



Sh. Sukhdev Singh Pandher s/o
Sh. Gurbachan Singh
r/o Village Chahal
Block Nabha
District Patiala 98157 62270

....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer.
o/o Block Development and Panchayats Officer,
Block Nabha,
District Patiala

First Appellate Authority
o/o District Development and Panchayats Officer,
Mini Secretariat,
District Patiala.

....Respondents

Appeal Case NO. 2 of 2020
(Video Conference Proceedings)

Present:- Shri Sukhdev Singh Pandher, appellant.
Shri Deepak Jindal, Jr. Asstt (7888462020) o/o Block Development and Panchayats
Officer, on behalf of the respondents.

ORDER

This order may be read with the previous order dated 17.3.2020 vide which the case was adjourned to 27.3.2020 but could not be heard due to Covid 19 pandemic and the case was further adjourned on 12.6.2020.

2. The appellant states no information pertaining to point no.5 has been supplied by the respondents so far in spite of his RTI request dated 26.6.2019. He further requests for the information and strict action against the respondent-Public Information Officer.

3. The representative of the respondents states that the information will be supplied to the appellant tomorrow. He further requests for the adjournment of the case due to the non availability of Block Development and Panchayats Officer as the case file has already been put up to him. The representative of the respondents assured that the information pertaining to point no. 5 will be supplied to the appellant.

4. Viewing the absence and non implementation of the last order dated 27.3.2020 by Shri Ajaib Singh, PIO o/o Block Development and Panchayats Officer, Block Nabha, Patiala seriously, the PIO is, thus, issued a show cause notice to explain in a self-attested affidavit as to why a penalty @ Rs.250/- per day of delay subject to a maximum of Rs.25000/- till the complete information is furnished, be not imposed under Section 20(1) of RTI Act, 2005 on his for causing willful delay/denial of the information to the RTI applicant.

5. In addition to the written reply, the PIO is also given an opportunity under Section 20(1) proviso thereto, for a personal hearing before the imposition of such penalty on the next date of hearing. He may take a 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.

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6. The respondent-Public Information Officer is also directed to supply the information pertaining to Point No. 5 of the RTI application or give in writing to the appellant with a copy to the Commission stating that no record is available except which has already been provided to the in appellant before the next date of hearing. To come up on 19.6.2020 at 11.00 AM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Patiala.

Dated: 12.6.2020

(Suresh Arora)
Chief Information Commissioner,
Punjab.

Shri Ajaib Singh, (REGD.)
Block Development and Panchayats Officer
Block Nabha,
District Patiala
M - 8872144700



Sh. Partap Singh,
s/o Late Shri Mihan Singh,
H.No. 35,
New Moti Bagh Colony,
Patiala.

....Complainant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
o/o Block Development and Panchayats Officer,
Block Patiala,
Patiala

....Respondent

Complaint Case no. 221 of 2020
(Video Conference Proceedings)

Present:- Shri Partap Singh, appellant.
Shri Bhupinder Singh, Panchayat Secretary (M 8054005107) on behalf of the respondents.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 22.7.2019 vide which the complainant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. Complaint was filed in the Commission on 6.2.2020 under Section 18 of the right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter called RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 3.4.2020 but could not be heard due to Covid 19 pandemic and the case was adjourned today 12.6.2020.

2. The appellant states that no information is being supplied by the respondent-Public Information Officer. He further states that the information is primarily related to the action taken report of illegal possession of the land of Gram Panchayat Village Bhanri and recovery thereof.

3. The representative of the respondent states that the land has already been taken over by the Panchyat and now there is no illegal possession on the panchayat land. With regard to the recovery from the defaulters, the representative of the respondent states that the recovery suit has already filed in the office of the District Development and Panchayats Officer, Patiala. Copy of the same has been handed over by the representative of the respondent to the appellant during the course of hearing. In addition to the above, the representative of the respondent states that the action against the defaulters has to be taken by the office of Director, Rural Development and Panchayat and he does not know the present status of the case.

4. According to the submissions of the appellant and the representative of the respondent, the Public Information Officer o/o The Director, Rural Development and Panchayat, Punjab is impleaded as



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necessary party in this case. He is directed to file his response/action taken with regard to the RTI application of the appellant before the next date of hearing to the appellant with a copy to the Commission.

5. To come up on 10.7.2020 at 11.30 AM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Patiala

SD/

Dated: 12.6.2020

(Suresh Arora)
Chief Information Commissioner,
Punjab.

Public Information Officer, (REGD)
o/o Director,
Rural Development and Panchayat, Punjab,
Vikas Bhawan, Phase 8,
Mohali

RTI application along with annexures.



Sh. Malkit Singh s/o Sh. Hoshiar Singh,
r/o Village Dandrala Dhindsa,
Tehsil Nabha,
District Patiala

....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
o/o Block Development and Panchayats Officer,
Nabha,
District Patiala.

