

Sukhchain Singh S/o Sh. Ajit Singh,
Sonam Mohalla, Fatehgarh Churian,
Tehsil Batala, Distt. Gurdaspur (Punjab)

...Appellant

V/s.

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Officer,
Nagar Council, Fatehgarh Churian,
Tehsil Batala, Distt. Gurdaspur(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Regional Deputy Director,
Local Government, Pb.,
Amritsar(Punjab)

... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2329 of 2019

Present : Sh. Sukhchain Singh, the appellant in person.
None on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

This case was earlier fixed for hearing for 02.03.2020 and last opportunity was given to the respondent-PIO either to supply the certified copies of the remaining information at point no. 06 of the RTI request to the appellant or file a reply, in writing, positively.

The appellant, Sh. Sukhchain Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that remaining information at point no. 06 of the RTI request has not been supplied to him by the respondent PIO till date.

Neither the respondent nor his representative is present in today's hearing.

Through telephonic communication, Sh. Sunil Kumar, Clerk, has intimated that the concerned official, who is Sh. Kulwant Singh, Inspector, has gone to office of Deputy Commissioner, Gurdaspur with case-file of the above-mentioned appeal case with the assumption that court is to be held through Video Conference Facility of NIC available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Gurdaspur.

As the concerned representative of the respondent is not available during the hearing, held through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings', a short adjournment be given in this case.

Accordingly, the concerned respondent PIO concerned is directed to comply the earlier order dated 02.03.2020, passed by the Commission by supplying the the remaining information at point no. 06 of the RTI request to the appellant and also to remain present in person or represent this case through his representative on the next date of hearing positively.

With this, the case is **adjourned to 16th July, 2020 (Thursday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.**

The next date of hearing has been announced in the open court.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date :13th July, 2020

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Sukhchain Singh
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Tehsil Batala, Distt. Gurdaspur(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Regional Deputy Director,
Local Government, Pb.,
Amritsar(Punjab)

... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2990 of 2019

Present : Sh. Sukhchain Singh, the appellant in person.
None on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

This case was earlier fixed for hearing for 04.03.2020 and Sh. Baldev Singh, Clerk, appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO and submitted a reply vide letter no. 63 dated 27.02.2020 signed by Public Information Officer-cum-Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Fatehgarh Churian, showing that in response to the RTI request, a point-wise reply has already been given to the appellant, Sh. Sukhchain Singh vide letter no. 34 dated 13.06.2019 through registered post. He also handed over a copy of the same to the appellant, during the hearing on that day. After going through the information supplied, the appellant intimated the Commission that reply given to him is not as per queries raised by him through RTI request. After going through the RTI request placed in the case-file and reply submitted by the representative of the respondent during the hearing, it emerged that reply given to the appellant, is not as per queries raised by him through RTI request. On this, the representative of the respondent requested to provide him copy of the RTI request filed in the instant appeal-case so that required information could be supplied to the appellant. Accordingly, a copy of the RTI request is handed over to the representative of the respondent with the directions to the respondent PIO concerned to file a point wise proper reply under his signatures to each and every query, raised through RTI request before the next date of hearing and send the same to the appellant through registered post and submit a copy of the postal receipt in the Commission on the fixed date of hearing.

The appellant, Sh. Sukhchain Singh, appeared in person in today's hearing, states that no reply or information been given to him by the respondent PIO till date.

Neither the respondent nor his representative is present in today's hearing.

Through telephonic communication, Sh. Sunil Kumar, Clerk, has intimated that the concerned official, who is Sh. Kulwant Singh, Inspector, has gone to office of Deputy Commissioner, Gurdaspur with case-file of the above-mentioned appeal case with the assumption that court is to be held through Video Conference Facility of NIC available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Gurdaspur.

As the concerned representative of the respondent is not available during the hearing, held through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings', a short adjournment be given in this case.

Accordingly, the concerned respondent PIO concerned is directed to comply the earlier order dated 04.03.2020, passed by the Commission by supplying the required information, as per queries raised by the appellant through RTI request to the appellant and also to remain present in person or represent this case through his representative on the next date of hearing positively.

The case is **adjourned to 16th July, 2020 (Thursday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.**

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Tehsil Batala, Distt. Gurdaspur(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Principal Secretary
to Govt. of Punjab,
Department of Local Government, Pb.,
Mini Secretariat, Sector -9, Chandigarh

... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3062 of 2019

Present : Sh. Sukhchain Singh, the appellant in person.
i) Sh. Munish Kumar, Senior Assistant O/o Principal Secretary to
Govt. of Punjab, Department of Local Government, Punjab ;
ii) None appeared from office of Nagar Council, Fatehgarh Churian , for
of the respondent.

