

Shri Veeru Singh,
S/o Shri Dolla Singh,
Village Ladhuka,
Tehsil & Distt. Fazilka.

..... Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o Rural Development & Panchayat Department,
Sector 62, Mohali.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Rural Development & Panchayat Department,
Sector 62, Mohali.

.....Respondent

Appeal Case No. 4897 of 2021

Present:- (i) **Shri Veeru Singh, appellant comes present through CISCO Webex.**
(ii) **None present on behalf of the respondent.**

ORDER

The present appeal was earlier allocated to the Bench of Ld. State Information Commissioner, Shri Avtar Singh Kaler in which Notice of hearing was issued for 11.01.2022. However since the Ld. State Information Commissioner, Shri Avtar Singh Kaler has demitted his office on the completion of his tenure, the case has been re-allocated to the Bench of the undersigned vide Office Order dated 03.01.2022.

1. The RTI application is dated 05.12.2020 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 16.01.2021 and the Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on 26.10.2021 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 11.01.2022 through CISCO Webex. Shri Veeru Singh, appellant comes present to attend the hearing through CISCO Webex and states that the requisite information has not been provided to him by the PIO.
3. Neither the PIO, O/o Rural Dev. & Panchayat Department, Mohali has come present to attend the hearing nor he has deputed any of his representative to attend the hearing. The Bench views the absence of the PIO adversely.

4. The PIO, O/o Rural Dev. & Panchayat Department, Mohali is issued Show Cause Notice to explain his absence and as to why action should not be taken against him also as to why penalty should not be imposed in the instant case for failing to appear for the hearing.

5. In addition to the written reply, the PIO is hereby given an opportunity u/s 20(1) proviso thereto for personal hearing before the imposition of such a penalty, on the next date of hearing. He may take note that in case he does not file the 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 shall proceed to take further proceedings against him ex-parte.

6. The PIO is further directed to provide the requisite information to the appellant before the next date of hearing.

7. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 28.03.2022 at 11:30 am through CISCO Webex.** Copies of the Order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh
11.01.2022
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**Sd/-
((Lt Gen Ajae Kumar Sharma,(Retd))
State Information Commissioner, Punjab**

Public Information Officer,O/o Rural Development & Panchayat Department, Punjab,
Sector 62, Mohali.



Shri Narinder Singh, S/o Shri Malkiat Singh,
R/o Chotta Buda Theh,
(Adarsh Nagar Beas),
Tehsil Baba Bakala Sahib,
Distt. Amritsar.

..... Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o BDPO, Block Raiya,
Tehsil Baba Bakala Sahib,
Distt. Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o DDPO,
Amritsar.

.....Respondent

Appeal Case No. 4890 of 2021

Present:- (i) Shri Narinder Singh, appellant is absent.
(ii) Shri Raj Kumar, Panchayat Secretary comes present through CISCO Webex.

ORDER

The present appeal was earlier allocated to the Bench of Ld. State Information Commissioner, Shri Avtar Singh Kaler in which Notice of hearing was issued for 11.01.2022. However since the Ld. State Information Commissioner, Shri Avtar Singh Kaler has demitted his office on the completion of his tenure, the case has been re-allocated to the Bench of the undersigned vide Office Order dated 03.01.2022.

1. The RTI application is dated 18.06.2021 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 22.07.2021 and the Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on 26.10.2021 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 11.01.2022 through CISCO Webex. Shri Narinder Singh, appellant has not come present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench or through CISCO Webex.

3. Shri Raj Kumar, Panchayat Secretary has come present to attend the hearing through CISCO Webex and states that he has joined as Panchayat Secretary in the concerned Gram Panchayat on 30.12.2021 and he further assured the Commission that the complete requisite information will be provided to the appellant before the next date of hearing.

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4. So, the PIO, O/o BDPO, Block Raiya is directed to provide the complete requisite information to the appellant before the next date of hearing.

5. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 28.03.2022 at 11:30 am through CISCO Webex.** Copies of the Order be sent to the concerned parties.

Chandigarh
11.01.2022

Sd/-
((Lt Gen Ajae Kumar Sharma,(Retd))
State Information Commissioner, Punjab



Shri Sukhjinder Singh, S/o Shri Major Singh,
Village Poohla, Tehsil Nathana,
Distt. Bathinda.

..... Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o Village Development Officer,
Gram Panchayat, Poohla,
Block Nathana, Distt. Bathinda.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Nagar Panchayat,
Block Nathana, Bathinda.

.....Respondent

Appeal Case No. 2407 of 2021

Present:- (i) Shri Sukhjinder Singh, appellant comes present through CISCO Webex.
(ii) Shri Nazam Singh, PIO-cum-VDO, Gram Panchayat, Poohla, Block Nathana comes present through CISCO Webex.

ORDER

The present appeal was earlier allocated to the Bench of Ld. State Information Commissioner, Shri Avtar Singh Kaler. However since the Ld. State Information Commissioner, Shri Avtar Singh Kaler has demitted his office on the completion of his tenure, the case has been re-allocated to the Bench of the undersigned vide Office Order dated 03.01.2022.

1. This Order may be read with reference to the Order dated 07.12.2021 passed by the Bench of Ld. State Information Commissioner, Shri Avtar Singh Kaler on the previous hearing.

2. Shri Sukhjinder Singh, appellant comes present through CISCO Webex to attend the hearing and states that he has received the information comprising of 1194 pages sent by the PIO, but the information sent by the PIO is irrelevant. He further states that he has received the amount of compensation of Rs.4,000/- sent by the PIO.

3. Shri Nazam Singh, PIO-cum-VDO, Gram Panchayat, Poohla, Block Nathana comes present through CISCO Webex and states that the information comprising of approximately 1200 pages along with the demand draft amounting to Rs.4,000/- as compensation has been sent to the appellant through registered post on 07.12.2021.

4. But as the appellant states that irrelevant information has been sent by the PIO, so the PIO is directed to call the appellant to his office and allow him access to the relevant official record. The appellant, after inspection, will identify the information required by him and the PIO will provide the same to the appellant before the next date of hearing.

5. After supplying the information, the PIO is directed to file an affidavit on non judicial stamp paper duly signed by the PIO and attested by the Notary Public to the effect that the appellant has been allowed inspection of records and the information as available in the official records and as identified by the appellant in AC No.2407of 2021, has been supplied to the appellant. It be further stated that nothing has been concealed therein and the statement made is true and correct. The original affidavit be sent to the appellant and photocopy of the same be sent to the Commission for record.

6. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 28.03.2022 at 11:30 am through CISCO Webex.** Copies of the Order be sent to the concerned parties.

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11.01.2022

Sd/-
((Lt Gen Ajae Kumar Sharma,(Retd))
State Information Commissioner, Punjab



Shri Jang Bahadur, S/o Shri Jai Chand,
R/o Mandi Aminganj, Rorhan wali,
Tehsil & Distt. Fazilka.

.....Appellant.

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panchayat,
Mandi Amin Ganj, Distt. Fazilka.

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

.....Respondent

Appeal Case No. 3928 of 2020

Present:- (i) Shri Jang Bahadur, appellant comes present through CISCO Webex.
(ii) None present on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

The present appeal was earlier allocated to the Bench of Ld. State Information Commissioner, Shri Avtar Singh Kaler. However since the Ld. State Information Commissioner, Shri Avtar Singh Kaler has demitted his office on the completion of his tenure, the case has been re-allocated to the Bench of the undersigned vide Office Order dated 03.01.2022.

