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Sh. Vikram Vaid,  
R/o 1527, Gali No.2,  
Bagh Ramanand,  
Amritsar.

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,  
O/o Assistant Inspector General of Police (Crime),  
Punjab, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o Inspector General of Police (Crime),  
Punjab, Chandigarh.

Respondents

**Appeal Case No.2416/2019**

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of First Appeal made, if any	Date of order, if any of FAA	Date of Second Appeal/ Complaint
25.02.2019	Nil	09.04..2019	Nil	04.07.2019

**Present:**

**Appellant- Sh. Vikram Vaid.**

**Respondents- Sh. Ajay Kumar, Junior Assistant.**

**ORDER**

**The case has been heard through video conferencing.**

Vide his application dated 25.02.2019, the appellant has sought to know the status of the implementation of an order passed by the Hon'ble High Court of Punjab and Haryana in CRM 19820 of 2011. Sh. Ajay Kumar, Junior Assistant appearing on behalf of respondents submit that despite their best efforts, they have not been able to trace the relevant file. The Commission is not convinced with the response. The appellant is simply asking for the status of implementation of policy following a decision given by the Hon'ble High Court of Punjab and Haryana. The respondents are directed to look into the issue intently and file a reply. Meanwhile, they shall ensure that the appellant is appropriately informed. To come up on **07.11.2019 at 11.30 AM at Chandigarh.**

**09.10.2019**

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

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Sh. Rajwinder Singh  
S/o Sh. Kuldeep Singh  
R/o 2636, Gali No.1, Azad Nagar,  
Near Shimla Market, Putlighar,  
Amritsar.

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,  
O/o Commissioner of Police,  
Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority-cum-  
O/o Inspector General of Police (Crime),  
Punjab, Chandigarh.

Respondents

**Appeal Case No.2430/2019**

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of First Appeal made, if any	Date of order, if any of FAA	Date of Second Appeal/ Complaint
26.03.2019	Nil	03.05..2019	Nil	05.07.2019

**Present:**

**Appellant- Sh. Rajwinder Singh.**

**Respondents- SI Sh. Sarwan Singh, In Charge, RTI Cell, Amritsar.**

**ORDER**

**The case has been heard through video conferencing.**

The appellant is seeking information with reference to the follow up action having been taken on a complaint file by him with the Department of Home Affairs and Justice, Government of Punjab, diarized on 21.01.2019. The respondents in the reply have submitted that his complaint was enquired into. It transpires that the appellant has a marital discord. He and his wife both are filing complaints and counter-complaints against each other making frivolous allegations.

The respondents have submitted that they have advised the appellant to approach the civil courts to seek redressal as nothing tangible has surfaced for them to take cognizance under the Indian Penal Code. The Commission finds that the appellant has been supplied with the statements recorded by the investigation officer along with his findings.

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**Appeal Case No.2430/2019**

No further intervention of the Commission seems to be called for. The appeal is **disposed**.

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Sh. Chhanakh Singh  
S/o Sh. Veer Singh  
Village Wadala Johal,  
District Amritsar.

Appellant

Versus

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

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

Respondents

**Appeal Case No.2387/2019**

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of First Appeal made, if any	Date of order, if any of FAA	Date of Second Appeal/ Complaint
16.02.2019	Nil	03.04..2019	Nil	03.07.2019

**Present: None.**

**ORDER**

None is present. The matter is deferred to be heard on **21.11.2019 at 11.30**

**AM through video conference at Amritsar.**

**09.10.2019**

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Shri Avtar Singh  
S/o Sh.Joginder Singh  
Village Wadala Johal,  
District Amritsar.

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,  
O/o Block Development and  
Panchayat Officer,  
Jandiala Guru  
District - Amritsar.