ORDER

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

This case was earlier fixed for hearing for 22.01.2020 and Sh. Ramesh Kumar, Inspector of office of Municipal Council, Fatehgarh Churian, appeared and stated that the requisite information was supplied to the appellant. On that day, the appellant intimated that incomplete information at point no. 01 and 02 of the RTI request has been given to him by the respondent PIO. Accordingly, the respondent PIO-cum-Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Fatehgarh Churian, was directed to supply the remaining information at point no. 01 and 02 of the RTI request to the appellant by registered post under intimation to the Commission.

The appellant, Sh. Sukhchain Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that remaining information at point no. 01 and 02 of the RTI request has not been supplied to him by the respondent PIO till date.

In today's hearing, Sh. Sh. Munish Kumar, Senior Assistant appeared from office of Principal Secretary to Govt. of Punjab, Department of Local Government, Punjab but none came present from office of Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Fatehgarh Churian.

Through telephonic communication, Sh. Sunil Kumar, Clerk, has intimated that the concerned official, who is Sh. Kulwant Singh, Inspector, has gone to office of Deputy Commissioner, Gurdaspur with case-file of the above-mentioned appeal case with the assumption that court is to be held through Video Conference Facility of NIC available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Gurdaspur.

As the concerned representative of the respondent is not available during the hearing, held through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings', a short adjournment be given in this case.

Accordingly, the concerned respondent PIO concerned is directed to comply the earlier order dated 22.01.2020, passed by the Commission by supplying the remaining information at point no. 01 and 02 of the RTI request to the appellant and also to remain present in person or represent this case through his representative on the next date of hearing.

The case is **adjourned to 16th July, 2020 (Thursday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.**

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Tehsil Batala, Distt. Gurdaspur(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Regional Deputy Director,
Local Government, Pb., Amritsar(Punjab)

... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 215 of 2020

Present : Sh. Sukhchain Singh, the appellant in person.
None on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

This case was earlier fixed for hearing for 31.03.2020 (was postponed) and fixed for hearing for today.

The RTI request is dated 05.09.2019. First appeal is dated 25.10.2019. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 07.01.2020.

The appellant, Sh. Sukhchain Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states no information has been supplied to him by the respondent PIO till date.

Neither the respondent nor his representative is present in today's hearing.

Through telephonic communication, Sh. Sunil Kumar, Clerk, has intimated that the concerned official, who is Sh. Kulwant Singh, Inspector, has gone to office of Deputy Commissioner, Gurdaspur with case-file of the above-mentioned appeal case with the assumption that court is to be held through Video Conference Facility of NIC available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Gurdaspur.

As the concerned representative of the respondent is not available during the hearing, held through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings', a short adjournment be given in this case. Accordingly, the concerned respondent PIO concerned is directed to supply the requisite information to the appellant, as per queries raised by him through RTI request, by registered post with a copy to the Commission and also to remain present in person or represent this case through his representative on the next date of hearing positively.

The case is **adjourned to 16th July, 2020 (Thursday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.**

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Date :13th July, 2020

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State Information Commissioner
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Public Information Officer,
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Nagar Council, Fatehgarh Churian,
Tehsil Batala, Distt. Gurdaspur(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Regional Deputy Director,
Local Government, Pb.,
Amritsar(Punjab)

... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 216 of 2020

Present : Sh. Sukhchain Singh, the appellant in person.
None on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

This case was earlier fixed for hearing for 31.03.2020 (was postponed) and fixed for hearing for today.

The RTI request is dated 13.07.2019. First appeal is dated 19.08.2019. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 07.01.2020.

The appellant, Sh. Sukhchain Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states no information has been supplied to him by the respondent PIO till date.

Neither the respondent nor his representative is present in today's hearing.

Through telephonic communication, Sh. Sunil Kumar, Clerk, has intimated that the concerned official, who is Sh. Kulwant Singh, Inspector, has gone to office of Deputy Commissioner, Gurdaspur with case-file of the above-mentioned appeal case with the assumption that court is to be held through Video Conference Facility of NIC available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Gurdaspur.

