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**Sh. Satnam Singh Dhawan(9501513137)**

#7, G.K.Vihar, Manakwal,  
Ludhiana.

Complainant

Versus

**Public Information Officer**  
(Regd. Post) O/o RTA, Bhatinda

Respondent

**Complaint Case No.: 98 of 2021**  
**Through CISCO WEBEX**

**Present:** (i) Sh. Satnam Singh Dhawan, Complainant  
(ii) For the respondent: Sh. Baljeet Singh, Section Officer

**Order**

1. This order may be read with the previous order dated 15.07.2021 vide which one more opportunity was given to the respondent PIO to supply the point-wise reply/information to the complainant with a copy to the Commission before the next date of hearing positively. Matter was adjourned for further hearing on 01.09.2021 i.e. today.
2. In today's hearing Sh. Satnam Singh Dhawan, Complainant and Sh. Baljeet Singh, Section Officer from department is present. The complainant pleads the court the sought information as per his RTI application be ordered to be supplied to him.
3. On this respondent state that the department has already sent the sought information by registered post on 18.8.2021. The complainant denies receiving the same. Respondent PIO is directed to send the information to the complaint by email today itself under intimation to the Commission.
4. Complainant is advised to inform the undersigned Bench regarding receiving the requisite information or not today itself.
5. Both the parties to represent this case in person or through their representative (s) on the next date of hearing, failing to which, appropriate order in their absence shall be passed.
6. Matter is fixed for further hearing on **17.11.2021 at 11:00 A.M. through CISCO-Webex** (Video Conferencing application). Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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**Dated: 01.09.2021**

**(Anumit Singh Sodhi)**  
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**Sh. Madan Singh (9855779055)**

S/o Sh. Ram Partap,  
Vill. KalarBhaini,  
PO Jhandi, Distt. Patiala.

Appellant

Versus

**(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer (By Name)**  
O/o BDPO, Sirhind,  
Distt.Fatehgarh Sahib.

**First Appellate Authority**  
O/o BDPO, Sirhind,  
Distt.Fatehgarh Sahib

Respondent

**Appeal Case No.: 1064 of 2021**  
**Through CISCO WEBEX**

**Present:** (i) Sh. Jasbir Singh on behalf of the appellant.  
(ii) Nobody on behalf of the respondent.

**Order**

1. This order may be read with the previous order dated 29.06.2021 vide which appellant was advised to go through the supplied information and point out specific deficiency as per RTI application, if any, in writing to the respondent PIO with a copy to the Commission within ten days receipt of the information along with advice to represent this case in person on the next date of hearing, failing to which, appropriate order in their absence shall be passed. Matter was adjourned for further hearing on 01.09.2021 i.e. today.
2. In today's hearing, both the parties are absent and representative of the appellant, Sh. Jasbir Singh states that information in connection with point no. 1 and 5 is received but in connection with point no. 2, 3 and 5 is still pending.
3. Respondent PIO is absent despite being aware about the date of hearing, which shows his irresponsible behavior towards his duties and to the orders of the Commission. A final opportunity is afforded to him to supply the pending information in connection with point no. 2, 3 and 5 to the appellant within fifteen days from today itself along with directions to appear in person on the next date of hearing positively. A copy of this order be sent to him through registered post for his ready reference.

**Appeal Case No.: 1064 of 2021**  
**Through CISCO WEBEX**

4. To come up on **21.10.2021 at 11:00 A.M. through CISCO-Webex** (Video Conferencing application).

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

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Appellant

Versus

**Show Cause**

**(Regd. Post)** **Public Information Officer (By Name)**  
O/o SDM, Bhikhiwind

**(Regd. Post)** **First Appellate Authority (By Name)**  
O/o SDM, Bhikhiwind

Respondent

**Appeal Case No.: 376 of 2021**  
**Through CISCO WEBEX**

**Present:** (i) Sh. Tejinder Singh on behalf of the appellant.  
(ii) Nobody on behalf of the respondent.

**ORDER**

1. The above mentioned case was earlier fixed for hearing on 25.05.2021 vide which representative of the appellant Sh. Tejinder Singh appeared without an authority letter and stated that requisite information is still pending from the respondent PIO.

