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Sh. Hardiyal Singh, s/o Sh. Sher Singh (M 9877709415)

VPO Dhablan,

Tehsil and District Patiala.

..Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,

o/o, Director, Rural Development and Panchayat, Pb.

Vikas Bhawan, Secotor 62,

Mohali.

First Appellate Authority,

o/o Director, Rural Development and Panchayat, Pb.

Vikas Bhawan, Sector 62,

Mohali.

Public Information Officer

o/o Director, Rural Dev. & Pan. Punjab,

(Complaint Branch)

Vikas Bhawan, Sector 62,

Mohali.

Public Information Officer **(By name)Registered**

o/o the Additional Deputy Commissioner (Dev.)

Patiala

Public Information Officer **(By name) Registered**

o/o the Block Development and Panchayats Officer,

Patiala

..Respondents

Appeal Case No. 988 of 2020

(Video Conference/Cisco Webex/Phone proceedings)

Present:- Sh. Hardiyal Singh, appellant, in person.

Sh. Lehambar Dass, Supdt 9888323915 on behalf of the respondents.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 14.12.2020 vide which the case was adjourned to 1.2.2021 but due to administrative reasons the case was further adjourned for today i.e. 10.3.2021.

2. The appellant states that the Public Information Officer-cum-Block Development and Panchayats Officer, Patiala and Public Information Officer o/o the Addl. Deputy Commissioner (Dev.) Patiala may also be impleaded in this case to supply the up to date status of the letter bearing No. 6/7/18-ਪਟਿਆਲਾ/6001 ਮਿਤੀ 14.10.2019 (concerning Block Development and Panchayats Officer) and the status of the enquiry transferred from the District Development and Panchayats Officer to Addl. Deputy Commissioner (Dev.) vide endst. No. 6/7/18-Patiala/s/4415-4418 dated 7.8.2019 (concerning Addl. Deputy Commissioner (Dev.).

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3. Accordingly, the Public Information Officer o/o the Block Development and Panchayats Officer, Patiala and Public Information Officer o/o Addl. Deputy Commissioner (Dev.), Patiala are impleaded as necessary party in this case to file the reply/supply the information as per para 2 above before the next date of hearing.

4. The respondent-Asstt. Public Information Officer-cum-Supdt, Sh. Lehambar Dass has already filed the reply regarding show cause notice issued to him, which is taken on record and the decision on the same will be taken on the next date of hearing.

5. To come up on 7.4.2021 at 12.30 PM at Chandigarh.

Sd/

Dated: 10.3.2021

(Suresh Arora)  
Chief Information Commissioner,  
Punjab.

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Sh. Hardial Singh S/o Sh. Sher Singh,  
VPO Dhablan,  
Tehsil & Distt Patiala.M : 9877709415

...Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,  
O/o Director,  
Rural Development and Panchayat Department, PB,  
Mohali.

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

Public Information Officer By name Registered  
o/o the Addl. Deputy Commissioner (Dev.),  
Mini Secretariat, Patiala

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2515 of 2020

(Video Conference/Cisco Webex/Phone proceedings)

Present:- Sh. Hardial Singh, appellant, in person.

Sh. Vijay Dhir, A.P.O. 9988293619, 9888323915 on behalf of the respondents.

## ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 14.12.2020 vide which the case was adjourned to 1.2.2021 but due to administrative reasons, the case was further adjourned for today i.e. 10.3.2021.

2. The appellant has sent the rejoinder which has been diarized in the Commission vide No. 911 dated 12.1.2021, which is taken on record. The appellant also states that a copy of the rejoinder has already been sent to the Addl. Deputy Commissioner (Dev.) Patiala. He also requested that the respondent-Public Information Officer o/o the Addl. Deputy Commissioner (Dev.) may be directed to send the written reply on the rejoinder filed by him. Also, the Public Information Officer-cum-Deputy Director (Complaints Branch) and the Public Information Officer-cum-Assistant Project Officer o/o Addl. Deputy Commissioner (Dev.) Patiala has sent the submissions pertaining to the sought information, which are taken on record.

3. After hearing both the parties, the directions are issued to the Public Information Officer o/o Addl. Deputy Commissioner (Dev.) Patiala to file the written reply on the rejoinder filed by the appellant before the next date of hearing. A copy of the rejoinder filed by the appellant is **sent** along with this order. Both the parties are directed to remain present along with the original/supplied record pertaining to the RTI application of the appellant at Chandigarh.