As the concerned representative of the respondent is not available during the hearing, held through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings', a short adjournment be given in this case. Accordingly, the concerned respondent PIO concerned is directed to supply the requisite information to the appellant, as per queries raised by him through RTI request, by registered post with a copy to the Commission and also to remain present in person or represent this case through his representative on the next date of hearing positively.

The case is **adjourned to 16th July, 2020 (Thursday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.**

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Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Officer,
Nagar Council, Fatehgarh Churian,
Tehsil Batala, Distt. Gurdaspur(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Regional Deputy Director,
Local Government, Pb.,
Amritsar(Punjab)

... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 217 of 2020

Present : Sh. Sukhchain Singh, the appellant in person.
None on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

This case was earlier fixed for hearing for 31.03.2020 (was postponed) and fixed for hearing for today.

The RTI request is dated 05.08.2019. First appeal is dated 19.09.2019. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 07.01.2020.

The appellant, Sh. Sukhchain Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states no information has been supplied to him by the respondent PIO till date.

Neither the respondent nor his representative is present in today's hearing.

Through telephonic communication, Sh. Sunil Kumar, Clerk, has intimated that the concerned official, who is Sh. Kulwant Singh, Inspector, has gone to office of Deputy Commissioner, Gurdaspur with case-file of the above-mentioned appeal case with the assumption that court is to be held through Video Conference Facility of NIC available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Gurdaspur.

As the concerned representative of the respondent is not available during the hearing, held through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings', a short adjournment be given in this case.

Accordingly, the concerned respondent PIO concerned is directed to supply the requisite information to the appellant, as per queries raised by him through RTI request, by registered post with a copy to the Commission and also to remain present in person or represent this case through his representative on the next date of hearing positively.

The case is **adjourned to 16th July, 2020 (Thursday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.**

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Tehsil Batala, Distt. Gurdaspur (Punjab)

...Appellant

V/s.

Public Information Officer,
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Nagar Council, Fatehgarh Churian,
Tehsil Batala, Distt. Gurdaspur(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Regional Deputy Director,
Local Government, Pb.,
Amritsar(Punjab)

... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 218 of 2020

Present : Sh. Sukhchain Singh, the appellant in person.
None on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

This case was earlier fixed for hearing for 31.03.2020 (was postponed) and fixed for hearing for today.

The RTI request is dated 05.08.2019. First appeal is dated 19.09.2019. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 07.01.2020.

The appellant, Sh. Sukhchain Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that no information has been supplied to him by the respondent PIO till date.

Neither the respondent nor his representative is present in today's hearing.

Through telephonic communication, Sh. Sunil Kumar, Clerk, has intimated that the concerned official, who is Sh. Kulwant Singh, Inspector, has gone to office of Deputy Commissioner, Gurdaspur with case-file of the above-mentioned appeal case with the assumption that court is to be held through Video Conference Facility of NIC available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Gurdaspur.

As the concerned representative of the respondent is not available during the hearing, held through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings', a short adjournment be given in this case.

Accordingly, the concerned respondent PIO concerned is directed to supply the requisite information to the appellant, as per queries raised by him through RTI request, by registered post with a copy to the Commission and also to remain present in person or represent this case through his representative on the next date of hearing positively.

The case is **adjourned to 16th July, 2020 (Thursday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.**

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Sonam Mohalla, Fatehgarh Churian,
Tehsil Batala, Distt. Gurdaspur (Punjab)

...Appellant

V/s.

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Deputy Commissioner,
Gurdaspur(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Deputy Commissioner,
Gurdaspur(Punjab)

... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3086 of 2019

Present : Sh. Sukhchain Singh, the appellant in person.
Sh. Chadat Singh, RTI Clerk, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

This case was earlier fixed for hearing for 22.01.2020 and the representative of the respondent failed to submit a copy of the eight pages of the information, which were supplied to the appellant, hence, another opportunity was given to the respondent PIO to bring a copy of the information (which was supplied to the appellant, showing that complete information has been given to the appellant) on the fixed date of hearing positively.

Sh. Chadat Singh, RTI Clerk, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that complete information has been supplied to the appellant, Sh. Sukhchain Singh vide letter no. 442 dated 09.03.2020. On that reply, the appellant has put his signatures on 09.03.2020 as an acknowledgement of having received the requisite information.

