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Shri Manjinder Kumar, S/o Shri Lachhman Singh, Village Pansra, P.O. Majara Dingrian, Tehsil Garhshankar, Distt. Hoshiarpur.

.....Appellant.

Public Information Officer, O/ o BDPO, Garhshankar, Distt. Hoshiarpur.

First Appellate Authority: O/o DDPO,

Hoshiarpur.Respondent

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Appeal Case No. 2558 of 2021

- Present:- (i) Shri Manjinder Kumar, appellant comes present through CISCO Webex.
 - (ii) Shri Makhan Singh, Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panchayat, Pansra comes present through CISCO Webex.

<u>ORDER</u>

- 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 Manjinder Kumar, appellant comes present through CISCO Webex to attend the hearing and states that the PIO has sent him the amount of compensation of Rs.5,000/- by way of demand draft no.005837 dated 10.12.2021. He further states that the information sent by the PIO related with point nos.1 and 6 of the RTI application is not legible and not attested, whereas no information has been sent by the PIO related with point nos.2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9 and 10 of the RTI application.
- 3. Shri Makhan Singh, Panchayat Secretary comes present through CISCO Webex and states that the information and amount of compensation of Rs.5,000/- has been sent to the appellant.
- 4. As the appellant stated that incomplete information has been sent to him by the PIO, so the PIO, O/o BDPO, Garhshakar, Distt. Hoshiarpur is directed to call the appellant to his office and allow

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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. With the aforesaid directions the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 29.03.2022 at 11:30 am through CISCO Webex.** Copies of the Order be sent to the concerned parties.

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Shri Mohammad Hanif, S/o Shri Mohammad Sadiq, Baldev Colony, Nabha, Distt. Patiala.

......Appellant.

Public Information Officer, O/ o BDPO, Nabha, Distt. Patiala.

First Appellate Authority: O/o DDPO, Patiala.

.....Respondent

Appeal Case No. 2357 of 2021

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

ORDER

- 1. This Order may be read with reference to the Order dated 21.12.2021 passed by the Bench of Ld. State Information Commissioner, Shri Avtar Singh Kaler on the previous hearing.
- 2. Shri Mohammad Hanif, appellant comes present through CISCO Webex to attend the hearing and states that the PIO has not provided him the requisite information nor paid the amount of compensation of Rs.3,000/-.
- 3. Neither the PIO, O/o BDPO, Nabha has come present to attend the hearing nor he has deputed any of his representative to attend the hearing. However a mail has been received in the office of the Commission sent by the BDPO, Nabha, which is a copy of letter no.302 dated 22.12.2021 along with a copy of letter no.301 dated 21.12.2021 and a photocopy of Demand Draft No.001528 dated 21.12.2021 amounting to Rs.3,000/- in the name of Shri Mohammad Hanif, appellant.
- 4. But the appellant states that he has not received the requisite information nor received the amount of compensation.

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5. The Bench views the absence of the PIO adversely. So, the PIO, O/o BDPO, Nabha,

Distt. Patiala 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.

6. 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.

7. The PIO is further directed to provide the requisite information along with demand draft of

Rs.3,000/- as compensation to the appellant before the next date of hearing.

8. With the aforesaid directions the matter is adjourned. To come up for hearing on

29.03.2022 at 11:30 am through CISCO Webex. Copies of the Order be sent to the concerned parties.

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Shri Mangal Singh, S/o Shri Rampal, Village Buta Singh Wala @ Harigarh, Tehsil Patran, Distt, Patiala.

--Appellant.

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Block Dev. & Panchayat Officer, Samana.

First Appellate Authority:

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

..Respondent

Appeal Case No. 4703 of 2021

Present:- (i) Shri Mangal Singh, appellant comes present through CISCO Webex.

(ii) Shri Jasbir Singh, Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panchayat, Boota Singh Wala

comes present in person.