4. To come up on 7.4.2021 at Chandigarh.

Dated: 10.3.2021

Sd/  
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Chief Information Commissioner, Punjab.

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Sh. Narinder Pal Singh s/o Sh. Jagjit Singh 9914480753  
r/o Village Gajipur,  
Tehsil Samana,  
District Patiala.

....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer  
o/o Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panchayat, Gajipur,  
c/o Block Development and Panchayats Officer,  
Block Samana,  
District Patiala.

First Appellate Authority  
o/o District Development and Panchayats Officer,  
Mini Secretariat,  
District Patiala.

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1509 of 2020  
(Video Conference Proceedings)

Present:- Sh. Narinder Pal Singh, appellant.  
Sh. Brish Bhan, Panchayat Secretary 9878146900 on behalf of the  
respondents.

## ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 29.1.2021.

2. The appellant states that the respondent-Public Information Officer is providing the incomplete information whereas, the respondent-Public Information Officer states that the complete information has already been supplied to the appellant.

3. Accordingly, both the parties are directed to remain present at Chandigarh along with the original/supplied record to take the matter to its logical end.

4. To come up on 26.4.2021 at 12.30 PM at Chandigarh.

Dated: 10.3.2021

Sd/  
(Suresh Arora)  
Chief Information Commissioner,  
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Sh. Jatinder Singh Aulakh 9463300983

r/o Kasu Begu, Block Ghal Khurd,

Tehsil & Distt Ferozepur

....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer

o/o Block Development and Panchayats Officer,

Ghal Khurd,

Tehsil and Distt. Ferozepur

First Appellate Authority

o/o District Development and Panchayats Officer,

Ferozepur.

Public Information Officer-cum-

A.P.O. MAGNREGA,

c/o Block Development and Panchayats Officer,

Ghal Khurd, Ferozepur

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3160 of 2020

(Video Conference Proceedings)

Present:- Sh. Jatinder Singh Aulakh, appellant.

Sh. Charanjit Singh, A.P.O. MGNAREGA (on phone) on behalf of the respondents.

## ORDER

The RTI application is dated 7.7.2020 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter called FAA) on 18.8.2020 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 20.10.2020 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter called RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 28.1.2021 but due to administrative reasons the case was adjourned for today i.e. 10.3.2021.

2. The appellant states that nothing has been supplied by the respondent-Public Information Officer. However, the respondent-Public Information Officer states that the information concerning Point No. 1,3 and 6 of the RTI application are available on the website. Regarding Point No. 2 and 5 of the RTI application, the respondent-Public Information Officer states that nothing is available on record as no funds have been spent. Regarding Point No. 4 of the RTI application, the respondent-Public Information Officer states that the copy of the proceedings will be supplied to the appellant before the next date of hearing.

3. Since, the office has downloaded the information concerning Point No. 1,3 and 6 of the RTI application, therefore, a copy of the same is **sent** along with this order. Regarding Point No. 2 and 5 of the RTI application the respondent-Public Information Officer is directed to file the specific undertaking in this regard before the next date of hearing. Regarding Point No.4 of the RTI application, the respondent-Public Information Officer is directed to supply the information before the next date of hearing as has been assured by him.

4. To come up on 30.3.2021 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Ferozepur/cisco webex.

Sd/

Dated: 10.3.2021

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Sh. Sukhdev Singh 9815762270

Village chahal, PO Bhadson,

Tehsil Nabha, Patiala.

....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer

o/o Block Development and Panchayats Officer,

Nabha, Patiala.

First Appellate Authority

o/o District Development and Panchayats Officer,

Patiala.

Sh. Jagwant Singh,

**Registered**

Public Information Officer-cum-

Panchayat Secretary

c/o Block Development and Panchayats Officer,

Nabha, Patiala.

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2884 of 2020

(Video Conference Proceedings)

Present:- Sh. Sukhdev Singh, appellant.

None on behalf of the respondents.

## ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 17.12.2021 vide which the case was adjourned to 28.1.2021 but due to administrative reasons the case was further adjourned for today i.e. 10.3.2021.

2. The appellant states that no information has been provided by the respondents so far. Also a request has been received from the appellant that due to death of his relative, he is not able to attend the hearings.