After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that the respondent PIO through a reply vide letter no. 1548 dated 10.07.2020 signed by District Revenue Officer-cum- Public Information Officer, Gurdaspur, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail, has intimated the Commission that complete information has been supplied to the appellant, Sh. Sukhchain Singh vide letter no. 442 dated 09.03.2020. On that reply, the appellant has put his signatures on 09.03.2020 as an acknowledgement of having received the requisite information, appended to which is a note dated 09.03.2020, signed by the appellant as an acknowledgement of having received the requisite information, through which he claimed that he is satisfied with the information supplied and asked for filing of his case. It is taken on record. It, alongwith annexure, is taken on record.

The appellant, Sh. Sukhchain Singh, who appeared in today's hearing, states that he has received the requisite information and satisfied asked for filing of his case.

As the appellant gave his consent to close the case, the case is **disposed of and Closed.**

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date :13th July, 2020

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Jasbir Singh,
Village Bholapur Jhabewal,
P. O.- Ramgarh,
Distt. Ludhiana -123455(Punjab)

...Appellant

V/s.

- i) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Principal Secretary
to Government of Punjab,
Department of Transport, Punjab,
Chandigarh
- ii) Public Information Officer,
(Regd. Post) O/o The Secretary,
Regional Transport Authority,
Ludhiana (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Principal Secretary
to Government of Punjab,
Department of Transport, Punjab,
Pb. Mini Sectt., Sector 9, Chandigarh

... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2160 of 2019

Present : Sh. Jasbir Singh, the appellant in person.
Sh. Amardeep Singh, RTI Clerk O/o Regional Transport Authority, Ludhiana , on
behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

This case was last heard on 24.02.2020 and a penalty of Rs. 5000/- was imposed upon the Public Information Officer office of Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Ludhiana and he was directed to appear in person with information and a copy of the challan receipt, showing deposition of penalty has been done.

The appellant, Sh. Jasbir Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that no information has been supplied to him by the respondent PIO.

Sh. Amardeep Singh, RTI Clerk, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO of office of Regional Transport Authority, Ludhiana, in today's hearing, states that complete information has been supplied to the appellant, Sh. Jasbir Singh vide letter no. 11753 dated 07.02.2020 through registered post and the same has also been personally handed over to the appellant on 20.02.2020. On that reply, the appellant has put his signatures on 20.02.2020 as an acknowledgement of having received the same. The above-mentioned letter no. 11753 dated 07.02.2020 is placed in the case-file.

Sh. Amardeep Singh, RTI Clerk, also states that procedure of deposition of penalty is under process and seeks an adjournment in this case so that compliance of the order dated 24.02.2020 could be intimated to the Commission.

Last and final opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to comply with the orders dated 24.02.2020 passed by the Commission by depositing penalty of Rs. 5000/- (Rupees Five Thousand only) in the Treasury of Punjab Government and a copy of challan receipt be submitted to the Commission by or on the next date of hearing.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information/reply given vide letter no. 11753 dated 07.02.2020, in writing, to the respondent PIO well in time with a copy to the Commission so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned by the next date of hearing.

With this, the case is **adjourned to 21st September, 2020 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.**

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date :13th July, 2020

**(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab**

Janak Singh
S/o Late Shri Ujjagar Singh,
R/o Behlohpur, Block Majri,
Tehsil & Distt. - Mohali 160014 (Punjab) ... Appellant

V/s.

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Block Development &
Panchayat Officer (BDPO),
Majri, Tehsil & Distt. - Mohali (Punjab)

(Regd. Post) The Block Development &
Panchayat Officer (BDPO),
Kharar, Tehsil & Distt. - Mohali

(Regd. Post) The Director,
Rural Development and Panchayats, Punjab,
Vikas Bhawan, Sector 62,
S. A. S. Nagar (Mohali) Punjab

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The District Development &
Panchayat Officer (DDPO),
S. A. S. Nagar (Mohali) (Punjab) ... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1272 of 2018

Present : Sh. Janak Singh, the appellant in person.
None on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

This case was last heard on 22.01.2020 and the respondent PIOs of office of Block Development & Panchayat Officer, Majri and Sh. Surinder Pal Singh, the then concerned Panchayat Secretary, who is presently posted at office of B. D. P. O., Dhaarkalan were not present during the hearing in the above-mentioned case as directed by the Commission vide orders dated 28.11.2019. They had also not sent any intimation regarding their non-availability and the remaining information has also not been supplied by the respondent PIOs to the information seeker. Hence, **a show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act is issued to :**

1. Public Information Officer office of Block Development & Panchayat Officer (BDPO), Majri ;
2. Sh. Surinder Pal Singh, the then concerned Panchayat Secretary, who is presently posted at office of B. D. P. O., Dhaarkalan ;

Last and final opportunity was also given to the concerned respondent PIOs to file a reply, in writing, to the queries, raised by the appellant through his RTI request and a copy of the order was sent through registered post to the District Development & Panchayat Officer, Pahankot to ensure presence of the above-mentioned PIOs on the fixed date of hearing positively.