First Appellate Authority
o/o District Development and Panchayats Officer,
Mini Secretariat, Patiala

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 549 of 2020
(Video Conference Proceedings)

Present:- None on behalf of the appellant.
Shri Inderjit Singh, GRS (98559 64958) o/o Block Development and Panchayats Officer,
Nabha, Patiala.

ORDER

This order may be read with the previous order dated 5.3.2020 vide which it transpires that the respondents have sent the information comprising 55 pages through registered post and the appellant was directed to point out deficiency, if any, on its receipt. The case was adjourned to 20.3.2020 but could not be heard due to administrative reasons and further adjourned to 12.6.2020.

2. The representative of the respondents states that he has already supplied the information comprising 55 pages to the appellant and he has also talked to the appellant who is satisfied with the information. A telephonic message has also been received in the office of the Commission before the hearing of the case that he is satisfied with the information and for the closing of the case, he has sent a request letter to the Commission.

3. Since, the appellant has received the complete information, the case is disposed of and closed.

Dated: 12.6.2020

Sd/
(Suresh Arora)
Chief Information Commissioner,
Punjab.



Sh. Sohan Lal Sharma,
r/o House No. 677,
MIG, Phase 1, Urban Estate,
District Patiala.

....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
o/o Deputy Director (E.P.)
Rural Development & Panchayat Department,
Vikas Bhawan, Sector 68,
SAS Nagar (Mohali)

First Appellate Authority
o/o Financial Commissioner,
Rural Development & Panchayat Department,
Vikas Bhawan, Sector 68,
SAS Nagar (Mohali)

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 171 of 2020
(Video Conference Proceedings)

Present: Sh. Sohan Lal Sharma, appellant.
Sh. Lakhwinder Singh, Jr. Asstt (M 8837864233) o/o Financial Commissioner, Rural Development and Panchayat(RDE 5 Branch) on behalf of the respondents.

ORDER

This order may be read with the previous order dated 19.3.2020 vide which a copy of RTI application of the appellant was given to the representative of the office of the Financial Commissioner, Rural Development and Panchayats and directed to file the action taken on the enquiry report and the case was adjourned to 4.5.2020 but could not be heard due to Covid 19 pandemic and the case was adjourned to 12.6.2020.

2. The appellant states that he has not received any information from the issue of the last order of the Commission i.e. 19.3.2020. However, the representative of the respondents states that he has recently joined in the office of the Financial Commissioner. The representative of the respondents submits the copy of letter bearing No. 1622 dated 3.4.2020 written to Smt Aarti Devi, Sr. Assistant who was the concerned dealing assistant during the receipt of the enquiry report.

3. After hearing both the parties, the Public Information Officer o/o Financial Commissioner, Rural Development and Panchayat is impleaded as necessary party in this case and is directed to file the action taken on the enquiry report as per the RTI application of the appellant i.e. dated 4.9.2019. However, one opportunity is granted due to Covid 19 pandemic to file the action taken report before the next date of hearing failing which the punitive action will be initiated under the provisions of the RTI Act.



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4 To come up on 24.7.2020 at 11.30 AM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Patiala.

Dated: 12.6.2020

Sd/
(Suresh Arora)
Chief Information Commissioner,
Punjab.

Financial Commissioner, (REGD)
Rural Development and Panchayat Department, Pb.
Vikas Bhawan, Sector 62,
Mohali.

Public Information Officer(REGD)
o/o Rural Development and Panchayat Department, Pb.
Vikas Bhawan, Sector 62,
Mohali.



Sh. Hardiyal Singh,
s/o Sh. Sher Singh,
r/o VPO Dhablan,
Tehsil & District Patiala

....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
o/o Block Development and Panchayats Officer,
District Patiala.

First Appellate Authority
o/o District Development and Panchayats Officer,
Mini Secretariat, Patiala

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 4300 of 2019
(Video Conference Proceedings)

Present:- None on behalf of the appellant.

Sh. Daljeet Singh, Former Panchayat Secretary and Sh. Bhupinder Singh, present
Panchayat Secretary on behalf of the respondents.

ORDER

This order may be read with the previous order dated 9.3.2020 vide which the respondents were directed to supply the action taken on references Nos. 876 and 2367 to the appellant and the case was adjourned to 23.3.2020 but adjourned to 9.4.2020 due to administration reasons and further adjourned to 12.6.2020 due to Covid 19 pandemic.

2. The representative of the respondents states that the complete information has been supplied to the appellant and he is satisfied with the information. A telephonic message has also been received from the appellant in the Commission.

3. According to the assurance of the respondents and the telephonic message received in the Commission from the appellant, the case is disposed of and closed.

