritpal Singh, Executive Engineer, Punjab Water Supply and Sewerage Division, Ferozepur for further action.**

In view of above, the Executive Engineer, Sh. Jugal Kishore and the Executive Engineer, Sh. Pritpal Singh are directed to look into matter thoroughly and supply the requisite information whichever point pertains to them respectively (as per RTI) to the Appellant, Sh. Buta Ram as per RTI Application on his visit at their concerned office. Sh. Jugal Kishore and Sh. Pritpal Singh are directed to be present at the time of the Appellant's visit i.e. 27.04.2022 during inspection.

The Appellant, Sh. Buta Ram is directed to visit the concerned office on 27.04.2022 at 11 am for collecting the information as per RTI after having a word with Sh. Jugal Kishore as well as Sh. Pritpal Singh on phone, so that all three of them could meet at one place with the requisite information. The Appellant, Sh. Buta Ram is directed to go through the supplied information and point out deficiencies in written, **if any**, to the Respondent/PIO at the time of his visit, with a copy to the Commission through email positively.

Both the PIO's concerned are directed to bring all the documents / reply to the Commission relating to this case on the next date and **if both the PIO's would not personally appear with all the concerned documents relating to this case in the Court on the next date of hearing then it would be presumed that he has nothing to say and Court could take further action against him on the next date of hearing.**

The Appellant, Sh. Buta Ram is directed to appear in the Commission with all the requisite documents relating to this case on the next date of the hearing and if he or his representative failed to appear in the Commission on the next date of hearing then it would be presumed that he has no intention in collecting the information and the case would be decided on merits.



**This case is adjourned to 03.08.2022 at 11.00 am and both the parties are directed to appear on the next date of hearing i.e. 03.08.2022 which is going to be heard in the Court Room at Punjab State Information Commission, Sector 16, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Chandigarh.**

**Copy of the order be sent to the parties through registered post.**

**Dated: 05.04.2022**

**Sd/-  
(Sanjiv Garg)  
State Information Commissioner  
Punjab**

**(Regd. Post)      Public Information Officer, (Sh. Pritpal Singh)  
O/o Punjab Water Supply and Sewerage Division,  
Ferozepur.**

**Encl. RTI Application.**

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(Regd. Post)

**Sh. Kuldeep Singh**  
#437 A, Model Town Extension,  
Ludhiana. **M: 9356211555**

**Appellant**

V/s.

(Regd. Post)

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o Principal Secretary, Local Govt.,  
Punjab, Sector 35-A, Plot no. 3, Chandigarh

(Regd. Post)

**First Appellate Authority,**  
O/o Principal Secretary, Local Govt.,  
Punjab, Chandigarh

**Respondent**

**Appeal Case No. 5093 of 2021**

**{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software}**

**Present :** The Appellant, Sh. Kuldeep Singh is present in Court.  
None is present from the Department.

**ORDER:**

The date of RTI Application is 12.08.2021, the date of First Appeal is 14.09.2021 and the date of Appeal filed in the Commission is 10.11.2021.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Kuldeep Singh states that no information has been supplied to him till date. He further mentions about a letter dated 25.01.2022 which has been sent to the Commission and is taken on record.

On the other hand, none is present from the Department.

**Commission takes a serious view of the casual approach of the Respondent / PIO as information is still not supplied to the Appellant and no one appears from the department today relating to this case hearing.**

**In view of the above, a show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act is issued to the 'concerned' Public Information Officer O/o The Principal Secretary, Local Govt., Punjab, Chandigarh, as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay in supplying the information to the RTI Appellant and as to why the compensation be not awarded to the information-seeker under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.**

**In addition, the PIO is also hereby given an opportunity under Section 20(1) provision thereto, for a personal hearing with the sought for information, before the imposition of such penalty on the next date of hearing. A copy of the RTI Application be sent to the concerned PIO along with this order through registered post.**

The concerned PIO is directed to supply the requisite information (**as per RTI**) to the Appellant by registered post or email before the next date of hearing positively and if the information is not available with them then the PIO is directed to file a proper reply in the form of an affidavit explaining the reason, why the information could not be supplied to the Appellant till date, failing which an action would be taken against the concerned PIO.

The PIO is also directed to submit the copy of the postal receipt to the Commission vide which information would have been supplied to the Appellant, by the next date of hearing.

The Appellant, Sh. Kuldeep Singh is directed to go through the supplied information and point out deficiencies in written, **if any**, to the Respondent/PIO through registered post or through email, with a copy to the Commission positively failing which it would be presumed that he has nothing to say and the case would be decided on merits.

**This case is adjourned to 02.08.2022 at 11:00 A.M. and both the parties are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. 02.08.2022 which is going to be heard through Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings.**

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**Dated: 05.04.2022**

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State Information Commissioner  
Punjab

Show Cause: (Regd. Post)

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o Principal Secretary, Local Govt.,  
Punjab, Sector 35-A, Plot no. 3, Chandigarh  
**{Encl. RTI Application}**



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Appellant

V/s.