3. The RTI application of the appellant is 7.7.2020. Viewing the attitude in dealing with the RTI application of the appellant by the respondent seriously, Sh. Jagwant Singh, Panchayat Secretary, is, thus, 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.25000/- till the complete information is furnished, be not imposed under Section 20(1) of RTI Act, 2005 on him for causing wilful delay/denial of the information to the RTI application and to issue show cause for compensation to the appellant for detriment suffered by him under section 19(8) of the RTI Act, 2005.

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 a note that in case he does not file his written reply and does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the next date, it will be presumed that he has nothing to say and the Commission will proceed ex-parte.

4. The respondent-Public Information Officer is also directed to file the reply/supply the information to the appellant before the next date of hearing.

5. To come up on 7.4.2021 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Patiala/cisco webex.

Sd/

Dated: 10.3.2021

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Sh. Jatinder Singh Aulakh 9463300983



r/o Kasu Begu, Block Ghal Khurd,  
Tehsil & Distt Ferozepur

....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer (By name) **Registered**  
o/o Block Development and Panchayats Officer,  
Ghal Khurd,  
Tehsil and Distt. Ferozepur

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

Sh. Balwinder Singh, Panchayat Secretary (Registered)  
Sh. Sukhtej Singh, VDO, (Registered)  
Sh. Gurpritam Singh, AE (Registered)  
c/o Block Development and Panchayats Officer,  
Ghal Khurd, Ferozepur.

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3159 of 2020  
(Video Conference Proceedings)

Present:- Sh. Jatinder Singh Aulakh, appellant.  
None on behalf of the appellant.

## ORDER

The RTI application is dated 8.7.2020 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter called FAA) on 18.8.2020 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 20.10.2020 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter called RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 28.1.2021 but due to administrative reasons the case was adjourned for today i.e. 10.3.2021.

2. The appellant states that the respondent-Public Information Officer Sh. Balwinder Singh, Panchayat Secretary is not providing the information related to the panchayat and he is being harassed. He also states that his RTI application was of 8.7.2020. The appellant also states that at the time of RTI application Sh. Balwinder Singh, Panchayat Secretary was posted and now he has again joined in place of Sh. Sukhtej Singh, Panchayat Secretary.

3. Also a response has been received from the respondent-Public Information Officer o/o the Block Development and Panchayats Officer bearing letter dated 28.7.2020 & on 16.2.2021 vide which the directions have been issued to Sh. Sukhtej Singh, VDO-cum-Public Information Officer and Sh. Gurpritam Singh, A.E. Block Ghal Khurd to ensure that the information be supplied to the appellant, which is taken on record.

4. Accordingly, the respondent-Public Information Officer-cum-Panchayat Secretary, Sh. Balwinder Singh and Sh. Sukhtej Singh, VDO-cum-Panchayat Secretary are impleaded as necessary party in this case to provide the information pertaining to Panchayat. The respondent-PIOs are absent without intimation. Video Conference Facility/cisco webex facility was introduced for convenience of general public and for government officials.

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Appeal Case No. 3159 of 2020

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5. Viewing the absence of the respondents and attitude in dealing with the RTI application of the appellant in a casual manner, thus, Block Development and Panchayats Officer (by name)-cum-Public Information Officer, Sh. Balwinder Singh, Panchayat Secretary, and Sh. Sukhtej Singh, VDO-cum-Panchayat Secretary, are 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.25000/- till the complete information is furnished, be not imposed under Section 20(1) of RTI Act, 2005 on them for causing wilful delay/denial of the information to the RTI application and to issue show cause for compensation to the appellant for detriment suffered by him under section 19(8) of the RTI Act, 2005.

In addition to the written reply, the PIOs are 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. They may take a note that in case they do not file their written reply and do not avail themselves of the opportunity of personal hearing on the next date, it will be presumed that they have nothing to say and the Commission will proceed ex-parte.

6. The Public Information Officer-cum-Block Development and Panchayats Officer is directed to file the reply/supply the information pertaining to the Assistant Engineer. Also the present respondent-Public Information Officer Sh. Balwinder Singh, Panchayat Secretary is directed to file the reply/supply the information pertaining to Panchayat before the next date of hearing. The respondents are also directed to remain present on the next date of hearing.

7. To come up on 30.3.2021 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Ferozepur/cisco webex.

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Dated: 10.3.2021

(Suresh Arora)

Chief Information Commissioner,  
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Sh. Ranjit Singh 9417944311

Village Mandiala Kalan, Tehsil Khanna

District Ludhiana

....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer

o/o Gram Panchayat, Mandiala Kalan,

c/o Block Development and Panchayats Officer,

Block Khanna.