Sd/-

Dated: 12.6.2020

(Suresh Arora)
Chief Information Commissioner,
Punjab.



Sh. Inderjit Singh RTI Activist,
c/o Chamber No. 141-A,
New Court, Jalandhar.

....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer
o/o Director, Rural Development & Panchayats,
Vikas Bhawan, Phase 8, Mohali

First Appellate Authority,
o/o Director, Rural Development & Panchayats,
Vikas Bhawan, Phase 8, Mohali

Ms Manjit Kaur, Under Secretary,
o/o Financial Commissioner,
Rural Development & Panchayats,
Vikas Bhawan, Phase 8, Mohali

Ms Kuldeep kaur,
Block Development and Panchayats Officer,
Adampur,
District Jalandhar.

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3284 of 2019
(Video Conference Proceedings)

Present:- Sh. Inderjit Singh, appellant.
Sh. Jagmohan Singh, APIO (81468 35786) o/o Block Development and Panchayats
Officer, Adampur, Jalandhar on behalf of the respondents.

ORDER

This order may be read with the previous order dated 18.3.2020 vide which the respondents were directed to supply the information concerning Sr.No. 1 and 5 of the RTI application and the case was adjourned to 8.4.2020 but could not be heard due to Covid 19 pandemic and the case was adjourned today i.e. 12.6.2020.

2. The appellant states that he has not received any information pertaining to point no. 1 & 5 of his RTI application. Copy of an email dated 10.6.2020 sent by the appellant is taken on record. However, the representative of the respondents states that due to Covid 19 pandemic, one short adjournment may be given although the information is ready. He assured the Commission that the same will be supplied to the appellant before the next date of hearing.

3. According to the assurance given by the representative of the respondents, one last opportunity is granted to the respondents due to Covid 19 pandemic, to supply the information concerning Point No. 1 & 5 before the next date of hearing failing which the punitive action will be initiated.

4. To come up on 29.6.2020 at 11.00 AM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Jalandhar.

Dated: 12.6.2020

Sd/-
(Suresh Arora)
Chief Information Commissioner,
Punjab.



Sh. Jasbir Singh Sekhon,
s/o Late ShriKartar Singh
VillageTandi, P.O. Laroya,
District Jalandhar.Appellant

Vs
Public Information Officer,
o/oSarpanch, Gram Panchayat
Tandi, Block Bhogpur, District Jalandhar.

First Appellate Authority,
o/o Block Development and Panchayats Officer,
Bhogpur, District Jalandhar.Respondents

Appeal Case No. 4005 of 2019

Present:- None on behalf of the appellant.
Shri Paramjit Singh, Panchayats Secretary, on behalf of the respondents.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 14.2.2020 vide which the information supplied to the appellant is discussed point-wise during the hearing, from which it was transpired that the information has been supplied to the appellant but the appellant stated that incomplete information supplied to him. He further stated that he wants to know, whether the same streets were got repaired again and again during the years 2003 to 2018 or not. The respondent-PIO stated that he would check up the record and report on the next date of hearing. The respondents were directed to confirm this aspect on or before 4.3.2020 to the appellant with a copy to the Commission. But the case was adjourned to 25.3.2020 due to administrative reasons, and further adjourned due to Covid-19 Pandemic on 9.4.2020 and then re-fixed for hearing on 12.6.2020.

1. An email dated 12.6.2020 has been sent by the appellant in which it has been stated that the information supplied by the respondents is incomplete and requested for the adjournment.
2. The respondents are absent without intimation.
3. Since, both the parties are absent, hence, the respondents are directed to supply the complete information before the next date of hearing failing which punitive action may be initiated against the respondents. Copy of an email received from the appellant is attached herewith this order.
4. To come up on 6.7.2020 at 11.30 A.M. to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Jalandhar.

Dated : 12.6.2020

SD/-
(**Suresh Arora**)
Chief Information Commissioner
Punjab



Sh. Jasbir Singh Sekhon,
s/o Late ShriKartar Singh
VillageTandi, P.O. Laroya,
District Jalandhar.

.....Appellant

Vs
Public Information Officer,
o/oSarpanch, Gram Panchayat
Tandi, Block Bhogpur,
District Jalandhar.

First Appellate Authority,
o/o Block Development and Panchayats Officer,
Bhogpur, District Jalandhar.Respondents

Appeal Case No. 4008 of 2019

Present:- None on behalf of the appellant.
None on behalf of the respondents.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 14.2.2020 vide which the respondents are directed to confirm the difference of amount spent on Community Centre and Dharamshala for General and Scheduled Cast categories on or before 04.03.2020. This case was not heard on the said date and was adjourned to 25.3.2020 and due to Covid-19 Pandemic the case was adjourned to 9.4.2020 and re-fixed for hearing on 12.6.2020.