**Public Information Officer,**

O/o EO, Nagar Council,

Malerkotla

**First Appellate Authority,**

O/o EO, Nagar Council,

Malerkotla

Respondent

## **Appeal Case No. 5072 of 2021**

**{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software}**

**Present :** The Appellant, Sh. GurmejLal is present.

Sh. JawaharSagar, APIO along with Sh. Charan Singh, Junior Engineer is present from the Department.

### **ORDER:**

The date of RTI Application is 31.07.2021, the date of First Appeal is 31.08.2021 and the date of Appeal filed in the Commission is 09.11.2021.

In today's hearing, the APIO, Sh. JawaharSagar states that the information which has been requested by the Appellant is voluminous in nature. He further mentions about an email dated 05.04.2022 which has been sent to the Commission and is taken on record.

On the other hand, the Appellant, Sh. GurmejLal states that no information has been supplied to him.

In view of above, the Appellant, Sh. GurmejLal is directed to visit the concerned office on 27.04.2022 at 02.00 p.m. for collecting information **relating to selected 50 buildings only(which he requires)**. The Appellant, Sh. Gurmej Lal is directed to go through the supplied information and point out deficiencies in written, **if any**, to the Respondent/PIO at the time of his visit, with a copy to the Commission through email positively, failing which it would be presumed that he has nothing to say and the case would be decided on merits.

Also, Sh. JawaharSagar, APIO and Sh. Charan Singh, Junior Engineer are directed to remain present at the time of the Appellant's visit i.e. 27.04.2022 during inspection.

The concerned PIO is directed to supply the requisite information **(i.e. information relating to 50 buildings which would be pointed out by the Appellant during inspection)** to the Appellant positively and if the information is not available with them then the PIO is directed to file a proper reply in the form of an affidavit explaining the reason, why the information could not be supplied to the Appellant till date, failing which an action would be taken against the concerned PIO.

This case is adjourned to **02.08.2022 at 11:00 A.M.** and **both the parties** are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. **02.08.2022** which is going to be heard through **Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings.**  
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**Sh. Bharpur Singh**

Sarpanch, Village BaladKothi  
Block Bhawanigarh, Distt. Sangrur

M: 9463880694

**Appellant**

V/s.

**Public Information Officer,**

O/oChief Vigilance Officer,

Local Govt. Punjab, Chandigarh

**First Appellate Authority,**

O/oChief Vigilance Officer,

Local Govt. Punjab, Chandigarh

**Respondent**

## **Appeal Case No. 5155 of 2021**

**{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software}**

**Present :** The Appellant, Sh. Bharpur Singh is absent.

Sh. Navdeep Sharma, Chief Sanitary Inspector is present from the Department.

### **ORDER:**

The date of RTI Application is 15.07.2021, the date of First Appeal is 16.09.2021 and the date of Appeal filed in the Commission is 15.11.2021.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Bharpur Singh is absent.

On the other hand, the Chief Sanitary Inspector, Sh. Navdeep Sharma states that this information doesnotrelates with their office as it relates with the Executive Engineer, PWD, B & R Sangrur's office and for the same he further mentions about an email dated 02.04.2022 in which he further mentions about a letter number 1885 dated 02.06.2021 which has been sent to the Commission and is taken on record.He also mentions about a letter number 1150 dated 21.03.2022 which has been sent to the Commission, which is also taken on record. He further requests the Court to exempt them from future hearing relating to this case, **which is accepted by the undersigned.**

In view of above, a copy of this order be sent to the Executive Engineer, PWD (B & R), Sangrur along with the RTI application and further the concerned PIO is directed to supply the requisite information to the Appellant positively and if the information is not available with them then the PIO is directed to file a proper reply in the form of an affidavit explaining the reason, why the information could not be supplied to the Appellant till date, failing which an action would be taken against the concerned PIO.

The PIO is also directed to submit the copy of the postal receiptsto the Commission vide which information would have been supplied to the Appellant, by the next date of hearing.

The Appellant, Sh. Bharpur Singh is directed to go through the supplied information and point out deficiencies in written, **if any**, to the Respondent/PIO through registered post or through email, with a copy to the Commission positively failing which it would be presumed that he has nothing to say and the case would be decided on merits.

This case is adjourned to **02.08.2022 at 11:00 A.M.** and **both the parties** are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. **02.08.2022** which is going to be heard through **Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings.**

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# 7<sup>th</sup>, Abohar. District Fazilka.

Complainant

V/s.

Public Information Officer,  
O/o Block Primary and Education Officer,  
Abohar - 2, Fazilka.