1. This Order may be read with reference to the Order dated 07.12.2021 passed by the Bench of Ld. State Information Commissioner, Shri Avtar Singh Kaler on the previous hearing.
2. Shri Jang Bahadur, appellant comes present through CISCO Webex to attend the hearing and states that the PIO has not provided him the requisite information till date nor he has paid him the amount of compensation of Rs.5,000/-.
3. Mr. Chander Bhan, PIO-cum-Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panchayat, Mandi Amin Ganj has not come present to attend the hearing nor he has deputed any of his representative to attend the hearing. The PIO has neither sent any reply to the Show Cause Notice as was directed vide Order dated 07.12.2021.
4. So, Mr. Chander Bhan, PIO-cum-Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panchayat, Mandi Amin Ganj is directed to file written reply to the Show Cause Notice. In addition to the written reply, the PIO is hereby given an opportunity u/s 20(1) proviso thereto for personal hearing before the imposition of such

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a penalty, on the next date of hearing. He may take note that in case he does not file the 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 shall proceed to take further proceedings against him ex-parte.

5. The PIO is further directed to provide the attested copies of complete requisite information to the appellant before the next date of hearing.

6. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 28.03.2022 at 11:30 am through CISCO Webex.** Copies of the Order be sent to the concerned parties.

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Sd/-
((Lt Gen Ajae Kumar Sharma,(Retd))
State Information Commissioner, Punjab

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Shri Varinder Singh, S/o Shri Darshan Singh,
VPO Rajewal, Tehsil Khanna,
Distt. Ludhaiana.

..... Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer,
Block Khanna
Distt. Ludhiana.

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

.....Respondent

Appeal Case No. 1521 of 2021

Present:- (i) **Shri Varinder Singh, appellant comes present through CISCO Webex.**
(ii) **Shri Narinder Singh, Panchayat Secretary comes present through CISCO Webex.**

ORDER

The present appeal was earlier allocated to the Bench of Ld. State Information Commissioner, Shri Avtar Singh Kaler. However since the Ld. State Information Commissioner, Shri Avtar Singh Kaler has demitted his office on the completion of his tenure, the case has been re-allocated to the Bench of the undersigned vide Office Order dated 03.01.2022.

1. This Order may be read with reference to the Order dated 07.12.2021 passed by the Bench of Ld. State Information Commissioner, Shri Avtar Singh Kaler on the previous hearing.
2. Shri Varinder Singh, appellant comes present through CISCO Webex to attend the hearing and states that incomplete information has been provided to him by the PIO and he has already pointed out the deficiencies to the PIO. He further states that the amount of compensation of Rs.5,000/- has yet not been provided to him by the PIO.
3. Shri Narinder Singh, Panchayat Secretary comes present through CISCO Webex and states that the information comprising of 44 pages has already been provided to the appellant by the previous Panchayat Secretary. He further states that the amount of compensation of Rs.5,000/- has yet not been paid to the appellant, but it would be paid very shortly.
4. But as the appellant states that incomplete information has been provided to him by the PIO and he has already pointed out the deficiencies, so the PIO is directed to provide the attested copies

of complete information along with the demand draft of Rs.5,000/- as compensation to the appellant before the next date of hearing.

5. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 28.03.2022 at 11:30 am through CISCO Webex.** Copies of the Order be sent to the concerned parties.

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Sd/-
((Lt Gen Ajae Kumar Sharma,(Retd))
State Information Commissioner, Punjab



Shri Jaswant Singh, S/o Shri Bagga Singh,
R/o Village Hazara Singh Wala,
P.O. Mamdot,
Tehsil & Distt.Ferozepur.

Vs

..... Appellant

(Regd.) Public Information Officer,
O/o Panchayat Secretary,
Gram Panchayat, Hazara Singh Wala,
Block Mamdot, Distt. Ferozepur.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Distt. Dev. & Panchayat Officer,
Ferozepur.

.....Respondent

Appeal Case No. 1827 of 2021

Present:- (i) Shri Jaswant Singh, appellant is absent.
(ii) Shri Pargat Singh, PIO-cum-Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panchayat, Hazara Singh Wala, Block Mamdot comes present through CISCO Webex.