Respondent PIO was absent without any intimation to the Commission. One more opportunity was given to the respondent PIO to represent this case in person on the next date of hearing positively to clear the facts of this case, failing to which stern action will be initiated against him. A copy of previous order was sent to him by name through registered post for his ready reference. Matter was adjourned for further hearing on 01.09.2021 i.e. today.

2. In today's hearing, representative of the appellant, Advocate, Sh. Tejinder Singh states that requisite information is still pending.

3. Respondent PIO is continuously absent second time without any intimation to the Commission. It is observed that Notices of hearing which were issued to respondent PIO and FAA for dated 18.03.2021 and 25.05.2021 not returned to the Commission but copy of order dated 25.05.2021 which was sent to the respondent PIO through registered post returned to the Commission vide diary no.13149 dated 17.06.2021 without any remarks. It is also observed that address of the respondent PIO is correct as per case file and notices of hearings also not returned to the Commission.

4. In view of the foregoing, **respondent PIO, O/o SDM, Bhikhiwind** 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.

**Appeal Case No.: 376 of 2021**  
**Through CISCO WEBEX**

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. A copy of this order be also sent to the Sub Divisional Magistrate by name through registered post for the compliance of this order.
6. To come up on **14.10.2021 at 11:00 A.M. through CISCO-Webex** (Video Conferencing application). Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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**Dated: 01.09.2021**

**(Anumit Singh Sodhi)**  
**State Information Commissioner**  
**Punjab**

**(Regd. Post)      The Sub Divisional Magistrate (By Name)**  
**Bhikhiwind**

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Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer (By Name)**  
(Regd. Post) O/o SDM, Derabassi

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

Respondent

**Appeal Case No.: 375 of 2021**  
**Through CISCO WEBEX**

**Present:** (i) Sh. Tejinder Singh on behalf of the appellant.  
(ii) Nobody on behalf of the respondent.

**ORDER**

1. This order may be read with the previous order dated 25.05.2021 vide which respondent was not present but an email dated 13.3.2021 was received by the undersigned bench mentioning therein that requisite information had already been supplied to the appellant through whatsapp on his mobile number 7528950026. One more opportunity was given to the respondent PIO to represent this case in person on the next date of hearing positively to clear the facts of this case. Matter was adjourned for further hearing on 01.09.2021 i.e. today.
2. In today's hearing, representative of the appellant is present but respondent PIO is continuously absent second time without any intimation to the Commission despite being aware about the date of hearing. A copy of previous order was also sent to him through registered post but respondent PIO did not bother to avail the opportunity in this regard.

A last and final opportunity is given to the respondent PIO to appear in person on the next date of hearing, failing which stern action will be initiated against him.

3. To come up on **13.10.2021 at 11:00 A.M. through CISCO-Webex** (Video Conferencing application). Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer**  
(Regd. Post) O/o SDM, Payal

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

Respondent

**Appeal Case No.: 377 of 2021**  
**Through CISCO WEBEX**

**Present:** (i) Sh. Tejinder Singh on behalf of the appellant.  
(ii) For the respondent: Sh. Paramjit Singh (JA) (8437585176)