Neither the respondent nor any of his representative is present in today's hearing.

The appellant, Sh. Janak Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that no information has been supplied to him by the respondent PIO so far. He also intimates the Commission that one of the above-mentioned official i. e. Sh. Surinder Pal Singh, the then concerned Panchayat Secretary, is presently posted at office of Block Development & Panchayat Officer, Kharar.

As none of the PIOs came present personally from offices i) Public Information Officer concerned of office of B.D.P.O., Majri, Distt. Mohali and ii) Sh. Surinder Pal Singh (the then concerned Panchayat Secretary of Majri), who is presently posted at office of B. D. P. O., Kharar, in today's hearing as directed vide orders dated 22.01.2020. They have also not sent any intimation regarding their non-availability and also not sent any document showing that the required information has been supplied to the information seeker, which reflects that they are trying to delay in supplying the required information to the information-seeker. The Commission took a serious view of this casual approach of the respondent PIOs concerned.

For making delay in supplying the requisite information to the information-seeker under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act, a penalty of Rs. 5,000/- (Rupees Five Thousand Only) is imposed upon Public Information Officer concerned of office of B.D.P.O., Block Majri, Distt. Mohali. **A copy of this order be sent to him through registered post.**

The amount of penalty will be deposited in the treasury of Punjab Government under the head.....

Major Head	.. 0070 -Other Administrative Services
Sub-Major Head	.. 60 - Other Services
Minor Head	.. 800 - Other Receipts
Sub-Head	.. 86 - Fee under the Right to Information Act, 2005
Detailed Head	.. 0070 Other Administrative Services
	60 Other Services- 800- Other Receipts-
	86- Fees under the Right to Information Act, 2005

And a copy of challan receipt be sent to the Commission by the next date of hearing.

And Sh. Surinder Pal Singh (the then concerned Panchayat Secretary of Majri), who is presently posted at office of B. D. P. O., Kharar, is directed to appear in person on the date next of hearing fixed through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings', failing which action would be initiated against him under the provisions of the RTI Act.

Last opportunity is given to the respondent-PIOs concerned to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant, as per queries raised by him through his RTI request, through registered post before the next date of hearing and send a copy of the postal receipt, (through which information would be sent to the Appellant) on the next date of hearing. He also directed to appear in person on the date of hearing fixed through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'

A copy of this order be sent through registered post to the Block Development & Panchayat Officer, Kharar to ensure presence of Sh. Surinder Pal Singh (the then concerned Panchayat Secretary of Majri, who is presently posted at office of B. D. P. O., Kharar on the next date of hearing positively.

A copy of this order be sent to Director, Rural Development and Panchayats, Punjab, S. A. S. Nagar through registered post with the advice to ensure presence of i) Public Information Officer concerned of office of B.D.P.O., Majri, Distt. Mohali and ii) Sh. Surinder Pal Singh (the then concerned Panchayat Secretary of Majri), who is presently posted at office of B. D. P. O., Kharar, on the next date of hearing, fixed through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings' and also to ensure the compliance of the above-said order.

The case is **adjourned to 21st September, 2020 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.**

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date :13th July, 2020

(Regd. Post)

Sh. Surinder Pal Singh,
Panchayat Secretary,
O/o B. D. P. O.,
Kharar, Tehsil & Distt. – Mohali (Punjab)

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Janak Singh
S/o Late Shri Ujjagar Singh,
R/o Behlohpur, Block Majri,
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Majri, Tehsil & Distt. - Mohali (Punjab)

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Panchayat Officer (BDPO),
Kharar, Tehsil & Distt. – Mohali

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Rural Development and Panchayats, Punjab,
Vikas Bhawan, Sector 62,
S. A. S. Nagar (Mohali) Punjab

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The District Development &
Panchayat Officer (DDPO),
S. A. S. Nagar (Mohali) (Punjab) ... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1278 of 2018

Present : Sh. Janak Singh, the appellant in person.
None on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