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 Mangal Singh, appellant comes present through CISCO Webex to attend the hearing and states that incomplete information has been provided to him by the PIO.
- 3. Shri Jasbir Singh, Panchayat Secretary comes present in person to attend the hearing and states that the Proceeding Register of the Gram Panchayat for the period 31.03.2019 to 22.04.2021 is in the custody of ADC (Dev.), Patiala. He further states that the information regarding the Measurement Book will be provided to the appellant within a short period.
- 4. So, the PIO is directed to provide the attested copies of Measurement Book to the appellant within 10 days. The PIO is further directed to file affidavit on non judicial stamp paper duly signed by him and attested by the Notary Public to the effect that the Proceeding Register of the Gram Panchayat, Boota Singh Wala for the period 31.03.2019 to 22.04.2021 is in the custody of ADC (Dev.),

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Patiala. 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.

5. With the aforesaid directions the matter is adjourned. To come up for hearing on

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Shri Narinder Singh, S/o Shri Malkit Singh, R/o Village Chota BudhaTheh, (Adarsh Nagar), Bias, Block Raiya, Tehsil Baba Bakala Sahib, Distt. Amritsar.

..... Appellant

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

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

.....Respondent

Appeal Case No. 1953 of 2021

Present:- (i) Shri Narinder Singh, appellant is absent.

(ii) None present on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

- 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 Narinder Singh, appellant has not come present personally or through CISCO Webex.
- 3. Neither the PIO, O/o BDPO, Block Raiya, Tehsil Baba Bakala Sahib come present nor he has deputed any of his representative to attend the hearing for today.
- 4. As both the parties are absent today, so the present case is adjourned with the direction to the PIO that the requisite information be provided to the appellant before the next date of hearing.
- 5. The PIO is further 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 a penalty, on the next date of hearing. He may take note that in case he

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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. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. To come up for hearing on

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Shri Baljit Singh Gill, S/o Shri Gurcharan Singh, Patti Nangal, VPO Kokri Kalan,

......Appellant.

Vs

(Regd.) Public Information Officer, O/ o Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panchayat, Dodhar Garbi, Block Moga-1.

First Appellate Authority: O/o BDPO, Block Moga-1.

.....Respondent

Appeal Case No. 2432 of 2021

Present:- (i) Shri Baljit Singh Gill, appellant comes present through CISCO Webex.

(ii) None present on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

Distt. Moga.

- 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 Baljit Singh Gill, appellant comes present through CISCO Webex to attend the hearing and states that the PIO has neither provided him the remaining information i.e. point nos. 'a' and 'c' of the RTI application nor paid the amount of compensation of Rs.2,000/-.
- 3. Neither Mr. Sukhbir Singh, PIO-cum-Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panchayat, Dodhar Garbi, Block Moga-1 has come present to attend the hearing through CISCO Webex nor he has complied with the previous Orders passed by the Commission. He has neither provided the information and compensation to the appellant nor filed reply to the Show Cause Notice. The Bench views the act of the PIO adversely.

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4. But in the interest of justice a last opportunity is granted to Mr. Sukhbir Singh, PIO-cum-

Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panchayat, Dodhar Garbi, Block Moga-1 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 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 remaining information i.e.

point nos. 'a' and 'c' of the RTI application along with demand draft of Rs.2,000/- as compensation to the

appellant before the next date of hearing.

6. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. To come up for hearing on

29.03.2022 at 11:30 am through CISCO Webex. Copies of the Order be sent to the concerned parties.

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Shri Mahinder Singh, S/o Shri Ujjagar Singh, R/o Village Khan Piara, Block Dhariwal, Distt. Gurdaspur.

.....Appellant.

Public Information Officer, O/ o Block Dev. and Panchayat Officer,

Dhariwal, Distt. Gurdaspur.

First Appellate Authority:

O/o Distt. Dev. and Panchayat Officer,

Gursdaspur. ---- Respondent

Appeal Case No. 2661 of 2021

Vs

Present:- (i) Shri Mahinder Singh, appellant is absent.