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

Respondents

**Appeal Case No.2388/2019**

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of First Appeal made, if any	Date of order, if any of FAA	Date of Second Appeal/ Complaint
01.02.2019	Nil	03.04.2019	Nil	03.07.2019

**Present: None.**

**ORDER**

None is present. The matter is deferred to be heard on **21.11.2019 at 11.30**

**AM through video conference at Amritsar.**

**09.10.2019**

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Shri Gurmeet Singh  
H.No.F-20/337,Nehru Colony,  
PO Vijay Nagar, Majitha Road,  
Amritsar.

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,  
O/o Superintendent, Distt. Jail,  
Sudhar Ghar, Fatehpur,  
District Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority-cum-  
O/o Superintendent, Distt. Jail,  
Sudhar Ghar, Fatehpur,  
District- Amritsar.

Respondents

**Appeal Case No.2437/2019**

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of First Appeal made, if any	Date of order, if any of FAA	Date of Second Appeal/ Complaint
14.07.2018	Nil	05.08..2019	Nil	08.07.2019

**Present: None.**

**ORDER**

None is present. The matter is deferred to be heard on **21.11.2019 at 11.30**

**AM through video conference at Amritsar.**

**09.10.2019**

**Sd/-  
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State Information Commissioner**



Sh. Jeeta Singh,  
S/o Sh.Barkat Ram,  
R/o Village Moran Wala,  
Tehsil Jalalabad, District Fazilka.

Appellant

Versus

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

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

Respondents

**Appeal Case No.826/2019**

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of First Appeal made, if any	Date of order, if any of FAA	Date of Second Appeal/ Complaint
05.12.2018	Nil	08.01.2019	Nil	25.02.2019

**Present:** Appellant- Sh. Jeeta Singh.  
Respondents- Sh. Sarabjeet Singh, BDPO, Guruharsahai.

**ORDER:**

**The matter has been heard through video conferencing.**

The following order was passed on 24.07.2019:

29.05.2019:-

*"The appellant has sought to know the details of the amount sanctioned and released under Indira Awaas Yojna in his favour. The respondent represented by Ms. Avtar Kaur, Clerk, states that that the appellant has been informed about the same. The appellant denies having received any information. The respondents are directed to furnish to the Commission a copy of the information reported to have been sent to the appellant. If the same has not reached him, they are again advised to send it to the appellant complete in all respects.*

24.07.2019:-

*Mrs. Shimla Rani, Accounts Clerk who appears on behalf of the BDPO Guruhar Sahai, submits that an amount of Rs.70,000/- was sanctioned under Indira Awas Yojna which was desirable to be disbursed to the beneficiary in three installments. However, Rs.42,000/- out of sanctioned amount could not be remitted due to technical reason. It is a serious step. The Commission directs the BDPO Guruhar Sahai to look it and provide complete information to the information seeker under intimation to the Commission. The Commission further finds that the original application was filed on 15.12.2018. The respondents have failed to provide the information within a stipulated period.*

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**Appeal Case No.826/2018**

*BDPO/PIO, Guruharsahai is hereby issued a show cause notice to explain in a self-attested affidavit as to why a penalty @ Rs.250/- per day of delay subject to a 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."*

The case has come up today. Sh. Sarabjeet Singh, BDPO, is present in person. He states that the amount of Rs. 42,000/- as mentioned in the aforesaid orders though was attempted to be transferred to his account through RTGS, but due to some technical reasons the same could not be credited to his account. Indra Awas Yojna according to him has been discontinued by the Government of India and has been replaced by Prime Minister Awas Yojna. The Commission finds that no malafide on the part of the respondents is involved. However, due to some lapse probably on the part of some officials in the office of the BDPO, the amount which was sanctioned in the favor of the appellant was surrendered to the Government having been unutilized.

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**Appeal Case No.826/2018**

The appellant obviously has been put to serious detriment for no fault. The Commission would like to desire the Director, Department of Panchayat and Rural Development as well as the incumbent BDPO to ensure that his case is retaken up under the Prime Minister Awas Yojana and he is recompensed with the undisbursed amount for the funds received under the same. The matter is **disposed** accordingly.

