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**Subhash Chander,**  
S/o Sh. Tirath Ram,  
Street No. 2, New Luxmi Nagar,  
District Kapurthala.

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**  
o/o Divisional Forest Officer,  
Basti Jana, Near Forest Training School,  
Bhangi Chow,  
District Hoshiarpur.

**First Appellate Authority,**  
o/o Conservator of Forest, North Circle,  
Department of Forest & Wildlife,  
Near Main Post Office,  
District Hoshiarpur.

## **Appeal Case No. 4184 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)**

PRESENT:

Pawan Kalia (Advocate for the Appellant) 95923-26000 (via Cisco Webex)  
Sanjeev Kumar, Forest Range Officer (for the Respondent) 88724-32888

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **7.6.2021** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding CAMPA Scheme (range bise)**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **26.7.2021** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **15.9.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **11.2.2022**.

2. Both parties are present. The respondent PIO, represented by Sanjeev Kumar, Forest Range Officer, Hoshiarpur, submitted that a reply to the RTI application along with the requested information was sent to the appellant vide Letter No. 5298 Dated 7.2.2022. The Commission however, notes that the information pertaining to point No. 3 of the RTI application has not been provided. The appellant who joined this hearing via Cisco Webex states that even the information sought at points 1 and 2 is incomplete.

3. In view of the above the Commission directs the respondent PIO to arrange an inspection of the record by the appellant or his representative at 11.00 am on 24.3.2022. **Sh. Sanjeev Kumar**, Forest Range Officer, is directed to remain personally present during said inspection. He will also be personally responsible for copying, attesting and supplying the record requested by the appellant as per the RTI Act, 2005.

4. IMPORTANT! All documents / information supplied to appellants / complainants must mandatorily be attested as under:

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## **Appeal Case No. 4184 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)**

Information supplied under the RTI Act, 2005

Signature of the PIO

Name of the PIO

Name of the Public Authority

Date

**5. Next hearing on 13.5.2022 at 11.00 am via Video Conference Facility at DC Office, Hoshiarpur.**

**Sd/-**  
**(ASIT JOLLY)**  
State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

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## REGISTERED SHOW CAUSE NOTICE

**Harinder Pal Singh,**  
S/o Sh. Dalbir Singh,  
# 278, Near Old Talab,  
Hira Mahal Colony,  
Nabha-147201

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**  
o/o Executive Officer,  
Nagar Council, Nabha,  
District Patiala.

**First Appellate Authority,**  
o/o Additional Deputy Commissioner,  
Urban Development,  
District Patiala.

### Appeal Case No. 3122 of 2020 (Cisco Webex Proceedings)

PRESENT:

(Appellant) Absent

(Respondent) Absent

ORDER:

*(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 8.6.2021, 11.8.2021, 26.8.2021, 12.10.2021, 16.11.2021, 7.12.2021, and 5.1.2022)*

1. The RTI application is dated **6.7.2020** vide which the appellant has sought Information **regarding construction of roads in the jurisdiction of Nagar Council Nabha**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **19.8.2020** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **20.10.2020** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **5.1.2022**.

2. Both parties are absent. At the last hearing, the respondent PIO was directed to submit duly attested copies of the information (149 pages) supplied to the appellant along with the covering letter, to this Commission. The respondent PIO was also directed to submit a duly notarised affidavit stating his contention at that hearing that there is no other information, other than the 149 pages already supplied to the appellant, available in the record. The affidavit was also to include the four points/queries as enumerated in the RTI application.

3. The respondent PIO has failed to comply with this Commission's directions. This Commission deems it fit to serve the respondent PIO with this Show Cause Notice.

4. The respondent PIO is herewith ordered to **SHOW CAUSE** as to why a penalty should not be imposed upon him under Section 20 (1) of RTI Act, 2005, for causing willful delay/denial of the information requested by the appellant as far back as on **6.7.2020**.

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## **Appeal Case No. 3122 of 2020 (Cisco Webex Proceedings)**

“In addition to the written reply, the respondent PIO is also given an opportunity under Section 20 (1) provision there to, for a personal hearing before the imposition of such penalty on the next date of hearing. He may take note that in case he does not file his written reply and does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the 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*.” Copies of this order be sent to the parties through registered post.

5. IMPORTANT! All documents / information supplied to appellants / complainants must mandatorily be attested as under:

Information supplied under the RTI Act, 2005

Signature of the PIO

Name of the PIO

Name of the Public Authority

Date

6. **Next hearing on 13.5.2022 at 11.00 am via Video Conference Facility at DC Office, Patiala.**

Sd/-

(ASIT JOLLY)

State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

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**Cc:** Additional Deputy Commissioner, Urban Development, for information and further necessary action.

