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Sh. Sat Pal Sahotra,  
# 309, (Behind SBI), Village Sarangpur  
Chandigarh

Appellant.

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**  
o/o Assistant Registrar  
cooperative Societies, Mohali  
**First Appellate Authority**  
o/o Assistant Registrar  
cooperative Societies, Mohali

...Respondent

## Appeal Case No. 1977 of 2018

Present : (i) Sh. Sat Pal Sahotra the appellant  
(ii) for the respondent : Sh. Kanwar Puneet Singh, Inspector

### ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 25.10.2018 vide which the respondent was directed to file an affidavit.

2. Today the respondent Sh. Kanwar Puneet Singh is not aware about the facts of the case. This is indeed a serious matter.

3. This is the wastage of the time of Public Authority as well as the Commission. This has resulted in much avoidable inconvenience and hardship to the Appellant. He is, therefore, entitled to be compensated under Section 19(8)(b) of RTI Act 2005 for the loss and detriment suffered by him. In the circumstances, I am of the view that ends of justice would be met if a sum of **Rs.2500/- (Rupees Twenty Five hundred Only)** is awarded to the Appellant as compensation. I order accordingly.

4. This amount shall be payable by the Respondent from the State exchequer within fifteen days from the receipt of this order under intimation to the Commission.

5. Looking at the lackadaisical and highly irresponsible attitude of the respondents, PIO, o/o Assistant Registrar, Co-operative Societies, Mohali is directed to show cause under Section 20(1) of the RTI Act, before the penalty is imposed as to:-

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- (i) Why supply of information as per RTI request sent to him has been delayed.
- (ii) Why penalty be not imposed upon him for not supplying the information within time as prescribed under RTI Act 2005.

6. Respondent-PIO is directed to file an affidavit in this regard before the next date of hearing. Respondent-PIO is also directed to supply complete information to the appellant before the next date of hearing.

7. He may also make use of the next date of hearing for his personal hearing as well under the principles of natural justice.

8. Adjourned to **29.01.2019 (at 11.00 AM)** for further proceedings. Copies of the order be sent to the parties **through registered post.**

**Chandigarh**  
**Dated: 07.01.2019**

**Sd/-**  
**(Preety Chawla)**  
**State Information Commissioner**

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.... Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o Sub Registrar  
Ferozpur

**First Appellate Authority**  
O/o SDM, Ferozpur

..Respondent

### AC No. 3013 of 2018

Present : (i) Sh. Tejinder Singh the appellant  
(ii) None is present on behalf of the respondent

### ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 01.11.20108.

2. The appellant states that no information has been given to him so far.

3. Respondent is absent today.

3. The perusal of the file shows that the appellant has filed RTI with the PIO, o/o Sub Registrar, Ferozpur but no information has been given to him so far, which shows that the respondent has no regard for the orders issued by the Commission. This is indeed a serious matter.

4. In view of the above, **PIO- o/o Secretary Regional Transport Authority, Jalandhar is directed** to show cause in writing or through affidavit under Section 20(1) of the RTI Act, as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay/ denial of the information to the RTI applicant and why the compensation be not awarded to the complainant under Section 19 (8)(b) of the Act for detriment suffered.

**AC No. 3013 of 2018**

In addition to his submission, the PIO is also hereby 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 note that in case he does not file his submission and does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the next 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.

5. To come up on **11.02.2019 at 11.00 AM**. Copy of the order be sent to the parties through registered post.

**Chandigarh**  
**Dated: 07.01.2019**

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Chamber No. 3, Court Complex, Abohar,  
Distt. Fazilka

..... Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o BDPO, Guruharsahai,  
Distt.Ferozepur  
**First Appellate Authority**  
O/o DDPO,Ferozepur

.....Respondent

**AC .No. 1143 of 2018**

Present : (i) None is present on behalf of the appellant  
(ii) For the respondent : Sh. Sukhwant Singh, Panchayat Secretary

**ORDER**

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 21.11.2018 vide which neither the appellant nor the respondent was present.