ORDER

The present appeal was earlier allocated to the Bench of Ld. State Information Commissioner, Shri Avtar Singh Kaler. However since the Ld. State Information Commissioner, Shri Avtar Singh Kaler has demitted his office on the completion of his tenure, the case has been re-allocated to the Bench of the undersigned vide Office Order dated 03.01.2022.

1. This Order may be read with reference to the Order dated 06.12.2021 passed by the Bench of Ld. State Information Commissioner, Shri Avtar Singh Kaler on the previous hearing.
2. Shri Jaswant Singh, appellant has not come present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench or through CISCO Webex. Moreover the attempts to contact him on his mobile phone also failed.
3. Shri Pargat Singh, PIO-cum-Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panchayat, Hazara Singh Wala comes present through CISCO Webex and states that the appellant was contacted on phone to collect the information, but he has refused to collect the same, so the point-wise information/reply along with the demand draft no. 000142 dated 17.12.2021 amounting to Rs.4,000/- as compensation has been sent to the appellant through registered post on 17.12.2021.

4. As the appellant is absent today, so an opportunity is given to the appellant that in case he is not satisfied with the information sent by the PIO, then he should point out the deficiencies to the PIO and PIO is further directed to furnish the information to the appellant regarding the deficiencies before the next date of hearing. In case the appellant does not point out any deficiencies, then the case would be decided on the next date of hearing on the basis of documents available in the file.

5. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 28.03.2022 at 11:30 am through CISCO Webex.** Copies of the Order be sent to the concerned parties.

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Sd/-
((Lt Gen Ajae Kumar Sharma,(Retd))
State Information Commissioner, Punjab



Shri Jagmohan Singh Sidhu,
B-36/365, Lane No.4,
Vikas Nagar, Pakhowal Road,
Ludhiana.

--Appellant.

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Block Dev. & Panchayat Officer,
Ludhiana-1.

First Appellate Authority:

O/o Block Dev. & Panchayat Officer,
Ludhiana-1.

..Respondent

Appeal Case No. 4708 of 2021

Present:- (i) Shri Jagmohan Singh Sidhu, appellant is absent.
(ii) Shri Sarabjit Singh, Suptd. comes present through CISCO Webex.

ORDER

The present appeal was earlier allocated to the Bench of Ld. State Information Commissioner, Shri Avtar Singh Kaler. However since the Ld. State Information Commissioner, Shri Avtar Singh Kaler has demitted his office on the completion of his tenure, the case has been re-allocated to the Bench of the undersigned vide Office Order dated 03.01.2022.

1. This Order may be read with reference to the Order dated 06.12.2021 passed by the Bench of Ld. State Information Commissioner, Shri Avtar Singh Kaler on the previous hearing.

2. Shri Jagmohan Singh Sidhu, appellant has not come present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench or through CISCO Webex.

3. Shri Sarabjit Singh, Suptd., O/o BDPO, Ludhiana-1 comes present through CISCO Webex and states that the information sought by the appellant relates with the Gram Panchayat, Dhandran and the concerned Panchayat Secretary has reported that he has sent the requisite information to the appellant through registered post today itself.

4. As the appellant is absent today, so he is advised that after the receipt of information he should go through the information and point out deficiencies, if any, to the PIO. The PIO is directed to supply the information after removal of deficiencies, to the appellant before the next date of hearing.

5. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 28.03.2022 at 11:30 am through CISCO Webex.** Copies of the Order be sent to the concerned parties.

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Sd/-
((Lt Gen Ajae Kumar Sharma,(Retd))
State Information Commissioner, Punjab



Shri Ramesh Kumar,
S/o Shri Sukhdev Singh,
Village Bhulan, Tehsil Moonak,
Distt. Sangrur.

--Appellant.

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Distt. Dev. & Panchayat Officer,
Sangrur.

First Appellate Authority:

O/o ADC (Development),
Sangrur.