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**Kanwarjit Singh,**  
# 174, Kanwaljit Singh Market,  
New Courts,  
District Jalandhar-144001

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**  
o/o Executive Officer,  
Jalandhar Improvement Trust,  
District Jalandhar,

## **Complaint Case No. 942 of 2020 (Video Conference Proceedings)**

PRESENT:

Kanwarjit Singh (Complainant) 94171-63397  
(Respondent) Absent

ORDER:

*(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 16.3.2021, 1.6.2021, 4.8.2021, 2.9.2021, 29.9.2021, 10.11.2021, 30.11.2021, and 15.12.2021)*

1. The complainant, **Kanwarjit Singh**, filed this RTI application dated **4.11.2020** and sought information **regarding the status of applications filed by the complainant**, from the PIO o/o **Executive Engineer, Jalandhar Improvement Trust, Jalandhar**. When no information was received, the Complainant filed a complaint under Section 18 of the RTI Act, 2005 to the Commission on **10.12.2020**. **The case was last heard by Hon'ble State Information Commissioner, Sh. Avtar Singh Kaler on 15.12.2021.**

2. The respondent is absent for 5<sup>th</sup> successive hearing. This is despite the Show Cause Notice issued to him on 16.03.2021. The respondent PIO has also failed to comply with this Commission's directions of 15.12.2021 to deposit a penalty of Rs. 25,000/- and furnish a proof of the same to this Commission.

3. Under the circumstances, this Commission grants the respondent PIO one final opportunity to respond to the Show Cause Notice and to pay the imposed penalty. Failing this, the Commission will be constrained to ensure the respondent PIO's presence in the court by serving him a Warrant under provisions of the RTI Act.

4. **Next hearing on 19.5.2022 at 11.00 am via Video Conference Facility at DC Office, Jalandhar.**

**Sd/-**  
**(ASIT JOLLY)**  
State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

Chandigarh  
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**Vinod Jetley,**  
S/o Sh. Inder Sen Jetely,  
# 3042, Sector-40 D,  
Chandigarh.

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**  
o/o Executive Officer,  
Improvement Trust,  
District Jalandhar,  
**First Appellate Authority,**  
o/o Executive Officer,  
Improvement Trust,  
District Jalandhar.

## **Appeal Case No. 1303 of 2020 (Video Conference Proceedings)**

PRESENT:

(Appellant) Absent

(Respondent) Absent

ORDER:

*(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 11.8.2020, 15.9.2020, 20.10.2020, 1.12.2020, 16.4.2021, 3.8.2021, 22.9.2021, 9.11.2021, and 7.12.2021)*

1. The RTI application is dated **10.12.2019** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding plot no. 81, Garha Road, Jalandhar City**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **31.1.2020** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **19.5.2020** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. **The case was last heard by Hon'ble State Information Commissioner, Sh. Avtar Singh Kaler on 7.12.2021.**

2. Both parties are absent. The respondent PIO has informed this Commission vide Letter No. 4459 Dated 8.2.2022 that due to Election duty he is unable to attend today's hearing and requested for an adjournment.

3. The respondent has however failed to comply with this Commission's direction of 3.8.2021 to deposit a penalty of Rs. 25,000.00 and furnish proof of the same to this Commission. Under the circumstances, this Commission grants the respondent PIO one final opportunity to respond to the Show Cause Notice and to pay the imposed penalty. Failing this, the Commission will be constrained to ensure the respondent PIO's presence in court by serving him a Warrant under provisions of the RTI Act.

4. **Next hearing on 19.5.2022 at 11.00 am via Video Conference Facility at DC Office, Jalandhar.**

**Sd/-**  
**(ASIT JOLLY)**  
State Information Commissioner, Punjab.  
Chandigarh  
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**Yogesh Malhotra** (Advocate),  
S/o Sh. H.L Malhotra,  
# 14, Shastri Market,  
District Jalandhar City-144001

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**  
o/o Municipal Corporation,  
District Jalandhar,  
**First Appellate Authority,**  
o/o Municipal Corporation,  
District Jalandhar.

## **Appeal Case No. 1995 of 2020 (Video Conference Proceedings)**

### PRESENT:

(Appellant) Absent

Nirmaljit Verma, APIO-cum-Building Inspector (for the Respondent) 98765-01826

Dinesh Joshi, APIO-cum-Building Inspector (for the Respondent) 94178-78141

Manish Arora, APIO-cum-Building Inspector (for the Respondent) 98156-89864

Vinod Kumar, PIO-cum-ATP (Respondent) 78889-77544

Rajinder Sharma, PIO-cum-ATP (Respondent) 99888-78890

Vikas Dua, PIO-cum-ATP (Respondent) 94635-33600

Ravinder Kumar, PIO-cum-ATP (Respondent) 96469-38745

### ORDER:

*(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on **30.9.2020, 10.11.2020, 16.12.2020, 16.2.2021, 28.7.2021, 16.9.2021, 2.11.2021, 24.11.2021, and 15.12.2021**)*

1. The RTI application is dated **12.12.2019** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding complaints, applications sent on email and WhatsApp**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **7.2.2020** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **29.7.2020** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. **The case was last heard by Hon'ble State Information Commissioner, Sh. Avtar Singh Kaler on 15.12.2021.**

2. The appellant is absent without any intimation. The respondent PIO-cum-ATP Vinod Kumar, PIO-cum-ATP Rajinder Sharma, PIO-cum-ATP Vikas Dua, PIO-cum-ATP Ravinder Kumar, APIO-cum-Building Inspector Nirmaljeet Verma, APIO-cum-Building Inspector Dinesh Joshi, and APIO-cum-Building Inspector Manish Arora, have as directed at the last hearing, submitted a written reply to the Show Cause Notice issued vide Order dated 16.09.2021.