1. An email dated 12.6.2020 has been sent by the appellant in which it has been stated that the information supplied by the respondents is incomplete and requested for the adjournment.
2. The respondents are absent without intimation.
3. Since, both the parties are absent, hence, the respondents are directed to supply the complete information before the next date of hearing failing which punitive action may be initiated against the respondents. Copy of an email received from the appellant is attached herewith this order.
4. To come up on 6.7.2020 at 11.30 A.M. to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Jalandhar.

Sd/-

Dated : 12.6.2020

(Suresh Arora)

Chief Information Commissioner
Punjab



Sh. Baldev Singh Sohal S/o Sh. Gurmukh Singh,
R/o Village- SohalJagir,
Tehsil Shahkot,144702,
District Jalandhar.

.....Complainant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o Block Development & Panchayat Officer,
Shahkot, District Jalandhar.

.....Respondent

Complaint Case .No. 135 of 2020

(Video Conference Facility)

Present:- None on behalf of complainant.

Sh. Balwinder Singh, Panchayat Secretary(M 9855600013) on behalf of the
respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 5.3.2020 vide which the case was adjourned on the request of the respondent-PIO Ms Kavita Garg, BDPO, Shahkot with the direction to supply the information before the next date of hearing failing which punitive action will be initiated on the next date of hearing i.e., on 20.3.2020. But the case was adjourned to 3.4.2020 due to administrative reasons and further adjourned to 12.6.2020 due to Covid-19 Pandemic.

1. The complainant is absent today without intimation.
2. The representative of the respondent states that the information pertaining to the RTI application, comprising 600 pages is ready but he could not supply the same due to family circumstances. Further, the representative of the respondent assured that the information will be supplied to the appellant before next date of hearing positively.
3. After hearing the respondent, he is hereby, directed to supply the said information free of cost before the next date of hearing failing which punitive action will be initiated on the next date of hearing.
4. To come up on 29.06.2020 at 11.00 A.M. to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Jalandhar.

Sd/

Dated: 12.06.2020.

(Suresh Arora),

Chief Information Commissioner,

Punjab.



Sh. Chand Singh S/o Sh. Sant Singh,
R/o Village- Kadrabad,
Tehsil Samana, District Patiala.Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer-cum- Asstt Engineer
c/o Block Development and Panchayats Officer,
Block Samana, District Patiala.

PIO-cum-Assistant Programme Officer, NAREGA,
c/o Block Development and Panchayats Officer,
Block Samana, District Patiala.

PIO-cum V.D.O o/o Gram Panchayat,
Kadrabad, Block –Samana,
c/o Block Development and Panchayats Officer,
Block Samana, District Patiala.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o District Development & Panchayats Officer,
Mini Secretariat, Patiala. Respondents

Appeal Case No. 200 of 2020

(Video Conference Proceeding)

Present:- Shri Chand Singh, appellant.
Shri Brish Bhan, Panchayats Secretary (M 9878146900) on behalf of the respondents.
ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 2.3.2020 vide which the representatives of respondents, Sh. Brish Bhan, Panchayat Secretary of BDPO office was directed to supply the information free of cost, regarding Point No. 1 and Sh. Gurmit Singh, GRS (M 9915794112) regarding NAREGA (Point No. 3), of the RTI application before the next date of hearing i.e. 3.4.2020. But the case could not be heard due to Covid -19 Pandemic and was adjourned to 12.6.2020.

1. The appellant states that no information has been supplied till date by the respondents regarding point no. 1 and 3 of his RTI application dated 19.7.2019.
2. The representative of the respondent Public Information Officer o/o BDPO states that information pertaining to point no. 1 will be made available in one month's time and he tenders his apology for not supplying the information due to Covid-19.
3. The representative of the NAREGA, Sh. Gurmit Singh, GRS is absent without intimation. He was directed to let the appellant know the website on which the information is available and help the appellant in downloading the same as per the last order of the Commission dated 7.2.2020 but it appears that neither he is attending the hearings nor he is guiding the appellant.
4. After hearing both the parties and going through the record of the case file, it is revealed that no information pertaining to point no. 1 (relates to Panchayat) and Point No. 3 (relates to NAREGA) has been supplied even on the directions of the Commission. A last opportunity is afforded to both the representatives of the respondents with the mutual consent of the parties to supply the information free of cost failing which the punitive action will be initiated on the next date of hearing.



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5. To come up on 24.7.2020 at 11.30 A.M. to be heard on the Video Conference Facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Patiala.

Sd/-

Dated: 12.06.2020.

(Suresh Arora),

Chief Information Commissioner,

Punjab.

District Development and Panchayats Officer, (REGD.)

(By Name)

Ensure the compliance of this order

Mini Secretariat,

Patiala

Block Development and Panchayats Officer, (REGD.)

(By Name)

Block Samana,

District Patiala.