..Respondent

Appeal Case No. 4699 of 2021

Present:- (i) Shri Ramesh Kumar, appellant comes present through CISCO Webex.
(ii) Shri Uttamjit Singh, Panchayat Secretary (RTI Dealing hand), O/o BDPO, Anndana at Moonak comes present through CISCO Webex.

ORDER

The present appeal was earlier allocated to the Bench of Ld. State Information Commissioner, Shri Avtar Singh Kaler. However since the Ld. State Information Commissioner, Shri Avtar Singh Kaler has demitted his office on the completion of his tenure, the case has been re-allocated to the Bench of the undersigned vide Office Order dated 03.01.2022.

1. This Order may be read with reference to the Order dated 06.12.2021 passed by the Bench of Ld. State Information Commissioner, Shri Avtar Singh Kaler on the previous hearing.
2. Shri Ramesh Kumar, appellant comes present through CISCO Webex and states that no information has been provided to him by the PIO till date.
3. Shri Uttamjit Singh, Panchayat Secretary (RTI Dealing hand), O/o BDPO, Anndana at Moonak comes present through CISCO Webex and states that the requisite information has already been received by Shri Balram on behalf of the appellant on 01.12.2021.
4. The appellant stated that he has not given authority to anyone to collect the information on his behalf and moreover he has filed RTI application before the PIO, O/o DDPO, Sangrur, not before the PIO, O/o BDPO, Anndana at Moonak.

5. So, the PIO, O/o DDPO, Sangrur is directed to provide the attested copies of the requisite information to the appellant before the next date of hearing.

6. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 28.03.2022 at 11:30 am through CISCO Webex.** Copies of the Order be sent to the concerned parties.

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Sd/-
**((Lt Gen Ajae Kumar Sharma,(Retd))
State Information Commissioner, Punjab**



Smt. Kamaljit Kaur,
Sarpanch Gram Panchayat, Mullapur Khurd,
Distt, Fatehgarh Sahib.

..... Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer,
Sirhind, Distt. Fatehgarh Sahib.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o District Development and Panchayat Officer,
Sri Fatehgarh Sahib.

.....Respondent

Appeal Case No. 3952 of 2020

Present:- (i) Smt. Kamaljit Kaur, appellant comes present in person.
(ii) Shri Iqbal Singh, PIO-cum-Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panchayat, Mullanpur Khurd comes present through CISCO Webex.

ORDER

The present appeal was earlier allocated to the Bench of Ld. State Information Commissioner, Shri Avtar Singh Kaler. However since the Ld. State Information Commissioner, Shri Avtar Singh Kaler has demitted his office on the completion of his tenure, the case has been re-allocated to the Bench of the undersigned vide Office Order dated 03.01.2022.

1. This Order may be read with reference to the Order dated 07.12.2021 passed by the Bench of Ld. State Information Commissioner, Shri Avtar Singh Kaler on the previous hearing.
2. Smt. Kamaljit Kaur, appellant comes present in person to attend the hearing and states that neither information nor the amount of compensation of Rs.4,000/- has been provided to her by the PIO till date.
3. Shri Iqbal Singh, PIO-cum-Panchayat Secretary comes present through CISCO Webex and states that the requisite information cannot be provided to the appellant as the related record is in the custody of Vigilance Department in connection with an enquiry.
4. The appellant states that she is the Sarpanch of the concerned village, but the record of the Gram Panchayat has not been handed over to her till date. She further requests to do the needful.

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5. Under these circumstances, both the parties are directed to come present personally before the Commission on the next date of hearing. The PIO is directed to come present along with the related record and the demand draft of compensation of Rs.4,000/- as compensation in favour of the appellant and also with a written reply to the Show Cause Notice.

6. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 04.04.2022 at 11:30 am in the Commission at Chandigarh.** Copies of the Order be sent to the concerned parties.

Chandigarh
11.01.2022

Sd/-
((Lt Gen Ajae Kumar Sharma,(Retd))
State Information Commissioner, Punjab