**ORDER**

1. This order may be read with the previous order dated 25.05.2021 vide which respondent PIO was not present but an email dated 17.05.2021 was received by the undersigned bench mentioning therein that requisite information had already been supplied to the appellant through letter no. 1556 dated 10.03.2021. This email is taken on record. One more opportunity was given to the respondent PIO to represent this case in person on the next date of hearing positively to clear the facts of this case. Matter was adjourned for further hearing on 01.09.2021 i.e. today.
2. In today's hearing, respondent, Sh. Paramjit Singh states that requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant dated 13.03.2021 and appellant signed the acknowledgement of receiving the information with the remarks 'received information dated 13.03.2021'. An email dated 25.08.2021 is also sent in this regard (which is received and on record).
3. On this, representative of the appellant requests for an adjournment on the plea that he has to confirm it from the appellant.
4. After hearing both the parties and examining the documents placed on record, appellant is advised to clear the facts of this case on the next date of hearing. Both the parties to represent this case in person or through their representative (s) on the next date of hearing, failing to which, appropriate order in their absence shall be passed.

**Appeal Case No.: 377 of 2021**  
**Through CISCO WEBEX**

5. Matter is fixed for further hearing on **09.09.2021 at 11:00 A.M. through CISCO-Webex** (Video Conferencing application). Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Mumbai-400058

Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer**

O/o ATP (Planning), Punjab Small Industries  
and Export Corporation Ltd.,  
18, UdyogBhawan, Himalaya Marg,  
Sector-17 A, Chandigarh

**First Appellate Authority**

O/o ATP (Planning),  
Punjab Small Industries and Export Corporation Ltd.,  
18, UdyogBhawan, Himalaya Marg,  
Sector-17 A, Chandigarh

Respondent

**Appeal Case No.: 316 of 2021**  
**Through CISCO WEBEX**

**Present:**

- (i) Sh. Amjad Adam Arbani, appellant  
(ii) For the respondent: Sh. Vaneet Kumar (ATO) (9417426512)

**Order:**

1. This order may be read with the previous order dated 25.05.2021 vide which respondent intimated the undersigned Bench that requisite information could not be supplied as it is a third party information. Appellant was absent and matter was adjourned for further hearing on 01.09.2021 i.e. today.
2. In today's hearing, after discussing with both the parties; it is observed that complete information is not exempted as per RTI Act, 2005. Appellant is advised to visit the respondent's office after mutual co-ordination and contact number is supplied to the appellant during the hearing. Respondent PIO is directed to make sure that appellant may be shown the relevant record relating to RTI application and supply the identified pages as per RTI Act, 2005. Both the parties are advised to represent this case in person or through their representative (s) on the next date of hearing, failing to which, appropriate order in their absence shall be passed.
3. Matter is fixed for further hearing on **30.09.2021 at 11:00 A.M. through CISCO-Webex** (Video Conferencing application). Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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**Sh. Gurinder Singh (6239871477)**  
S/o Sh. Harnek Singh  
R/o BhagtaBhaika, Tehsil Phul,  
District Bathinda

Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer**  
O/o DC, Bathinda

**First Appellate Authority**  
O/o DC, Bathinda

Respondent

**Appeal Case No.: 362 of 2021**  
**Through CISCO WEBEX**

**Present:** (i) Sh. Gurinder Singh, appellant  
(ii) For the respondent: Sh. Ravinder Kumar, Jr. Assistant, DC, Office, Bathinda (9501497500)

**Order:**

1. This order may be read with the previous order dated 25.05.2021 vide which respondent PIO was directed to supply the pending information relates with point no. 3 before the next date of hearing along with directions to represent this case in person on the next date of hearing positively to clear the facts of this case. Matter was adjourned for further hearing on 01.09.2021 i.e. today.
2. In today's hearing, both the parties are present and appellant intimates that pending information (point no. 3) is still pending. A last and final opportunity is given to the respondent PIO to supply the information relate with point no. 3 to the appellant with a copy to the Commission.
3. Both the parties are advised to represent this case in person or through their representative (s) on the next date of hearing, failing to which, appropriate order in their absence shall be passed.
4. Matter is fixed for further hearing on **05.10.2021 at 11:00 A.M. through CISCO-Webex** (Video Conferencing application). Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Appellant/Complainant

Versus

**(Regd. Post)** **Public Information Officer**  
O/o Director, Technical Education  
And Industrial Training Department  
Punjab, Chandigarh  
Respondent

**Complaint Case No.: 888 of 2020**  
**Through CISCO WEBEX**

**Present:** (i) Nobody on behalf of the complainant.  
(ii) For the respondent: Sh. Sanjeev Kumar (SA)

**ORDER**

1. This order may be read with the previous order dated 25.05.2021 vide which respondent; Sh. Rupinder Singh Sadhrao stated that requisite information has already been sent to the complainant through registered post dated 16.03.2021.