3. The respondent PIOs contend that all the information requested in the RTI application has already been supplied to the appellant. However the appellant has intimated this Commission that some of the requested information is still pending.

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## **Appeal Case No. 1995 of 2020 (Video Conference Proceedings)**

4. Under the circumstances, this Commission directs the respondent PIOs to collect all the information pertaining to this RTI application and submit the same to this Commission along with covering letter and every page must be duly attested and indexed with reference to the points of the RTI application. This must be done before the next date of hearing.

5. IMPORTANT! All documents / information supplied to appellants / complainants must mandatorily be attested as under:

Information supplied under the RTI Act, 2005

Signature of the PIO

Name of the PIO

Name of the Public Authority

Date

6. **Next hearing on 19.5.2022 at 11.00 am via Video Conference Facility at DC Office, Jalandhar.**

Sd/-

**(ASIT JOLLY)**

State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

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## REGISTERED SHOW CAUSE NOTICE

**Deepak Kalia,**  
S/o Sh. Deepak Kumar Kalia,  
# 31, Kailash Nagar,  
Sodal Road,  
District Jalandhar.

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**  
o/o Municipal Corporation,  
District Jalandhar,  
**First Appellate Authority,**  
o/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation,  
District Jalandhar.

### Appeal Case No. 4887 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

Deepak Kaila (Appellant) 81980-00785  
(Respondent) Absent

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **21.12.2020** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding the government policies regarding unapproved colonies in six points**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **8.2.2021** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **22.10.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **11.2.2022**.

2. The respondent PIO is absent without any intimation. This RTI application was submitted on 21.12.2020 and there has been no reply/information from the respondent PIO to the appellant. The respondent has also not deemed it proper to respond to this Commission's Notice of Hearing of 29.11.2021. Under the circumstances, the Commission deems it fit to serve the respondent PIO with this Show Cause Notice.

3. The respondent PIO is herewith ordered to **SHOW CAUSE** as to why a penalty should not be imposed upon him under Section 20 (1) of RTI Act, 2005, for causing willful delay/denial of the information requested by the appellant as far back as on **21.12.2020**.

"In addition to the written reply, the respondent PIO is also given an opportunity under Section 20 (1) provision there to, for a personal hearing before the imposition of such penalty on the next date of hearing. He may take note that in case he does not file his written reply and does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the 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*." Copies of this order be sent to the parties through registered post.

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## **Appeal Case No. 4887 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)**

4. IMPORTANT! All documents / information supplied to appellants / complainants must mandatorily be attested as under:

Information supplied under the RTI Act, 2005

Signature of the PIO

Name of the PIO

Name of the Public Authority

Date

5. **Next hearing on 19.5.2022 at 11.00 am via Video Conference Facility at DC Office, Jalandhar.**

Sd/-

(ASIT JOLLY)

State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

Chandigarh

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**Cc:** Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, District Jalandhar, for information and further necessary action.

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**R.C.Tandon,**  
146, Urban Estate, PO Chachoki,  
Phagwara. District Jalandhar.

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**  
o/o Jalandhar Development Authority,  
Jalandhar.  
**First Appellate Authority,**  
o/o Estate Officer, Jalandhar Development Authority,  
Jalandhar.

## **Appeal Case No. 2632 of 2020 (Video Conference Proceedings)**

PRESENT:  
(Appellant) Absent  
(Respondent) Absent

ORDER:  
(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on **25.3.2021, 23.6.2021, and 29.10.2021**)

1. The RTI application is dated **14.8.2019** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding Notice No.409 dated 11.7.2019**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **25.2.2020** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **14.9.2020** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **29.10.2021**.

2. Both parties are absent. At the last hearing on 29.10.2021, the respondent PIO was directed to supply the list of buildings with illegal construction, as cited by him during that hearing. Attested copies of the same was to be supplied to the appellant with a copy to this Commission.

3. The respondent PIO failed to comply with the said direction. He has meanwhile, sought an adjournment of this Hearing, in view of the ongoing Legislative Assembly Elections in the State. The respondent PIO is advised to comply with this Commission's Order of 29.10.2021 before the next Hearing.

4. **Next hearing on 19.5.2022 at 11.00 am via Video Conference Facility at DC Office, Jalandhar.**

**Sd/-**  
**(ASIT JOLLY)**  
State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

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11.2.2022