District Ludhiana

First Appellate Authority

o/o District Development and Panchayats Officer,

District Ludhiana

....Respondent

Appeal Case No. 2920 of 2020

(Video Conference/Telephone Proceedings)

Present:- Sh. Ranjit Singh, appellant, on phone.

None on behalf of the respondents.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 29.1.2021.

2. The appellant has sent the deficiencies in the information so supplied by the respondents through whatsapp today i.e. 10.3.2021, which are taken on record.

3. Since, none is present on behalf of the respondent-Public Information Officer, therefore, a copy of the deficiencies so pointed out by the appellant is **sent** along with this order with the directions to remove the same before the next date of hearing.

4. To come up on 31.3.2021 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, District Ludhiana/cisco webex.

Dated: 10.3.2021

Sd/

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Sh. Gurdeep Singh, s/o Sh. Kartar Singh,  
Village Narainpura,  
Tehsil Abohar,  
Distt Fazilka.

....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer (**by name**)Registered  
o/o Block Development and Panchayats Officer,  
Block Abohar,  
Distt Fazilka

First Appellate Authority  
o/o District Development and Panchayats Officer  
Fazilka.

Sh. Gurwinder Singh, **Registered**  
Panchayat Secretary-cum-Public Information Officer  
c/o Block Development and Panchayats Officer,  
Block Abohar,  
Fazilka.

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1832 of 2020  
(Video Conference/telephone Proceedings)

Present:- None on behalf of the appellant.  
Sh. Gurwinder Singh, Panchayat Secretary on behalf of the respondents.

## ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 4.1.2021 vide which the case was adjourned for 28.1.2021 but due to administrative reasons the case was further adjourned for today i.e. 10.3.2021.

2. The respondent-Public Information Officer-cum-Panchayat Secretary Sh. Gurwinder Singh states that the complete information has already been supplied to the appellant.

3. The appellant is absent but he has sent the deficiencies in the information so supplied by the respondent-Public Information Officer.

4. Accordingly, the deficiencies so pointed out by the appellant are **sent** along with this order with the directions to the respondent-Public Information Officer-cum-Block Development and Panchayats Officer to look into the matter personally and ensure that the complete information be supplied to the appellant before the next date of hearing failing which the penalty provisions will be invoked.

5. To come up on 26.4.2021 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Fazilka/cisco webex.

Sd/

Dated: 10.3.2021

(Suresh Arora)

Chief Information Commissioner, Punjab.

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Sh. Hardial Singh S/o Sh. Sher Singh,  
VPO Dhablan,  
Tehsil & Distt Patiala.  
M : 9877709415

Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,  
o/o Block Development and Panchayats Officer,  
Patiala

First Appellate Authority  
o/o District Development and Panchayats Officer,  
Patiala

Sh. Davinder Singh-2, Panchayat Secretary-cum- **Registered**  
Public Information Officer  
o/o Block Development and Panchayats Officer,  
Patiala

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3373 of 2020  
(Video Conference Proceedings)

Present:- Sh. Hardial Singh, appellant in person.  
None on behalf of the respondents.

## ORDER

The RTI application is dated 6.7.2020 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter called FAA) on 8.9.2020 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 3.11.2020 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter called RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 4.2.2021 but due to administrative reasons the case was further adjourned for today i.e. 10.3.2021.

2. The appellant states that no information has been provided by the respondents so far. However, a reference has been received from the Block Development and Panchayats Officer office vide which directions have been issued to Sh. Davinder Singh-2, Panchayat Secretary-cum-Public Information Officer, Village Dhablan and Sh. Tarlochan Singh, A.E., Block Patiala to supply the information. But none is present on behalf of the respondents.

3. Accordingly, the respondent-Public Information Officer-cum-Panchayat Secretary Sh. Davinder Singh-2 is impleaded as necessary party in this case as he is the custodian of the panchayat record. He is also directed to file the reply/supply the information to the appellant before the next date of hearing with a copy to the Commission.

4. That the Public Information Officer-cum-Block Development and Panchayats Officer is directed to file the reply/supply the complete information pertaining to the Assistant Engineer before the next date of hearing.

5. To come up on 7.4.2021 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Patiala/cisco webex.

Sd/

Dated: 10.3.2021

(Suresh Arora)

Chief Information Commissioner, Punjab.