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Sh. Jasmeet Singh, (9417222449)

# 449, New	Jawahar	Nagar,
Jalandhar.		

.....Appellant/Complainant

Versus Public Information Officer

.....Respondent

O/o XEN, PWD, Provincial Division (B&R), Jalandhar.

First Appellate Authority

O/o XEN, PWD, Provincial Division (B&R), Jalandhar.

Appeal Case No. 3663 of 2021

(Cisco Webex Proceedings)

RTI application filed on : 28-04-2021

PIO replied on :

First appeal filed on : 07-06-2021

First Appellate Authority order : -

Present: Appellant: Sh. Jasmeet Singh Respondent: Sh. Manu Jaghota (JE)

ORDER (Third Hearing):

- 1. This order may be read with the reference of previous order of the Commission dated 5.04.2022.
- 2. From a perusal of the relevant case records, it is noted that the appellant is aggrieved with the fact that the desired information was not provided to him and further prayed to the Commission to direct the Respondent to supply the desired information as sought in the RTI application and to impose penalty upon the Respondents as also to grant compensation towards harassment caused to him.
- 3. The Commission observed that there is complete negligence and laxity in the public authority in dealing with the RTI application. It is abundantly clear that such matters are being ignored and set aside without application of mind which reflects disrespect towards the RTI ACT, 2005 itself. The Commission expressed its displeasure on the casual and callous approach adopted by the respondent in responding to the RTI application. It was felt that the conduct of respondent was against the spirit of the RTI ACT, 2005 which was enacted to ensure greater transparency and effective access to the information.
- 4. Keeping in view the facts of the case and the submissions made by both the parties, the respondent authority is directed to <u>furnish a clear, cogent and precise reply to the Appellant as per the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005, within a period of 20 days from the date of receipt of this order.</u>
- 5. To come up on 05.09.2022 through Cisco Webex at 11:00 am.

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Sd/-

(Maninder Singh Patti)
State Information Commissioner, Pb.

Chandigarh ated: 12.07.2022

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Versus



Sh. YogeshMahajan, (9814354649)

S/o Late Sh. Kuldip Raj Mahajan,

(President of Anti Corruption Council, Opp. Water Tank,

Municipal Market, Mission Road, Pathankot.

.....Appellant/Complainant

.....Respondent

Public Information Officer

O/o XEN, Provincial Division PWD B&R, Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Superintending Engineer, PWD B&R, Construction Circle, Amritsar.

Appeal Case No.2291 of 2021

(Cisco Webex Proceedings)

RTI application filed on : 01-02-2021

PIO replied on : -

First appeal filed on : 08-02-2021

First Appellate Authority order : -

Present: Appellant: Sh. Yogesh Mahajan

Respondent: Sh. Deepak Gupta (9501601606)

ORDER (Third Hearing):

- 1. This order may be read with the reference of previous order of the Commission dated 05.04.2022 vide which last opportunity was granted to respondent authority to provide the information/reply, but PIO failed to do so.
- 2. <u>Post Deliberation:</u> Despite the last opportunity given to respondent PIO, he not bother to file any written reply to the Commission. Having allowed him ample opportunities to be heard, this Commission has taken a serious view against this lapse on part of the concerned Public information officer and has imposed a penalty of Rs. 25,000.00 under Section 20(1) of the RTI Act, 2005, upon the PIO-cum- XEN, Sh. Inderjit Singh to be deducted from his salary in two monthly installments.
- 3. Commission also notes that the then PIO has not taken full and complete action as per the directions of the first appellate authority thereby causing detriment to the interests of the appellant. Accordingly Commission directs that the compensation of Rs. 10,000/– be paid to the appellant by the public authority in terms of section 19(8)(b) of the Act. The compensation amount of RS.10,000/-. must be paid by the concerned PIO through cheque and demand draft in favour of appellant Sh. Yogesh Mahajan from the account of public authority and not from individual account.

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- **4.** Deposit penalty amount of Rs. 25000/- in the State Treasury in the following Head of Account :- 0070- Other Administrative Services
 - 60 Other Services
 - 0800 Other Receipts
 - 86-Fee under the RTI Act, 2005

and to report its compliance to Commission, before the next date of hearing.

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Chandigarh Dated: 12.07.2022

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Sh. Gurinder Singh, (6239871477)

S/o Sh. Harnek Singh, R/o Bhagta Bhaika, Tehsil Phul, Distt Bathinda.

.....Appellant/Complainant

.....Respondent

Public Information Officer

O/o AIGP Personnel-2, Punjab,

Punjab Police H.Q, Sector 9, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority

O/o DIGP (Admn), Punjab, Punjab Police H.Q, Sector 9, Chandigarh.

Appeal Case No.3948 of 2021 (Cisco Webex Proceedings)

RTI application filed on : 07-06-2021 PIO replied on : 02-07-2021 First appeal filed on : 23-07-2021 First Appellate Authority order : 06-08-2021

Present: Appellant: Sh. Gurinder Singh Respondent: ASI Purshotam Kumar

ORDER (Third Hearing):

- 1. This order may be read with the reference of previous order of the Commission dated 04.04.2022.
- 2. Both the parties are present and heard.
- 3. After viewing the complexity of this case the case is adjourned to the personal hearing at PSIC, Chandigarh on <u>07th</u>, <u>September</u>, <u>2022 at 11.00 A.M.</u> with the directions to both the parties file a written submission supporting their claim pertaining to this before the next date of hearing.

Sd/-

Chandigarh Dated: 12.07.2022 (Maninder Singh Patti)
State Information Commissioner, Pb.