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Sh. Balwinder Singh,
S/o Sh. Kehar Singh,
V.P.O Ramgarh Sardaran,
Tehsil- Payal, Distt. Ludhiana.

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Secretary,
Gram Panchayat,
VPO-Ramgarh Sardaran,
Tehsil-Payal, Distt. Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer,
Malaud, Distt. Ludhiana.

Respondents

Appeal Case No.2284/2018

Date of RTI application: 15.03.2017
Date of First Appeal : 21.04.2017
Date of Order of FAA or Reply: Nil
Date of 2nd Appeal/complaint: 09.07.2018

**Present: Sh. Balwinder Singh, Appellant in person.
None is present on behalf of the Respondents.**

ORDER

The following order was passed by the Commission on 26.12.2018:

“Sh. Balwinder Singh, Appellant submits that the information has been supplied to him after two years which still falls short of.

The respondents have sent a communication that they are awesomely occupied in the conduct of the panchayat elections in the State of Punjab for which the polling is taking place on 30.12.2018. They have sought an adjournment. The request is acceded.

The matter shall be reheard on 06.02.2019 at 11.30 AM through video conference at Ludhiana. Meanwhile, they are directed to make good the supply of information to the appellant as referred to above under intimation to the Commission.”

Appeal Case No.2284/2018

The case has come up today. The appellant maintains that the information provided does not completely conform to his original application. It is incumbent upon the respondents to give a clear reply/information to his requisition. The Commission makes a strong note of the absence of the respondents and their apathy towards filing a reply to the notice of the Commission. The respondents are hereby directed to ensure that information complete in all respects is provided and a written reply is submitted before the Commission. It shall also explain as to why penal action be not taken for the delay in providing the information beyond the mandated period.

To come up on **24.04.2019 at 11.30 AM through video conference at Ludhiana.**

06.02.2019

**Sd/-
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Shri Makhan Singh,
S/o Shri Inder Singh,
R/o Village Mehmood Khane Ke (Bame Wala),
Tehsil Jalalabad, Distt Fazilka.

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer,
Guruharsahai, Distt Ferozepur.

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

Respondents

Appeal Case No.2908/2018

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
21.02.2018	Nil	22.03.2018	Nil	27.08.2018

Present: Sh. Makhan Singh, Appellant in person.
None on behalf of the Respondents.

ORDER

The following order was made on 26.12.2018:

“The appellant nurses a grievance for having not been paid the remunerations ever since his employment in various development works of NREGA from the month of January, 2013 onwards. The respondents are neither present nor a reply has been filed. The Commission takes an adverse note of it. The BDPO, Guruharsahai is directed to file a written statement and arrange to provide the information before the next date of hearing positively.”

The case has come up today. Despite the express directions issued by the Commission in the aforementioned order the respondents have chosen to maintain a studied silence. Apparently the respondents have violated the provisions of Section 7(1) of the RTI Act and rendered themselves liable for penal consequences.

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Appeal Case No.2908/2018

The PIO – cum - Block Dev. & Panchayat Officer (by name), Guruharsahai, District Ferozepur is 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.

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06.02.2019

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Shri Jarnail Singh,
S/o Shri Shyam Singh,
R/o Village Kamma,
Tehsil Khanna, Distt Ludhiana.

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer,
Khanna, Distt Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer,
Khanna, Distt Ludhiana.

Respondents

Appeal Case No.3499/2018

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
11.07.2018	Nil	20.08.2018	Nil	08.10.2018

Present: Sh. Jarnail Singh, Appellant in person.
Sh. Gurmit Singh, Panchayat Secretary, BDPO Office, Khanna – for Respondents.

ORDER

The case has been heard through video conferencing.

The following order was made by this forum on 26.12.2018:

“Sh. Jarnail Singh, Appellant is present in the video conferencing in the office of the DC, Ludhiana. A written statement has not been filed by the respondents. None is present also.

The Commission understands that the polling for election of gram panchayats in Punjab is scheduled to be held on 30.12.2018, the staff apparently is occupied with the same. Another opportunity is afforded to them to file written reply besides providing the information asked for by him and explain their conduct. Be it noted that further neglect shall warrant serious consequences.”

The case has come up today. Sh. Gurmit Singh, Panchayat Secretary appearing

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Appeal Case No.3499/2018

on behalf of the respondents submits that the information comprising approximately 800 pages has been provided to him. However, the appellant still seems dissatisfied. The respondents may allow him inspection of the record and arrange to provide him information if any not yet supplied, but not beyond fifty pages.

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06.02.2019

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Sh. Rajinder Kumar,
S/o Sh. Mehar Chand,
Ward No 2, Supreme Enclave,
Near Vishavkara Bhawan, Link Road, Mansa.

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Executive Officer,
Municipal Council, Dera Bassi,
SAS Nagar.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Regional Deputy Director,
Department of Local Govt , PB,
Patiala.

Respondents

Appeal Case No.3672/2018

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
20.06.2018	Nil	24.07.2018	Nil	30.10.2018

Present: **None on behalf of the Appellant.**
 Sh. Kewal Krishan, Accountant, MC Office, Dera Bassi – for Respondents.

ORDER

The appellant had sought information pertaining to retirement of one Sh. Suresh Kumar, formerly Executive Officer, M.C., Dera Bassi and allied documents. Sh. Kewal Krishan, Accountant, appearing on behalf of the respondents submits that he has been duly sent information under a registered cover.

As the video conferencing could not mature, the appellant may like to react before the next date of hearing in case he so desires.

To come up on **24.04.2019 at 11.30 AM through video conference at Mansa.**

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Sh. Balwinder Singh,
S/o Sh. Mangal Singh,
V.P.O- Rayya (Khurd), Ward No.3,
Tehsil- Baba Bakala, Distt. Amritsar.

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer,
Raiya, Tehsil Baba Bakala,
Distt. Amritsar.

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

Respondents

Appeal Case No.3564/2018

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
15.06.2018	Nil	24.08.2018	Nil	23.10.2018

Present: None is present on behalf of the Appellant.
Sh. Amandeep Singh, BDPO, Rayya – for Respondents.

ORDER

The case has been heard through video conferencing.

The appellant has sent a communication seeking adjournment. Simultaneously, he says that he has appointed an attorney to represent him who is not present.

Sh. Amandeep Singh, BDPO, Rayya has come present in person. He submits that the information sought is colossal pertaining to four villages in his jurisdiction. The Panchayat Secretaries of the villages have intimated him the cost of providing information to the extent of Rs.4400/- approximately. He further says that the appellant claims the information free of cost being BPL copy holder. The respondent says that in such a scenario he can only be provided information costing up to Rs.50/- as per notification of the Punjab Government.

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Appeal Case No.3564/2018

The Commission has carefully perused his application. At its mere sight it is suggested that an indiscriminate all and sundry information pertaining to a period of about ten years relating to various aspects of the functioning of the respective panchayats has been sought. The Commission is at a loss to understand as to how he would like to serve the public cause with such a massive information. Seemingly it suggests a fishing and roving exercise on the part of the appellant. Nonetheless, in the interest of transparency the Commission directs him to confine the information only to a couple of years which he may identify. The respondents shall allow the inspection of record to the appellant for these years on mutually agreed date and time and shall deliver him the certified copies of the documents not beyond one hundred pages in respect of each panchayat.

To come up on **03.04.2019 at 11/30 AM through video conference at Amritsar.**

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Sh. Sukhveer Singh,
S/o Shri Rajinder Singh,
R/o Bijalpur, Tehsil Bhawanigarh,
Distt Sangrur.

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o District Development and Panchayat Officer,
Sangrur.

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

Respondents

Appeal Case No.3606/2018

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
22.05.2018	Nil	16.07.2018	Nil	22.10.2018

Present: Sh. Sukhveer Singh, Appellant in person.
None is present on behalf of the Respondents.

ORDER

The case has been heard through video conferencing.

None is present on behalf of the respondents. The Commission directs the respondents to allow inspection of the record to the appellant on a mutually agreed date and time, and provide him the certified copies of documents not beyond one hundred fifty pages.

To come up on **24.04.2019 at 11.30 AM through video conference at Sangrur.**

06.02.2019

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S. Charanjit Singh,
S/o S. Kartar Singh,
Village Hambran,
Distt Ludhiana.

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer,
Ludhiana-I, Ludhiana.

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

Respondents

Appeal Case No.3637/2018

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
10.07.2018	Nil	24.08.2018	Nil	25.10.2018

Present: Sh. Charanjit Singh, Appellant.
None on behalf of the Respondents.

ORDER

The case has been heard through video conferencing.

The appellant is present. Despite an endorsement from the office of the DDPO, Ludhiana to the respondents, none is present. No information has been provided nor any reply has been filed by the respondents.

The Commission directs the respondents to allow the inspection of the record to the appellant and provide him the certified copies of the documents to the extent of one hundred pages and inform the Commission in writing along with explanation in having failed to file a suitable reply to his original application.

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06.02.2019

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Sh. Tejinder Singh,
R/o Village Bholapur,
Post Office Ramgarh,
Chandigarh Road, Ludhiana. 141123.

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Executive Officer,
Municipal Council,
Kharar, Distt Mohali.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Regional Deputy Director,
Local Bodies, Mohali.

Respondents

Appeal Case No.3644/2018

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
17.02.2018	Nil	02.05.2018	Nil	30.10.2018

Present: None.

ORDER

None is present on behalf of the Parties.

The matter is deferred to be heard on **24.04.2019 at 11.30 AM through video conference at Ludhiana.**

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Sh. Jarnail Singh,
S/o S. Mahinder Singh,
R/o Village Maur Kaso Wala,
PO Fatehgarh Panjtoor,
Tehsil Zira, Distt Ferozepur.

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer,
Block Makhu.

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

Respondents

Appeal Case No.3739/2018

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
16.05.2018	Nil	26.06.2018	Nil	30.10.2018

Present: None is present in the video conferencing.