Respondent

## Complaint Case No. 1243 of 2021

{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software}

**Present :** The Complainant, Sh. Harinder Paul is present in the Court.  
Sh. Atul Kumar, Clerk is present from the Department.

### ORDER:

The date of RTI Application is 26.06.2021 and the date of Complaint filed in the Commission is 26.10.2021.

In today's hearing, the Clerk, Sh. Atul Kumar states that same information has been sent to the Appellant vide letter number 1340-41 dated 08.05.2015 in different RTI and for the he further mentions about a letter number 202274680 dated 29.03.2022 which has been sent to the Commission which is taken on record.

To which, the Complainant, Sh. Harinder Paul denies the same.

After going through the documents placed on record, I am of the view that the concerned PIO is advised to supply the requisite information to the Complainant positively by the next date of hearing and if the information is not available with them then the PIO is advised to file a proper reply in the form of an affidavit explaining the reason, why the information could not be supplied to the Complainant till date, failing which an action would be taken against the concerned PIO.

The PIO is also advised to submit the copy of the postal receiptsto the Commission vide which information would have been supplied to the Complainant, by the next date of hearing.

The Complainant, Sh. Harinder Paul is directed to go through the supplied information and point out deficiencies in written, **if any**, to the Respondent/PIO through registered post or through email, with a copy to the Commission positively failing which it would be presumed that he has nothing to say and the case would be decided on merits.

This case is adjourned to 02.08.2022 at 11:00 A.M. and both the parties are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. 02.08.2022 which is going to be heard through Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings.

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Dated: 05.04.2022

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Sh. Harinder Paul Dhirgla,  
House No. 1872, Street No. 13,  
# 7<sup>th</sup>, Abohar. District Fazilka.

Complainant

V/s.

Public Information Officer,  
O/o Block Primary and Education Officer,  
Abohar - 2, Fazilka.

Respondent

## **Complaint Case No. 1248 of 2021**

**{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software}**

**Present :** The Complainant, Sh. Harinder Paul is present in the Court.  
Sh. Atul Kumar, Clerk is present from the Department.

### **ORDER:**

The date of RTI Application is 26.06.2021 and the date of Complaint filed in the Commission is 26.10.2021.

In today's hearing, the Clerk, Sh. Atul Kumar states that the record is too old and they have located some of the information as per the Complainant's RTI.

To which, the Complainant, Sh. Harinder Paul states that no information has been supplied to him.

After going through the documents placed on record, I am of the view that the concerned PIO is advised to supply the requisite information to the Complainant positively by the next date of hearing and if the information is not available with them then the PIO is advised to file a proper reply in the form of an affidavit explaining the reason, why the information could not be supplied to the Complainant till date, failing which an action would be taken against the concerned PIO.

The PIO is also advised to submit the copy of the postal receipt to the Commission vide which information would have been supplied to the Complainant, by the next date of hearing.

The Complainant, Sh. Harinder Paul is directed to go through the supplied information and point out deficiencies in written, **if any**, to the Respondent/PIO through registered post or through email, with a copy to the Commission positively failing which it would be presumed that he has nothing to say and the case would be decided on merits.

This case is adjourned to **02.08.2022 at 11:00 A.M.** and **both the parties** are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. **02.08.2022** which is going to be heard through **Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings.**  
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(Regd. Post) Sh. Amritpal Singh, S/o Sh. Avtar Singh,  
H. No. 263 A/ 13, Street No. 08, Hussainpura East, Amritsar.  
M: 98153-362281

Appellant

V/s.

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Director,  
Local Govt. Punjab, Sector 35-A, Plot No. 03, Chandigarh.

(Regd. Post) First Appellate Authority,  
O/o The Director,  
Local Govt. Punjab, Sector 35-A, Plot No. 3, Chandigarh.

Respondent

## Appeal Case No. 5659 of 2021

{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software}

**Present :** The Appellant, Sh. Amritpal Singh is absent.  
None is present from the Department.

### ORDER:

The date of RTI Application is 04.08.2021, the date of First Appeal is 05.09.2021 and the date of Appeal filed in the Commission is 10.12.2021.

In today's hearing, both the parties are absent.

In view of above, the concerned PIO is directed to supply the requisite information (**as per RTI**) to the Appellant by registered post or email before the next date of hearing positively and if the information is not available with them then the PIO is directed to file a proper reply in the form of an affidavit explaining the reason, why the information could not be supplied to the Appellant till date, failing which an action would be taken against the concerned PIO.

The PIO is also directed to submit the copy of the postal receipt to the Commission vide which information would have been supplied to the Appellant, by the next date of hearing.

The Appellant, Sh. Amritpal Singh is directed to go through the supplied information and point out deficiencies in written, **if any**, to the Respondent/PIO through registered post or through email, with a copy to the Commission positively failing which it would be presumed that he has nothing to say and the case would be decided on merits.