2. Today Sh.Sukhwant Singh the respondent is appearing and states that the information has already been sent to the appellant. The appellant is absent today.

3. The perusal of the file shows that the respondent has failed to file the reply of show cause notice issued. Last opportunity is given to him to file his reply in response to the show cause notice issued.

4. To come up on **30.01.2019 at 11.00 AM**. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

**Chandigarh**  
**Dated: 07.01.2019**

**Sd/-**  
**(Preety Chawla)**  
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**Through registered post**

Sh. Lakhbir Singh Buttar, BDPO, Gandiwind, Tarn Taran

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Village Bholapur, Jhabewal,  
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.... Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer-cum-**  
Secretary , Regional Transport Authority,  
Jalandhar

**First Appellate Authority-cum-**  
State Transport Commissioner,Pb Govt,  
Chandigarh

..Respondent

## **AC No. 2604 of 2018**

Present : (i) Sh. Tejinder Singh on behalf of the appellant  
(ii) None is present on behalf of the respondent

### **ORDER**

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 21.11.20108.

2. The appellant has authorized Sh. Tejinder Singh to appear on his behalf. He states that no information has been given to the appellant so far.

3. Respondent is absent today.

3. The perusal of the file shows that the respondent is absent for third consecutive hearing. The representative of the appellant Sh. Tejinder Singh states that no information has been given to the appellant so far, which shows that the respondent has no regard for the orders issued by the Commission . This is indeed a serious matter.

4. In view of the above, **PIO- o/o Secretary Regional Transport Authority, Jalandhar is directed** to show cause in writing or through affidavit under Section 20(1) of the RTI Act, as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay/ denial of the information to the RTI applicant and why the compensation be not awarded to the complainant under Section 19 (8)(b) of the Act for detriment suffered.

**AC No. 2604 of 2018**

In addition to his submission, the PIO is also hereby 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 note that in case he does not file his submission and does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the next 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.

5. To come up on **11.02.2019 at 11.00 AM**. Copy of the order be sent to the parties through registered post.

**Chandigarh**  
**Dated: 07.01.2019**

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Sh Sukhchain Singh, S/o Sh Khera Singh,  
Village Madu Channge, Teh: Ajnala,  
Distt: Amritsar

..... Appellant

Versus

### **Public Information Officer,**

O/o Director, Food Civil Supplies and Consumer  
Affairs, Pb, CHD, Anaj Bhawan, Sector-39-C,  
Chandigarh

### **First Appellate Authority,**

O/o Director, Food Civil Supplies and Consumer  
Affairs, Pb, CHD, Anaj Bhawan, Sector-39-C,  
Chandigarh

.....Respondent

### **Appeal Case No. 2368 of 2018**

Present: (i) Sh. Sukhchain Singh the appellant  
(ii) For the respondent : Smt. Romika, Sr. Assistant

## **ORDER**

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 21.11.2018.

2. Today Smt. Romika ,Sr. Assistant is appearing and states that she has brought complete information in the Commission, which is handed over to the appellant.

3. I have gone through the information and observed that complete information has been given to the appellant by the respondent. Regarding information of point no. 3, it is lying with another department and the appellant states that he has received the same from the concerned department.

4. In view of the foregoing, no cause of action is left. The appeal filed by the appellant is **therefore disposed of and closed**. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

**Chandigarh**  
**Dated: 07.01.2019**

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Sh. Jasmail Singh, S/o Sh Nachattar Singh,  
Village Kot Crore Khurd, Tehsil & Distt Ferozepur,  
Hal Abad NIS, Moti Bagh, Patiala.  
Appellant.

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**  
Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panchayat,  
Kot Crore Khurd, Block Ghall Kurd,  
Distt Ferozepur.