ORDER

None is present on behalf of the Parties.

The matter shall be heard on **24.04.2019** at **11.30 AM** through video conference at

Ferozepur.

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Sh. Parvinder Singh,
S/o Shri Ajaib Singh,
R/o Village Alamgarh,
Tehsil Abohar, Distt Fazilka.

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer,
Khuan Sarwar, Tehsil-Abohar,
Distt. Fazilka.

Respondent

Complaint Case No.1135/2018

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
06.03.2018	Nil	Nil	Nil	27.08.2018

Present: **None on behalf of the Complainant.**
 Sh. Lal Bahadur Singh, Panchayat Secretary on behalf of the Respondent.

ORDER

The case has been heard through video conferencing.

The complainant is absent. The respondent represented by Sh. Lal Bahadur Singh, Panchayat Secretary, submits that the information has been provided under acknowledgement from the complainant who is satisfied with the same. There is nothing on record to corroborate his contention. He is directed to send across a copy of the receipt issued by the complainant and the information provided to him. The complainant may react to the submissions thus made by him before the next date of hearing.

To come up on **03.04.2019 at 11.30 AM through video conference at Fazilka.**

06.02.2019

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Smt Gurjeet Kaur,
W/o Prabhdyal Singh,
R/o VPO Khambra, Jalandhar.

Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer,
Jalandhar (Eastern), Jalandhar.

Respondents

Complaint Case No.1139/2018

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
31.08.2018	Nil	Nil	Nil	15.10.2018

Present: Sh. Ravinder Kumar on behalf of the complainant.
Sh. Charanjit, Panchayat Secretary on behalf of the Respondent.

ORDER

The case has been heard through video conferencing.

The complainant had sought details of expenses incurred on the construction of certain roads in village Khambra. Sh. Charanjit, Panchayat Secretary appearing on behalf of the respondent says that no expenses have been incurred on the same as the relevant streets and gallis fall in the jurisdiction of Municipal Corporation. The respondent is advised to file a written reply to the complainant under intimation to the Commission.

The matter shall be reheard on **24.04.2019 at 11.30 AM through video conference at Jalandhar.**

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Smt Gurjeet Kaur,
W/o Prabhdyal Singh,
R/o VPO Khambra, Jalandhar.

Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer,
Jalandhar (Eastern), Jalandhar.

Respondent

Complaint Case No.1140/2018

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
31.08.2018	Nil	Nil	Nil	15.10.2018

Present: Sh. Ravinder Kumar on behalf of the complainant.
Sh. Charanjit, Panchayat Secretary, O/O BDPO, Jalandhar - for Respondent.

ORDER

The case has been heard through video conferencing.

The information sought relates to the expenditure incurred on the construction of an Aanganwari and layout/building plan of the same in village Khambra.

Sh. Charanjit, Panchayat Secretary appearing on behalf of the respondent has brought along the information which has been handed over on spot to the complainant. He conveys its inadequacy on one score. The respondent is directed to make good the deficiency and file a written reply to the Commission before the next date of hearing.

The matter shall be reheard on **24.04.2019 at 11.30 AM through video conference at Jalandhar.**

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Sh. Surinderjit Singh,
S/o Late Shri Gurcharan Singh,
Village Chak Wasan,
PO Bham, Tehsil Batala,
Block, Sri Hargobindpur, Distt Gurdaspur.

Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Panchayat Secretary,
Gram Panchayat, Chak Wasan,
Block- Sri Hargobindpur, Distt Gurdaspur.

Respondent

Complaint Case No.1141/2018

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
18.05.2018	Nil	Nil	Nil	06.08.2018

Present: Sh. Surinderjit Singh, Complainant in person.
None on behalf of the Respondent.

ORDER

The case has been heard through video conferencing.

The complainant is present in the video conferencing. None is present on behalf of the respondent. No reply has also been filed. The Commission takes strong note of the conduct of the respondent and directs him to show as to why the penal proceedings should not be initiated against them. Meanwhile they are directed to provide the information to the complainant and explain their position.

To come up on **03.04.2019 at 11.30 AM through video conference at Gurdaspur.**

Sd/-

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Sh. Chatar Singh,
Sh. Mewa Ram,
Sh. Karamvir,
R/o Andana, Tehsil Munak, Distt Sangrur.

Complainants

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Divisional Deputy Director,
Rural Development & Panchayat, Patiala.

Respondent

Complaint Case No.1142/2018

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
16.04.2018	Nil	Nil	Nil	22.10.2018

Present: None is present on behalf of the Complaints in the video conferencing.
1. Sh.Gurnet Singh, BDPO, Lehragaga, and
2. Sh. Gurpiar Singh, Clerk, O/o Divisional Deputy Director, Rur. Dev. & Panchayats, Patiala – for Respondent.

ORDER

From the perusal of the application it is found that the information sought is in the nature of a questionnaire. Some posers have been put to the respondent. The information thus sought does not strictly confine to the definition of the information as enunciated in the RTI Act. No action seems called for. The complaint is **filed**.

Sd/-

06.02.2019

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