This case was last heard on 22.01.2020 and the respondent PIOs of office of Block Development & Panchayat Officer, Majri and Sh. Surinder Pal Singh, the then concerned Panchayat Secretary, who is presently posted at office of B. D. P. O., Dhaarkalan were not present during the hearing in the above-mentioned case as directed by the Commission vide orders dated 28.11.2019. They had also not sent any intimation regarding their non-availability and the remaining information has also not been supplied by the respondent PIOs to the information seeker. Hence, **a show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act is issued to :**

1. Public Information Officer office of Block Development & Panchayat Officer (BDPO), Majri ;
2. Sh. Surinder Pal Singh, the then concerned Panchayat Secretary, who is presently posted at office of B. D. P. O., Dhaarkalan ;

Last and final opportunity was also given to the concerned respondent PIOs to file a reply, in writing, to the queries, raised by the appellant through his RTI request and a copy of the order was sent through registered post to the District Development & Panchayat Officer, Pahankot to ensure presence of the above-mentioned PIOs on the fixed date of hearing positively.

Neither the respondent nor any of his representative is present in today's hearing.

The appellant, Sh. Janak Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that no information has been supplied to him by the respondent PIO so far. He also intimates the Commission that one of the above-mentioned official i. e. Sh. Surinder Pal Singh, the then concerned Panchayat Secretary, is presently posted at office of Block Development & Panchayat Officer, Kharar.

As none of the PIOs came present personally from offices i) Public Information Officer concerned of office of B.D.P.O., Majri, Distt. Mohali and ii) Sh. Surinder Pal Singh (the then concerned Panchayat Secretary of Majri), who is presently posted at office of B. D. P. O., Kharar, in today's hearing as directed vide orders dated 22.01.2020. They have also not sent any intimation regarding their non-availability and also not sent any document showing that the required information has been supplied to the information seeker, which reflects that they are trying to delay in supplying the required information to the information-seeker. The Commission took a serious view of this casual approach of the respondent PIOs concerned.

For making delay in supplying the requisite information to the information-seeker under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act, a penalty of Rs. 5,000/- (Rupees Five Thousand Only) is imposed upon Public Information Officer concerned of office of B.D.P.O., Block Majri, Distt. Mohali. **A copy of this order be sent to him through registered post.**

The amount of penalty will be deposited in the treasury of Punjab Government under the head.....

Major Head	.. 0070 -Other Administrative Services
Sub-Major Head	.. 60 - Other Services
Minor Head	.. 800 - Other Receipts
Sub-Head	.. 86 - Fee under the Right to Information Act, 2005
Detailed Head	.. 0070 Other Administrative Services
	60 Other Services- 800- Other Receipts-
	86- Fees under the Right to Information Act, 2005

And a copy of challan receipt be sent to the Commission by the next date of hearing.

And Sh. Surinder Pal Singh (the then concerned Panchayat Secretary of Majri), who is presently posted at office of B. D. P. O., Kharar, is directed to appear in person on the date next of hearing fixed through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings', failing which action would be initiated against him under the provisions of the RTI Act.

Last opportunity is given to the respondent-PIOs concerned to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant, as per queries raised by him through his RTI request, through registered post before the next date of hearing and send a copy of the postal receipt, (through which information would be sent to the Appellant) on the next date of hearing. He also directed to appear in person on the date of hearing fixed through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'

A copy of this order be sent through registered post to the Block Development & Panchayat Officer, Kharar to ensure presence of Sh. Surinder Pal Singh (the then concerned Panchayat Secretary of Majri, who is presently posted at office of B. D. P. O., Kharar on the next date of hearing positively.

A copy of this order be sent to Director, Rural Development and Panchayats, Punjab, S. A. S. Nagar through registered post with the advice to ensure presence of i) Public Information Officer concerned of office of B.D.P.O., Majri, Distt. Mohali and ii) Sh. Surinder Pal Singh (the then concerned Panchayat Secretary of Majri), who is presently posted at office of B. D. P. O., Kharar, on the next date of hearing, fixed through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings' and also to ensure the compliance of the above-said order.

The case is **adjourned to 21st September, 2020 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.**

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date :13th July, 2020

(Regd. Post)

Sh. Surinder Pal Singh,
Panchayat Secretary,
O/o B. D. P. O.,
Kharar, Tehsil & Distt. – Mohali (Punjab)

**(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab**