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Sh Ajay Kumar, S/o Lt Sh Ram Rakha,  
H No-A-1346, Street No-1, Radha Swami Colony,  
Fazilka.

... Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o DC,  
Fazilka.

**First Appellate Authority,**  
O/o DC,  
Fazilka.

...Respondent

**Appeal Case No. 3560 of 2019**

**PRESENT: None for the Appellant**  
**Sh.Rajesh Kumar, Sr.Assistant O/o DEO(Primary) Fazilka for the Respondent**

**ORDER:** The case was last heard on 22.01.2020. The respondent present pleaded that since the information relates to the District Education Officer, they have already transferred the RTI application to them under section 6(3) vide letter dated 10.06.2019. The respondent from Education department was absent and vide email has sought exemption on the plea that the dealing assistant is on leave due to illness.

Having gone through the file, the Commission observed that there has been an enormous delay of 7 months in sending the reply and directed the PIO-District Education Officer(Primary) Fazilka to appear personally on the next date of hearing and explain the reasons for delay in attending to the RTI application. The appellant was absent and vide email has sought exemption.

**Hearing dated 10.06.2020:**

The case has come up for today through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Fazilka. The respondent present pleaded that the information has been provided to the appellant by hand on 10.01.2020. The appellant is absent nor has pointed out any discrepancies.

Since there has been an enormous delay of 7 months in attending to the RTI application, the PIO-District Education Officer(Primary) was directed to appear personally and explain the reasons for delay in attending to the RTI application. The respondent has filed no reply. The Commission has taken a serious view of this and hereby directs the PIO- District Education Officer(Primary) Fazilka **show cause why penalty be not imposed on him under Section 20 of the RTI Act 2005 for not supplying the information within the statutorily prescribed period of time.** He/she should file an affidavit in this regard. If there are other persons responsible for the delay in providing the information, the PIO is directed to inform such persons of the show cause and direct them to appear before the Commission along with the written replies.

The case is adjourned. To come up for further hearing on **29.07.2020 at 11.00 AM** through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Fazilka.

Sd/-

**Chandigarh**  
**Dated 10.06.2020**

**(Khushwant Singh)**  
**State Information Commissioner**

**CC to PIO-District Education Officer(Primary),**  
**Fazilka.**



Sh. Sanjeev Kumar, S/o Sh Varinder Kumar,  
R/o Dhani Telupura, Tehsil Abohar,  
Distt Fazilka.

.....Appellant

**Vs**

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o SSP,  
Fazilka.

**First Appellate Authority**  
O/o IGP, Ferozpur Range,  
Ferozpur.

....Respondent

**Appeal Case .No. 4646 of 2019**

**PRESENT: Sh.Sanjeev Kumar as the Appellant**  
**Sh.Joginder Kumar RTI Branch, O/o SSP Fazilka for the Respondent**

**ORDER:**

The appellant through RTI application dated 16.10.2019 has sought information regarding notification/advertisement published for recruitment of Sh.Balvir Kumar after retirement of Sh.Mani Ram, total number of candidates applied etc. and other information concerning the office of SSP Fazilka. The appellant was not provided the information after which the appellant filed first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 27.11.2019 which took no decision on the appeal. After filing first appeal, the PIO sent reply vide letter dated 05.12.2019 stating that the information is 3<sup>rd</sup> party and the 3<sup>rd</sup> party Sh.Balvir Kumar has not given its consent to disclose the information.

The case has come up for further today through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Fazilka. The respondent present pleaded that the information is 3<sup>rd</sup> party and the 3<sup>rd</sup> party has not given its consent to disclose its information and the reply has been sent to the appellant on 05.12.2019 and again on 23.03.2020. The appellant pleaded that the information i.e. notification/advertisement, list of candidates, rules/regulations etc. is not the personal information of Sh.Bavir Kumar and the PIO has intentionally denied the information.