**09.10.2019**

**Sd/-  
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**CC: The Director, Department of Rural Development and Panchayat, Sector-62, Mohali.**

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Shri Ram Singh  
S/o Sh. Nathu Ram,  
R/o Village Rajpura,  
Teh. Abohar, Distt. Fazilka.

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,  
O/o Distt. Development &  
Panchayat Officer, Fazilka

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

Respondents

**Appeal Case No.2321/2019**

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of First Appeal made, if any	Date of order, if any of FAA	Date of Second Appeal/ Complaint
11.05.2019	20.02.2019	07.03..2019	Nil	01.07.2019

**Present:** Appellant- Sh. Ram Singh.  
Respondents- Sh. Rakesh Kumar, Clerk.

**ORDER:**

**The matter has been heard through video conferencing.**

Vide his application dated 22.01.2019, the appellant is seeking the outcome of the disciplinary action having been initiated against one Sh. Varinder Kumar, BDPO, Abohar.

The respondents say that the information available with them regarding the suspension and reinstatement of the aforesaid BDPO has been given. As far as the information asked for at Point No. 2 and 3 is concerned, the charge sheet issued to him and the reply filed by him is not available with them and, accordingly, it cannot be furnished. The Commission understands that the matter of disciplinary proceedings of an official is a personal information inter se between the employer and the employee and are exempted from disclosure under Section 8 (1) (j) of the Right to Information Act. That being the case, the Commission feels that the appellant has sufficiently been informed. No further action seems to be called for. The appeal is **disposed**.

**09.10.2019**

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



Shri Hardeep Singh,  
S/o Shri Tarsem Lal,  
R/o Village Nurpur, Tehsil Banga,  
Distt. SBS Nagar (Nawanshahar)

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,  
O/o Distt. Development and Panchayat Officer,  
SBS Nagar (Nawanshahar).

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o Addl. Deputy Commissioner,  
SBS Nagar (Nawanshahar)

Respondents

**Appeal Case No.737/2018**

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
13.09.2018	Nil	17.11.2018	Nil	14.02.2019

**Present:**

**Appellant-** Sh. Hardeep Singh;  
Sh. Manish Bhardwaj, Advocate, Counsel.  
**Respondents-** Sh. Tarsem Singh, Reader to BDPO.

**ORDER**

**The case has been heard through video conference.**

The Commission has made following observations on 31.07.2019:  
22.05.2019:-

*"The appellant is absent. It transpired from the submissions made by the respondents that the appellant was booked by the District Administration for forgery of documents to extend the lease of contract of Panchayat land in the village Nurpur, Tehsil Banga, District SBS Nagar (Nawanshahr). He has sought the report of the enquiry conducted by the DDPO, statements recorded and some allied information. From the submissions of respondents as well as perusal of the record on file, it appears that the appellant has been suitably informed. An opportunity is afforded to the appellant to pin point the deficiencies, if any, in the information which is stated to have already been provided.*

31.07.2019

*The respondents are absent. Shri Manish Bhardwaj, counsel for the appellant submits that complete information has not been provided. According to him, the Commission has been misled by the respondents. The Commission directs the appellant to specifically point out the deficiencies in the information provided to him within 7 days from today and the respondent shall make it good within 7 days on the receipt of same."*

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**Appeal Case No.737/2018**

The case has come up today. In compliance with the aforesaid order, the appellant says that he had made written representation to the PIO pointing out the deficiencies in the information provided to him vide his letter dated 06.08.2019. However, the respondents have failed to make good the deficiencies thus pointed out by him. The Commission finds that the original application was filed by the appellant on 13.09.2018. The respondents are stonewalling the issue ever since. They have failed to file any written reply to the notice and the orders of the Commission. The Commission takes serious exception of it.