Complainant is not present for today's hearing but a letter dated 06.04.2021 was received from the complainant in the Commission vide diary no. 8024 dated 07.04.2021 was received in connection with letter no. 166 dated 16.03.2021, which is taken on record.

Another opportunity is given to the complainant to represent this case in person to clear the facts of this case, failing to which case will be decided on merit basis. Matter was adjourned for further hearing on 01.09.2021 i.e. today.

2. In today's hearing, respondent, Sh. Sanjeev Kumar states that partial information has already been supplied to the complainant and rest of the information could not be supplied to the complainant as it is pending before the Hon'ble High Court.
3. Complainant is absent for today's hearing without any intimation to the Commission. He was also absent on the previous hearing held on 25.05.2021. One final opportunity is given to him to represent this case in person to clear the facts of this case, failing to which case will be closed in his absence.

**Complaint Case No.: 888 of 2020**  
**Through CISCO WEBEX**

4. To come up on **17.11.2021 at 11:00 A.M.** through **CISCO-Webex** (Video Conferencing application). Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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**(Regd. Post)** **Sh. Aditya Pandey,**  
H.No.174, Sector-21-A,  
Chandigarh.

Appellant

Vs.

**(Regd. Post)** **Public Information Officer,**  
O/o Deptt. Of Home Affairs & Jails,  
Punjab, Chandigarh.

**(Regd. Post)** **First Appellate Authority**  
O/o Department of Home Affairs & Jails,  
Punjab, Chandigarh.

Respondent

**Appeal case No.1434 of 2019**

**Through CISCO WEBEX**

**Present:** (i) Advocate, Sh. Nitin Kaushal (8288899044) on behalf of the appellant  
(ii) For the respondent: Sh. Kewal Krishan (XEN) (8360522148).

**ORDER**

1. This order may be read with the previous order dated 28.07.2021 vide which Advocate from the respondent side, Ms. Malvika Singh requested for adjournment on the plea that CWP 3152 of 2020 was listed for hearing by the Hon'ble High Court for 5.8.2021. The case was adjourned for hearing for 1.9.2021 i.e. today.
2. In today's hearing, both the parties are present. Respondent, Sh. Kewal Krishan (XEN) states that the matter was not heard by the Hon'ble High Court on 5.8.2021 and fixed for hearing on 03.11.2021 but on the department's request, matter is now fixed for 13.9.2021. He also requests the Commission for an adjournment and the case may be heard after 13.09.2021.
3. On this, advocate, Sh. Nitin Kaushal appearing on behalf of the appellant states that there is no relation with hearing of Hon'ble High Court dated 13.09.2021 with the present case. So, adjournment sought by the department may not be granted. Respondent PIO is delaying outcome of the present case on the one pretext or the other. He further adds that respondent PIO is misleading the undersigned Bench.
4. After hearing both the parties and examining the documents placed on record, it is observed that the then Ld. SIC, Sh. Yashvir Mahajan vide order dated 12.09.2019 had already directed the respondent PIO to supply the requisite information to the appellant within fifteen days from the receipt of order but after the lapse of approximately two years, neither the respondent PIO submitted any reply regarding stay order passed by the Hon'ble High Court nor he has supplied the requisite information.
5. One more opportunity is awarded to the respondent PIO and matter is adjourned for further hearing on **14.09.2021 at 12:00 Noon through CISCO-Webex** (Video Conferencing application). Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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