**First Appellate Authority**  
BDPO, Block Ghall Kurd,  
Distt Ferozepur.

...Respondent

### **Appeal Case No. 1149 of 2018**

Present : (i) Sh. Kabir Virk on behalf of the Appellant.  
(ii) For the Respondent: Sh Balraj Singh, Sarpanch alongwith  
Sh Sukhwinder, Ex Chairman

### **ORDER**

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 19.11.2018.

2. Sh Kabir Virk is appearing on behalf of the Appellant with authority letter. He has sought another date.
3. The Respondent states that the Appellant, Sh Jasmail Singh, had inspected the complete record in the office of the Respondent and obtained the complete information. He further adds that he has also brought the draft of compensation to be handed over to the Appellant.
4. On the request of Sh Kabir Virk- representative for the Appellant, one last opportunity is hereby given to the Appellant to appear before the Commission and state his case. The Respondent is directed to hand over the draft of compensation to the Respondent on the next date of hearing.
5. To come up on **30.01.2019 at 11:00 AM**. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

**Chandigarh**  
**Dated: 07.01.2019**

**Sd/-**  
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.... Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o Managing Director,  
Markfed, Chandigarh  
**First Appellate Authority**  
O/o Managing Director  
Markfed, Chandigarh

..Respondent

### AC No.2760 of 2018

Present : (i) None for the Appellant.  
(ii) For the Respondent: Sh Rajinder Kumar,APIO

### ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 27.11.2018.

2. The Appellant is not present today. However, an e-mail has been received from the Appellant mentioning therein that he shall not be able to attend the hearing today.

3. The Respondent states that the Appellant had gone to the office of the Respondent and inspected the record and identified the information required by him. The identified information has already been sent to the Appellant by registered post. The Respondent has also given in writing that no other information is pending in the official record of the Respondent in this regard.

4. The perusal of the file ascertains that the complete information has been provided to the Appellant.

5. In view of the foregoing, no further cause of action is left. Therefore, the Appeal case filed by the Appellant is **disposed off and closed**. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

**Chandigarh**  
**Dated: 07.01.2019**

**Sd/-**  
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Sh. Satish Kumar Bhiri,  
Advocate, Near Nehru Park,  
Jaito Distt.Faridkot

.... Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o Director PUNGRAIN,  
Anaj Bhawan, Sector 39, Chandigarh

**First Appellate Authority**  
O/o Director PUNGRAIN,  
Anaj Bhawan, Sector 39, Chandigarh

..Respondent

**AC No. 2766 of 2018**

Present : None for the Parties.

**ORDER**

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 27.11.2018.

2. Today neither the Appellant nor the Respondent is present. Therefore, one last opportunity is given to the Appellant to appear before the Commission and state their case.
3. To come up on **11.02.2019 at 11:00 AM**. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

**Chandigarh**  
**Dated: 07.01.2019**

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Sh. Prem Chand,  
S/o Shri Gurmeet Ram, R/o VPO Mamu Khera  
Tehsil and Distt. Fazilka

.... Complainant

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o SHO, Police Station, Arniwala Sheik Shubhan  
Distt.Fazilka

..Respondent

**CC No. 922 of 2018**

Present : (i) Sh. Surjeet on behalf of the Complainant.  
(ii) None on behalf of the Respondent.

**ORDER**

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 27.11.2019

- No one has appeared on behalf of the Respondent today.
- Sh Surjeet states that no information has been provided to them so far.
- The perusal of the file shows that no one has appeared on behalf of the Respondent today. They were not present on the last date of hearing also. This is indeed a serious matter.

In view of the foregoing, PIO is directed to show cause why action should not be taken against him for not attending the hearing inspite of order of the Commission. He should file a written reply in response to the show cause notice as to why the Complainant should not be compensated for the mental harassment suffered by him in getting the information. In addition to the written reply PIO is hereby given an opportunity u/s 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.

**CC No. 922 of 2018**

5. To come up for further proceedings on **11.02.2019 at 11:00 AM**. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

**Chandigarh**  
**Dated: 07.01.2019**

**Sd/-**  
**(Preety Chawla)**  
**State Information Commissioner**