The stance of the PIO is that the documents available with them are the Xeroxed copies rather than the original ones is overruled. He is directed to ensure that the information available on record as sought by the appellant is provided to him before the next date of hearing, failing which the Commission shall take it to be the willful denial of information and proceed to impose penalty on the respondents

To come up on **14.11.2019 at 11.30 AM at Chandigarh.**

**09.10.2019**

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



Sh. Rajiv Kumar Nanda  
S/o Sh. Tilak Raj Nanda,  
R/o .H.No.683/13,Vishal Colony  
Near Dashmesh Public School, Patti  
District Tarn Taran.

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,  
O/o Addl. Chief Secretary,  
Home Affairs & Justice, Punjab,  
Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o Chief Secretary,  
Government of Punjab,  
Pb. Civil Secretariat, Chandigarh.

Respondents

**Appeal Case No.2419/2019**

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of First Appeal made, if any	Date of order, if any of FAA	Date of Second Appeal/ Complaint
17.12.2018	Nil	05.04..2019	Nil	04.07.2019

**Present:**

**Appellant- None.**

**Respondents- Sh. Krishan Lal, Superintendent, Department of Home Affairs and Justice;  
Sh. Ram Parsad, Senior Assistant, O/o Director, Bureau of Investigation;  
SI Sh. Satnam Singh, In charge, RTI Cell, Tarn Taran.**

**ORDER**

**The case has been heard through video conference.**

The appellant is seeking an action taken report on representation made by him to the Chief Secretary of Government of Punjab. Briefly speaking, he is seeking an independent enquiry from a senior functionary of Police in the matter of case filed under FIR No. 5 dated 09.01.2018, registered under 302/307 of Indian Penal Code in Police Station Valtoha. It transpires that his application was transferred through DGP to SSP Tarn Taran, who has filed a written reply to the Commission today. Its copy has been endorsed to the appellant. The Commission observes that the reply has been filed by a letter dated 08.10.2019. Probably the endorsed copy to the appellant should have been in transit by now.

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**Appeal Case No.2419/2019**

SI Sh. Satnam Singh, appearing on behalf of respondents, submits that the case is being investigated by Sh. Sukhminder Singh Mann, IPS/AIG Special State Operation Cell. The plea has been taken that as the matter is still under investigation, therefore in terms of provision of Section 8 (1) (h) of the RTI Act, 2005 it shall not be appropriate/valid for them to divulge the information. Before taking a call on the submissions made by the respondents, it is desirable to seek the comments of the appellant. The matter shall be heard on **14.11.2019 at 11.30 AM.**

**09.10.2019**

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Sh. Sukhchain Singh  
Sonam Mohalla,  
Fatehgarh Churian,  
Tehsil Batala, Distt. Gurdaspur.

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,  
O/o Estate Officer,  
Punjab Wakf Board, Batala  
District Gurdaspur.

First Appellate Authority  
O/o Chief Officer, Wakf Board,  
Punjab, Chandigarh.

Respondents

**Appeal Case No.2325/2019 & 2326/2019**

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of First Appeal made, if any	Date of order, if any of FAA	Date of Second Appeal/ Complaint
27.05.2015	Nil	05.04..2019	Nil	01.07.2019

**Present:**

**Appellant- None**

**Respondents- Sh. Rashid Mohammad, Estate Officer, Gurdaspur.**

**ORDER**

**The case has been heard through video conference.**

Having failed to procure the information from the PIO and the First Appellate Authority, the appellant had been constrained to file second appeal to the Commission. Sh. Rashid Mohammad, Estate Officer, is present in the PAWAN studio of the office of Deputy Commissioner. He submits that he has brought along the information, which relates to the lease of a WAQF property and some connected documents. As the appellant is absent, obviously it cannot be transmitted to him. The respondents are directed to send the information by registered post under intimation to the Commission.

To come up on **21.11.2019 at 11.30 AM through video conference at Gurdaspur.**

**09.10.2019**

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Shri Varinder Singh  
S/o Sh.Dalbir Singh,  
Vill. Khanpur Rajputan,  
Tehsil Shahkot, Distt. Jalandhar.

Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer,  
O/o Block Development &  
Panchayat Officer, Shahkot  
District Jalandhar.