Hearing both the parties, the following is concluded:

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| - Point-1     | - | To provide         |
| - Point-2     | - | To provide         |
| - Point-3     | - | To provide         |
| - Point-4     | - | To provide         |
| - Point-5 & 6 | - | Not to be provided |

Having gone through the record, the Commission further observes that the PIO has not applied his mind while taking exemption under section 11(1) and has blanketly denied the entire information even which does not qualify u/s 11(1). Further there has been an enormous delay of more than 7 months in providing the information.

**Appeal Case .No. 4646 of 2019**

To arrive at a conclusion, whether the delay was malafide or intentional, the PIO is hereby directed to **show cause why penalty be not imposed on him under Section 20 of the RTI Act 2005 for not supplying the information within the statutorily prescribed period of time.** He/she should file an affidavit in this regard. If there are other persons responsible for the delay in providing the information, the PIO is directed to inform such persons of the show cause and direct them to appear before the Commission along with the written replies.

The PIO is again directed to provide the information to the appellant within 10 days.

The case is adjourned. To come up for further hearing on **29.07.2020** at **11.00 AM** through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Fazilka.

**Chandigarh**  
**Dated 10.06.2020**

**Sd/-**  
**(Khushwant Singh)**  
**State Information Commissioner**



Sh.Mehar Singh, S/o ShHarbans Singh,  
R/o Aroor Singh Wali, R/o Abohar ,  
Fazilka.

... Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o SSP,  
Fazilka.

**First Appellate Authority,**  
O/o IGP, Ferozepur Range,  
Ferozepur Cantt.

... Respondent

**Appeal Case No. 2087 of 2019**

**PRESENT: Sh.Mehar Singh as the Appellant on W/S**  
**Sh.Joginder Kumar, HC (RTI Branch) O/o SSP Fazilka for the Respondent**

**ORDER:**

The case was first heard on **22.10.2019**. The respondent present pleaded that as per report of Chief Officer, Police Station Sadar Abohar, the investigation is pending and cancellation report has yet to be presented in the Court and hence the information cannot be provided. The reply was sent to the appellant vide letter dated 09.04.2019 and again on 07.10.2019. The respondent also submitted a reply of the PIO dated 09.10.2019 which was taken on the file of the Commission. In the reply, the PIO stated that since the investigation is pending, the information cannot be provided.

The Commission directed the PIO to clarify that whether the investigation of a 20 years old case has been completed or not and if yes, whether a cancellation report has been prepared.

The case was last heard on **08.01.2020**. The respondent present pleaded that since the record was not traceable earlier, the information was not provided. Now the file has been traced out and they will provide the information to the appellant before the next date of hearing.

**Hearing dated 10.06.2020:**

The respondent present pleaded that the information has been sent to the appellant vide letter dated 17.03.2020 and a copy sent to the Commission. The appellant pleaded that the cancellation report is not approved. The respondent informed that they have already submitted the cancellation report in the court on 12.02.2020 which is pending for approval with them.

Having gone through the RTI application and the information provided by the PIO, the Commission finds that the information has been provided to the best possible extent and no further course of action is required.

The case is **disposed off and closed**.

**Chandigarh**  
**Dated 10.06.2020**

Sd/-  
**(Khushwant Singh)**  
**State Information Commissioner**



Sh.Mehar Singh, S/o ShHarbans Singh,  
R/o Aroor Singh Wali, R/o Abohar ,  
Fazilka.

... Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o SSP,  
Fazilka.

**First Appellate Authority,**  
O/o IGP, Ferozepur Range,  
Ferozepur Cantt.

...Respondent

**Appeal Case No. 2086 of 2019**

**PRESENT: Sh.Mehar Singh as the Appellant on W/S**  
**Sh.Joginder Kumar, HC(RTI Branch) O/o SSP for the Respondent**

**ORDER:**

The case was first heard on **22.10.2019**. The respondent present pleaded that as per report of Chief Officer, Police Station Sadar Abohar, the cancellation report has yet to be presented in the Court and hence the information cannot be provided. The reply has been sent to the appellant vide letter dated 25.03.2019 and again on 07.10.2019. The respondent also submitted a reply of the PIO dated 09.10.2019 which was taken on the file of the Commission. In the reply, the PIO stated that the cancellation report is yet to be submitted to the court.

