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

.....Appellant

..Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o Vigilance Bureau, Near District Chowk,
Amritsar

First Appellate Authority
O/o Director, Vigilance Bureau,
Vigilance Bhawan, Sector-68, SAS Nagar

Registered post: **Public Information Officer,**
O/o DGP-cum-AIG (Personnel), Punjab
Sector-9, Chandigarh

.....Respondent

AC No. 1060 of 2020
Through CISCO-Webex

Present: (i) Sh. Rajwinder Singh the appellant
(ii) For the respondent : Sh. Parshotam Lal, ASI, o/o AIG (Personnel) and Sh. Ram Parsad , Sh. Angrej Singh, o/o Crime (in the Commission office)

ORDER

This order may be read with the earlier order dated 18.11.2020. This case was first heard on 06.07.2020 when it was ascertained that information pertaining to point No. 3 & 7 related to PIO, o/o DGP Pb. Therefore, PIO o/o DGP was impeded as Respondent No. 2 and the case was fixed for 11.02.2020. The appellant stated that incomplete information has been provided to him whereas PIO for respondent No. 1 stated that complete information has been provided. However, PIO, o/o DGP Punjab was absent on that date. A show cause notice was issued to him. The case was adjourned to 18.11.2020. PIO, o/o DGP Punjab did not come present on that day also. Therefore, keeping in view the avoidable inconvenience and hardship caused to the Appellant, a compensation of Rs. 5000/- was awarded to be paid to the appellant under Section 19 (8) (b) of RTI Act 2005 by the o/o DGP, and the case was fixed for hearing on 17.12.2020. Vide his memo No. 3919-21 dated 28.09.2020, PIO o/o DGP Vigilance Bureau, Amritsar transferred the RTI application to the PIO, o/o DGP Punjab with a copy to the Commission.

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2. During the course of hearing today, it was observed that an ambiguity has arisen as to which PIO was to supply the information and has delayed the delivery of the same to the appellant in time which has resulted in harassment and mental agony to the appellant.

3. I accordingly direct DGP Punjab to get an inquiry conducted through a senior officer of his Department into the whole matter to sift the truth and submit his report to the Commission within a period of one month from today. In the meantime, award of compensation to the appellant is kept in abeyance till final disposal of this case.

4. To come up on **20.04.2021 at 10.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission office. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 11.02.2021

Sd/-
(Preety Chawla)
State Information Commissioner
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CC: 1. DGP, Punjab, Punjab Police Headquarter, Sector 9, Chandigarh