Respondent

**Complaint Case No.594/2019**

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of First Appeal made, if any	Date of order, if any of FAA	Date of Second Appeal/ Complaint
01.04.2019	Nil	Nil	Nil	02.07.2019

**Present:**

**Complainant- None.**

**Respondents- Sh. Bawa Singh, BDPO.**

**ORDER**

**The case has been heard through video conference.**

The complainant has sought the information pertaining to the grants and other financial assistance received and the details of the expenses made on the development by the Gram Panchayat of the village-Danewal, Block-Shahkot, besides some other concomitant information from 2013 to 2018. Sh. Bawa Singh, BDPO, submits that the information has been sent to him under registered cover. The complainant is absent. Nothing has been heard from him. The Commission presumes that the complainant is satisfied with the information thus stated to have been provided to him. No further intervention seems to be called for. The appeal is **disposed**.

**09.10.2019**

**Sd/-  
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Sh. Amrinder Singh,  
S/o S. Angrej Singh,  
R/o Village- Mehar Singh Wala,  
Tehsil-Zira, Distt. Ferozepur.

Appellant

Versus

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

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

Respondents

**Appeal Case No.649/2019**

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of First Appeal made, if any	Date of order, if any of FAA	Date of Second Appeal/ Complaint
28.05.2018	Nil	05.09.2018	Nil	29.11.2018

**ORDER:**

Due to technical glitch, the video conference could not mature. The matter is

adjourned to be heard on **21.11.2019 at 11.30 AM through video conference at Ferozepur.**

**09.10.2019**

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



Sh. Gurdiyal Singh,  
S/o Sh. Mal Singh,  
R/o Village-Dil Singh Wala,  
Tehsil-Jaito, District-Faridkot .

Appellant

Versus

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

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

Respondents

**Appeal Case No.667/2019**

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of First Appeal made, if any	Date of order, if any of FAA	Date of Second Appeal/ Complaint
21.07.2018	Nil	12.09.2018	Nil	09.02.2019

**Present:** Appellant- None.  
Respondents- Sh. Dharamjit Singh, Panchayat Secretary, O/o BDPO, Jaito.

**ORDER:**

**The case has been heard through video conference.**

The following order was made by the Commission on 24.07.2019:

*"The respondent represented by Sh. Dharamjit Singh, Panchayat Secretary submits that the information pertaining to the Department of Rural Development has already been provided to him. However, the information asked for about the toilets having been constructed in the village pertains to the Department of Water Supply and Sanitation.*

*The appellant admits the partial receipt of information. The part of the application should have been forwarded under Section 6(3) of the Act to the Department of Water Supply and Sanitation. The PIO should now ensure that the information is procured from the Department of Water Supply & Sanitation and delivered to the appellant immediately. The PIO shall also explain the delay as to why he should not be penalized under Section*

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**Appeal Case No.667/2019**

*20(1) of the Act.”*

The case has again been taken up today. Sh. Dharmjeet Singh, the PIO, submits that the information pertaining to the construction of toilets in the village has been delivered to the appellant after procuring it from the department of Water Supply and Sanitation. The Commission has no reason to disbelieve him in the absence of appellant. That being the situation, the Commission presumes that the appellant has been adequately informed. The appeal is **disposed**.

**09.10.2019**

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

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Ms. Jaswinder Kaur,  
D/o Sh. Bachan Singh,  
R/o Behbal Kalan, Tehsil-Jaiton,  
Faridkot.

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,  
O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer,  
Jaiton, District-Faridkot.

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

Respondents

**Appeal Case No.608/2019**

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of First Appeal made, if any	Date of order, if any of FAA	Date of Second Appeal/ Complaint
17.11.2018	Nil	18.12.2018	Nil	04.02.2019

**Present: None**

**ORDER:**

None is present. The matter is adjourned to be heard on **21.11.2019 at 11.30**

**AM through video conference at Faridkot.**

**09.10.2019**

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