The Commission directed the PIO to clarify that whether the investigation of a 20 years old case has been completed or not and if yes, whether a cancellation report has been prepared.

The case was last heard on **08.01.2020**. The respondent present pleaded that since the record was not traceable earlier, the information was not provided. Now the file has been traced out and they will provide the information to the appellant before the next date of hearing.

**Hearing dated 10.06.2020:**

The respondent present pleaded that the information has been sent to the appellant vide letter dated 17.03.2020 and a copy sent to the Commission. The appellant pleaded that the cancellation report is not approved. The respondent informed that they have already submitted the cancellation report in the court on 05.03.2020 which is pending for approval with them.

Having gone through the RTI application and the information provided by the PIO, the Commission finds that the information has been provided to the best possible extent and no further course of action is required.

The case is **disposed off and closed**.

**Chandigarh**  
**Dated 10.06.2020**

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Sh Swaran Singh,  
Village Mehmood Khane Ke,  
Tehsil Jalalabad (West),  
Distt Fazilka.

... Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o DC,  
Fazilka.

**First Appellate Authority,**  
O/o DC,  
Fazilka.

...Respondent

**Appeal Case No. 2009 of 2019**

**PRESENT: None for the Appellant**  
**Sh.Tara Chand O/o Kanoongo Fazilka for the Respondent**

**ORDER:**

The case was first heard on 21.10.2019. The appellant claimed that the PIO has not provided the information. The respondent was absent. The Commission received a letter dated 18.10.2019 from the PIO Office of DC Fazilka stating that the since the ownership of property was effected by the Tehsildar Jalalabad, the application of the applicant was sent to the SDM Jalalabad for conducting an enquiry into the matter, who, however, vide letter dated 10.06.2019 sent back the application stating that the applicant wants to get the enquiry conducted through the District Revenue Officer. Thereafter, the enquiry was marked to Naib Tehsildar Fazilka vide letter dated 24.07.2019 and the appellant was informed of the same.

The PIO was directed to get the enquiry conducted and provide the information to the appellant within 15 days.

The case was last heard on **08.01.2020**. The respondent present submitted a letter dated 07.01.2020 of the Naib Tehsildar Fazilka vide which the Naib Tehsildar sought adjournment stating that he needs some more time to complete the enquiry. The case was adjourned.

**Hearing dated 10.06.2020:**

The respondent present pleaded that the information has to be provided by the Naib Tehsildar Fazilka. The respondent further informed that since the enquiry is yet to be completed, the information can only be provided after completion of enquiry. The appellant is absent.

The commission has not to play any role in getting the enquiry conducted. However, the Commission recommends that the enquiry be completed at the earliest and once the enquiry is completed, the enquiry report be sent to the appellant within a week. The PIO is further directed to send status of action taken on the RTI application of the appellant.

With the above order, the case is **disposed off and closed**.

Sd/-

**Chandigarh**  
**Dated 10.06.2020**

**(Khushwant Singh)**  
**State Information Commissioner**

**CC to :Naib Tehsildar, Fazilka**



Sh. Vipandeeep Verma, S/o Sh Krishan Lal,  
VPO Koharian Wali, Tehsil & Distt Fazilka.

... Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o District & Session Judge,  
Fazilka.

**First Appellate Authority,**  
O/o District & Session Judge,  
Fazilka.

...Respondent

**Appeal Case No. 3458 of 2019**

**PRESENT: Sh.Vipandeeep Verma Appellant**  
**None for the Respondent**

**ORDER:**

The appellant through RTI application dated 18.06.2019 has sought information regarding total number of candidates applied for the post of peon in response to advertisement published by District and Session Judge Fazilka – SC/ST/OBC category merit list and other information concerning the office of District and Session Judge, Fazilka. The appellant was not provided the information after which the appellant filed first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 26.07.2019.