(ii) Shri Pawan Kumar, Suptd. along with Shri Surjit Singh, Pachayat Secretary

come 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 Mahinder Singh, appellant has not come present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench or through CISCO Webex.
- 3. Shri Pawan Kumar, Suptd. along with Shri Surjit Singh, Pachayat Secretary come present to attend the hearing through CISCO Webex and state that the information sought by the appellant is ready to be provided and the appellant was intimated to collect the same, but he has not collected the same till date.
- 4. So, the PIO is directed to send the attested copies of the requisite information to the appellant through registered post within a week along with the demand draft of Rs.5,000/- as compensation.
- 5. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 29.03.2022 at 11:30 am through CISCO Webex.** Copies of the Order be sent to the concerned parties.

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

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Shri Pargat Singh, S/o Late Shri Joginder Singh, Village Machraye Khurd, Tehsil Amloh, Distt. Fatehgarh Sahib.

..... Appellant

(Regd.) Public Information Officer,

O/o Block Development & Panchayat Officer,

Amloh, Distt. Fatehgarh Sahib.

First Appellate Authority, O/o Distt. Development & Panchayat Officer, Fatehgarh Sahib.

.....Respondent

Appeal Case No. 1683 of 2021

Vs

Shri Pargat Singh, appellant comes present through CISCO Webex. Present:-(i)

None present on behalf of the respondent. (ii)

ORDER

- 1. This Order may be read with reference to the Order dated 21.12.2021 passed by the Bench of Ld. State Information Commissioner, Shri Avtar Singh Kaler on the previous hearing.
- 2. Shri Pargat Singh, appellant comes present through CISCO Webex to attend the hearing and states that the PIO has neither provided the requisite information nor paid the amount of compensation of Rs.4,000/-.
- 3. Neither Mr. Khushwinder Singh, PIO-cum-Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panchayat, Machraye Khurd has come present to attend the hearing through CISCO Webex nor he has complied with the previous Orders passed by the Commission. He has neither provided the information and compensation to the appellant nor filed reply to the Show Cause Notice. The Bench views the act of the PIO adversely.
- 4. But in the interest of justice a last opportunity is granted to Mr. Khushwinder Singh, PIOcum-Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panchayat, Machraye Khurd to file written reply to the Show Cause

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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 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 requisite information along

with demand draft of Rs.4,000/- as compensation to the appellant before the next date of hearing.

6. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. To come up for hearing on

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Shri Sandeep Singh, S/o Shri Kashmir Singh, R/o Village Muazam, Tehsil & Distt. Fazilka.

......Complainant.

(Regd.) Public Information Officer, O/o DDPO,

Fazilka.

.....Respondent

Complaint Case No. 300 of 2021

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Present:- (i) Shri Sandeep Kumar, applicant is absent.

(ii) None present on behalf of the respondent.

<u>ORDER</u>

- 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 Sandeep Kumar, applicant has not come present personally or through CISCO Webex.
- 3. Neither the PIO, O/o DDPO, Fazilka has come present nor he has deputed any of his representative to attend the hearing for today.
- 4. As per the Order dated 07.12.2021 passed by the Bench of Ld. State Information Commissioner, Shri Avtar Singh Kaler, a penalty of Rs.25,000/- was imposed upon the PIO, O/o DDPO, Fazilka and it was directed to deduct the amount of penalty from the salary of the PIO and to deposit the same in Govt. Treasury and to send compliance report to the Commission. But no compliance report has been received in the office of the Commission.
- 5. So, the Drawing & Disbursing Officer concerned is directed to deduct the amount of penalty of Rs.25,000/- from the salary of the PIO, O/o DDPO, Fazilka and deposit the same in State

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Treasury in the following Head of Account and to report its compliance to the Commission before the next hearing:-

0070-Other Administrative Services – 60-Other Services--0800-Other Receipts- 86-Fee under the RTI Act, 2005.

6. With the aforesaid directions the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 29.03.2022 at 11:30 am through CISCO Webex.** Copies of the Order be sent to the concerned parties.

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