This case is adjourned to **02.08.2022 at 11:00 A.M.** and **both the parties** are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. **02.08.2022** which is going to be heard through **Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings.**

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Dated: 05.04.2022

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(Regd. Post) Sh. Jaspal Singh,  
S/o Sh. Avtar Singh,  
# 1205, Gali No. 08, Hussainpura East,  
Amritsar (143001) M: 98153-62281

Appellant

V/s.

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Director,  
Local Govt. Punjab, Sector 35-A, Plot No. 03, Chandigarh.

(Regd. Post) First Appellate Authority,  
O/o The Director,  
Local Govt. Punjab, Sector 35-A, Plot No. 03, Chandigarh.

Respondent

## Appeal Case No. 5660 of 2021

{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software}

**Present :** The Appellant, Sh. Jaspal Singh is absent.  
None is present from the Department.

### ORDER:

The date of RTI Application is 04.08.2021, the date of First Appeal is 05.09.2021 and the date of Appeal filed in the Commission is 10.12.2021.

In today's hearing, both the parties are absent.

In view of above, the concerned PIO is directed to supply the requisite information (**as per RTI**) to the Appellant by registered post or email before the next date of hearing positively and if the information is not available with them then the PIO is directed to file a proper reply in the form of an affidavit explaining the reason, why the information could not be supplied to the Appellant till date, failing which an action would be taken against the concerned PIO.

The PIO is also directed to submit the copy of the postal receipt to the Commission vide which information would have been supplied to the Appellant, by the next date of hearing.

The Appellant, Sh. Jaspal Singh is directed to go through the supplied information and point out deficiencies in written, **if any**, to the Respondent/PIO through registered post or through email, with a copy to the Commission positively failing which it would be presumed that he has nothing to say and the case would be decided on merits.

This case is adjourned to **02.08.2022 at 11:00 A.M.** and **both the parties** are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. **02.08.2022** which is going to be heard through **Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings.**

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(Regd. Post) **Sh. Gurmeet Singh**, S/o Sh. Surmukh Singh,  
# 2072, Bhai Mastan Singh Nagar,  
Sri Muktsar Sahib (Punjab) 152026

V/s.

**Appellant**

(Regd. Post) **Public Information Officer,**  
O/o The Executive Engineer,  
Construction Works Division No. 02 (B & R), Amritsar.

(Regd. Post) **First Appellate Authority,**  
O/o The Superintending Engineer,  
Construction Division (B & R), Amritsar.

**Respondent**

**Appeal Case No. 2686 of 2020**

**{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software}**

**Present :** The Appellant, Sh. Jaspal Singh is absent.  
None is present from the Department.

**ORDER:**

This order may be read with the reference of the previous order dated 18.01.2022.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Gurmeet Singh states that incomplete information has been supplied to him by the department and for the same he further mentions about a letter dated 26.02.2021 which has been sent to the concerned department as well as to the Commission which is taken on record.

On the other hand, none is present from the department.

**Commission takes a serious view of the casual approach of the Respondent / PIO as information is still not supplied to the Appellant and no one appears from the department today relating to this case hearing.**

**In view of the above, a show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act is issued to the 'concerned' Public Information Officer O/o The Executive Engineer, Construction Works Division No. 02 (B & R), Amritsar, as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay in supplying the information to the RTI Appellant and as to why the compensation be not awarded to the information-seeker under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.**

**In addition, the PIO is also hereby given an opportunity under Section 20(1) provision thereto, for a personal hearing with the sought for information, before the imposition of such penalty on the next date of hearing.**

The Appellant, Sh. Gurmeet Singh is directed to send the pointwise list of deficiencies to the concerned department again along with a copy to the Commission through registered post within a month and send the copy of the registered postal receipt to the Commission after sending the deficiencies to the department.

The concerned PIO is directed to supply the requisite information **(as per RTI after removing the deficiencies)** to the Appellant by registered post or email before the next date of hearing positively and if the information is not available with them then the PIO is directed to file a proper reply in the form of an affidavit explaining the reason, why the information could not be supplied to the Appellant till date, failing which an action would be taken against the concerned PIO.

The PIO is also directed to submit the copy of the postal receipts to the Commission vide which information would have been supplied to the Appellant, by the next date of hearing.

A copy of the RTI Application and a copy of the letter dated 26.02.2021 be sent to the concerned PIO along with this order through registered post.

**The Superintending Engineer, Construction Division (B & R), Amritsar is also directed to look into this matter and make assure the PIO concerned should comply the above said order.**

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**Dated: 05.04.2022**

**Show Cause: (Regd. Post)**

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o The Executive Engineer,  
Construction Works Division No. 02 (B & R), Amritsar.  
**{Encl. RTI Application along with letter dated 26.02.2021}**

Sd/-  
**(Sanjiv Garg)**  
**State Information Commissioner**  
**Punjab**