The case was last heard on 07.01.2020. Both the parties were absent. In the appeal, the appellant had informed that the PIO has denied the information citing section 8(1) of the RTI Act. However, it is not on record.

Having gone through the RTI application, the Commission was of the considered view that this information cannot be held back or denied as the disclosure does not violate any of the provisions of Section 8 which highlights the exemption from disclosure of information. The information was ordered to be provided on all the points.

**Hearing dated 10.06.2020:**

The case has come up for hearing through video conference at DAC Fazilka. The appellant stated that the PIO has not provided the complete information. The respondent is absent and has sent his reply dated 21.12.2019 received in the Commission on 09.01.2020 which is taken on the file of the Commission.

The case is adjourned. The PIO is directed to ensure his presence on the next date of hearing.

To come up for further hearing on **29.07.2020** at **11.00 AM** through video conference facility available in the office of **Deputy Commissioner, Fazilka.**

**Chandigarh**  
**Dated 10.06.2020**

**Sd/-**  
**(Khushwant Singh)**  
**State Information Commissioner**



Sh Rakesh Jindal,  
# 11, Staff Colony, Govt Polytechnic,  
Delhi by Pass, Near GJUS&T,  
Hisar.

... Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o EO, MC,  
Fazilka.

**First Appellate Authority,**  
O/o Deputy Director,  
Local Bodies, Ferozepur.

...Respondent

**Appeal Case No. 3379 of 2019**

**PRESENT: None for the Appellant**  
**None for the Respondent**

**ORDER:**

The appellant through RTI application dated 28.06.2019 has sought information regarding disconnection of water connection a/c No.H-6/26, sewerage connection a/c No.1-29/408 of property No.1136/7-New (E-2370 Old) situated in Janglian Street, FAzilka and other information concerning the office of EO-MC Fazilka. The appellant was not provided the information after which the appellant filed first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 03.08.2019.

The case was last heard on 07.01.2020. Both the parties were absent. The case is adjourned.

**Hearing dated 10.06.2020:**

The case has come up for hearing today through video conference facility available in the office of **Deputy Commissioner, Fazilka**. Both the parties are absent.

Having gone through the file, the Commission observes that the EO-MC Fazilka is absent on 2<sup>nd</sup> consecutive hearing. The PIO has shown utter disregard by not appearing before the Commission despite notice of the Commission and not providing the information. The Commission has taken a serious view of this and hereby directs the PIO-EO, MC Fazilka to **show cause why penalty be not imposed on him under Section 20 of the RTI Act 2005 for not supplying the information within the statutorily prescribed period of time**. He/she should file an affidavit in this regard. If there are other persons responsible for the delay in providing the information, the PIO is directed to inform such persons of the show cause and direct them to appear before the Commission along with the written replies.

The case is adjourned. To come up for further hearing on **29.07.2020 at 11.00 AM** through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Fazilka.

Chandigarh  
Dated 10.06.2020

Sd/-  
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Sh Prem Singh, S/o Sh Jaspal Singh,  
VPO Amar Pura, Tehsil Abohar,  
Distt Fazilka.

... Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o SDM-cum-RO,  
Abohar, Distt Fazilka.

**First Appellate Authority,**  
O/o SDM-cum-RO,  
Abohar, Distt Fazilka.

...Respondent

**Appeal Case No. 1641 of 2019**

**PRESENT: Sh.Prem Singh as the Appellant**  
**Sh.Rakesh Kumar, O/o DDPO, Ms.Gurpreet Kaur O/o ADC(D) and Ms.Shruti**  
**O/o State Election Commission, for the Respondent**

**ORDER:**

The case was last heard on 14.11.2019. The respondent present pleaded that since the information relates to returning officer of concerned block, the RTI application was transferred to Sh.Lal Chand, Manager Punjab Agro Abohar-cum-Returning Officer, village Amarpura. The concerned returning officer sent his reply vide letter dated 25.02.2019 stating that since the voters record being personal information of the voter, is kept secret, the information cannot be provided. The reply was sent to the appellant vide letter dated 26.02.2019 and again on 16.09.2019. The appellant was absent. The case was adjourned.

On the next date of hearing on **13.01.2020**, the respondent pleaded that the voter record being personal information of the voter, the information cannot be provided. The respondent further informed that the record can only be opened with the permission of the Court or State Election Commission, Punjab.

The appellant contended that he has not sought information of the voters list and ballot paper but merely asking the marked copy of the voters list and ballot papers which are no way infringements on the privacy of any individual. The PIO-State Election Commission, Punjab was implicated in the case and directed to send a suitable reply on the matter.

**Hearing dated 10.06.2020:**

The respondent present from the office of Election Commission pleaded that they have already sent a copy of rule 39(2) to the concerned DC-cum-District Election Officer and ADC vide letter dated 05.02.2020 with the direction to provide the information to the appellant as per rules. A copy of the same is submitted to the Commission.

Having gone through the file, the Commission observes that there is nothing on record which establishes that the disclosure of information has a larger public interest. The appellant is directed to establish that a larger public interest is involved in revelation of the information.

**Appeal Case No. 1641 of 2019**

The PIO-Election Commission is also directed to submit appropriate reply to establish that the document asked for by the appellant in his RTI application is personal or confidential information.

The case is adjourned. To come up for further hearing on **29.07.2020** at **11.00 AM** through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, **Fazilka**. Election Commission to appear at Chandigarh.

**Chandigarh**  
**Dated:10.06.2020**

Sd/-  
**(Khushwant Singh)**  
**State Information Commissioner**

**CC to : PIO-State Election Commission,Punjab**  
**SCO-49,Sector 17-E, Chandigarh.**

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Sh Prem Singh, S/o Sh Jaspal sikh,  
VPO Amar Pura, Tehsil Abohar,  
Distt Fazika.

... Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o SDM, Abohar,  
Distt Fazilka.

**First Appellate Authority,**  
O/o SDM, Abohar,  
Fazilka.

...Respondent

**Appeal Case No. 1167 of 2019**

**PRESENT: Sh.Prem Singh as the Appellant**  
**Sh.Rakesh Kumar, O/o DDPO, Ms.Gurpreet Kaur O/o ADC(D) and Ms.Shruti**  
**O/o State Election Commission, for the Respondent**

**ORDER:**

The case was last heard on 31.07.2019. The respondent submitted a letter signed by the PIO-cum-SDM-Abohar dated 26.07.2019 stating that since the record regarding nomination form was taken from the returning officer of the concerned block, after taking necessary action, the record files had been deposited in sealed cover with the ADC(Development), Fazilka. The respondent further pleaded that since the information relates to the District Development and Panchayat Officer-cum-Returning Officer, Abohar, the RTI application had been transferred to them vide letter dated 16.01.2019 and the reply was sent to the appellant.

The appellant was absent and vide email sought adjournment. The PIO-DDPO-cum-Returning Officer, Abohar was impleaded in the case and directed to provide the information to the appellant.

The case was again heard on 19.12.2019. Both the parties were absent. The case was adjourned.

The case was last heard on **13.01.2020**. The respondent present pleaded that since as per order of the Deputy Commissioner, the record stands sealed and it can only be opened with the order of the Court or the State Election Commission, Punjab. The PIO-State Election Commission, Punjab is impleaded and directed to take note of the Deputy Commissioner, Fazilka and file a suitable reply to the Commission. A Copy of reply/note of DC, Fazilka was enclosed with the order for State Election Commission.

**Hearing dated 10.6.2020:**

The respondent present from the office of Election Commission pleaded that they have already sent a copy of rule 39(2) to the concerned DC-cum-District Election Officer and ADC vide letter dated 05.02.2020 with the direction to provide the information to the appellant as per rules. A copy of the same is submitted to the Commission.

**Appeal Case No. 1167 of 2019**

The respondent present from the office of DDPO pleaded that the record has been deposited with BDPO office Fazilka. The appellant claims that he filed RTI application on 29.12.2018 and the last date of nomination was 31.12.2018. He claims that when the information was sought, the documents were in the custody of SDM-Abohar who was responsible for conducting the election.

Even though it is a case where at present the information is not held by the public authority, however, when the appellant had filed the application, the information was held by SDM-Abohar. I hereby direct that this information be provided by following due procedure. The information be provided within 15 days. The PIO-SDM Abohar is directed to procure it even it is in the custody of the BDPO and provide to the appellant.

To come up for further hearing on **29.07.2020** at **11.00 AM** through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, **Fazilka. PIO-State** Election Commission to appear at Chandigarh.

**Chandigarh**  
**Dated:10.06.2020**

**Sd/-**  
**(Khushwant Singh)**  
**State Information Commissioner**

**CC to :1. PIO-State Election Commission,Punjab**  
**SCO-49,Sector 17-E, Chandigarh.**

**2. ADC(Development) Fazilka**



Sh Mukhtiar Singh, S/o Sh Hukam Singh,  
R/o Basti Kamer Wala, Tehsil Jalalabad,  
Distt Fazilka.

... Complainant

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o ADC, (D),  
Fazilka.

...Respondent

**Complaint Case No. 523 of 2019**

**PRESENT: Sh.Mukhtiar Singh as the Complainant**  
**Ms.Gurpeet Kaur for the Respondent**

**ORDER:**

The case was first heard on 21.10.2019. The complainant was absent and vide email sought exemption. The respondent was also absent. Having gone through the record, the Commission observed that despite deposit of requisite fee by the complainant, the PIO did not provide the information. The PIO was issued a **show cause notice under Section 20 of the RTI Act 2005 and directed to** file reply on an affidavit. The PIO was again directed to provide the information within 10 days and send a compliance report to the Commission.

The case was last heard on **08.01.2020**. The complainant claimed that the PIO has not provided the information. The respondent was absent on 2<sup>nd</sup> consecutive hearing nor has sent any reply to the show cause notice. The PIO was given one last opportunity to provide the information to the complainant and appear before the Commission on the next date of hearing alongwith written reply to the show cause notice on an affidavit.

**Hearing dated 10.06.2020:**

The respondent present from the office of ADC(D) pleaded that since the information relates to BDPO Jalalabad, the RTI application was transferred to them. The respondent further informed that the some of the information has been provided to the complainant by the concerned panchayat secretary.

The PIO-BDPO is absent nor has sent any reply to the show cause notice. The PIO-BDPO-Jalalabad is given one last opportunity to appear before the Commission on the next date of hearing alongwith the reply to the show cause notice on an affidavit otherwise the Commission will be constrained to take action under section 20 of the RTI Act.

The PIO-ADC(D) is directed to clarify-

- Who was the PIO-BDPO when the RTI application was filed;
- Who was the PIO-BDPO when the show cause notice was issued

The case is adjourned. To come up for further hearing on **29.07.2020** at **11.00 AM** through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Fazilka.

**Chandigarh**  
**Dated 10.06.2020**

Sd/-  
**(Khushwant Singh)**  
**State Information Commissioner**

**CC to PIO-Block Development and Panchayat Officer**  
**(BDPO), Jalalabad(Pb)**

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R/o Street NO-10-11, Choti Pauri, Abohar,  
Tehsil Fazilka.

... Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o EO, MC,  
Abohar.

**First Appellate Authority,**  
O/o Joint Deputy Director, Local Govt,  
Ferozepur.

...Respondent

**Appeal Case No. 1014 of 2019**

**PRESENT: Sh.Goldy Kumar as the appellant**  
**Sh.Raj Kumar for the Respondent**

**ORDER:**

This case should be considered in continuation to the earlier order.

**Facts of the case:**

That the appellant through RTI application dated 20.11.2018 has sought information regarding action taken report on the application dated 07.11.2017 as per RTI application and other information concerning the office of EO, MC Abohar. The appellant was not provided the information after which the appellant filed a first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 22.12.2018, which disposed off the appeal with the directions to the PIO to provide the information.

That the case was first heard on **25.06.2019**, A representative appeared on behalf of the appellant did not know about the information and was without authority letter. The RTI application was also not legible. The appellant was directed to provide legible copy of the RTI application.

The respondent was also absent. The PIO was directed to look at the RTI application and provide the information to the appellant as per the RTI Act.

That on the next date of hearing on **16.10.2019**, the PIO was again absent. The Commission received an email from the PIO whereby the PIO denied the information stating that the information sought is in question form.

That on 10.12.2019, the appellant claimed that the PIO has not provided the information. The PIO was absent on 3<sup>rd</sup> consecutive hearing nor had complied with the order of the Commission. The PIO was issued a **show cause notice under section 20 of the RTI Act 2005 and directed to file reply on an affidavit**. The PIO was again directed to provide the information within 10 days.

On the date of last hearing which was held on 24.02.2020, the PIO was again absent nor has sent any reply to the show cause notice.

To secure the erring PIO's presence before the commission, a bailable Warrant of the PIO-cum-Estate Officer, Municipal Council, Abohar was issued through Senior Superintendent of Police, Fazilka for his presence before the Commission on 25.03.2020. Due to lockdown in the state of Punjab, the case was postponed to 10.06.2020.

**Appeal Case No. 1014 of 2019**

The case has come up for hearing today through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Fazilka. Sh.Raj Kumar O/o MC Abohar is present and informed that the information has been provided to the appellant.

The PIO-cum-EO, MC Abohar is absent. The respondent present informed that Sh.Gurdas Singh was the EO-MC Abohar who has been transferred and now posted as EO-Budhlada, District Mansa.

To secure the erring PIO's presence before the commission, aailable Warrant of the Sh.Gurdas Singh, EO-MC Budhlada, Distt.Mansa is issued through Senior Superintendent of Police, Mansa for his presence before the Commission on **29.07.2020**.

To come up for further hearing on **29.07.2020 at 11.00 AM through video** conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Fazilka. The Copies of order be sent to both the parties through registered post. **Sh.Gurdas Singh-EO-MC Budhlada to appear at Chandigarh.**

**Chandigarh  
Dated 10.06.2020**

**Sd/-  
(Khushwant Singh)  
State Information Commissioner**

**CC to The Commissioner, Municipal Corporation,  
Abohar.**

**BAILABLE WARRANT OF PRODUCTION  
BEFORE  
SHRI KHUSHWANT SINGH  
STATE INFORMATION COMMISSIONER, PUNJAB  
AT CHANDIGARH**

In case:Goldi Kumar V/s Public Information Officer, Estate Officer, MC  
Abohar

APPEAL CASE NO.1014 of 2019

**UNDER SECTION 18 OF THE RIGHT TO INFORMATION ACT, 2005**

Next Date of Hearing :29.07.2020

To

**The Senior Superintendent of Police,  
Mansa.**

Whereas the Sh.Gurdas Singh, Estate Officer, Budhlada, District Mansa (Earlier PIO-cum-EO, MC Abohar), has failed to appear before the State Information Commissioner, Punjab despite the issuance of notice/summon in the above mentioned appeal case. Therefore, you are hereby directed to serve this bailable warrant to Sh.Gurdas Singh, Estate Officer, Budhlada, District Mansa to appear before the undersigned at Red Cross Building, Near Rose Garden, Sector 16, Chandigarh on 29.07.2020 **at 11.00 AM.**

**Chandigarh  
Dated: 10.06.2020**

**Sd/-  
(Khushwant Singh)  
State Information Commissioner**