

Shri Pankaj Kumar, S/o Sh. Nabh Singh,
MCB Zone-6, H.No.3225, Gali No.1-B,
Surkhpeer Road, Bhatinda.

--Appellant.

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Distt. Development & Panchayat Officer,
Bathinda.

First Appellate Authority:

O/o ADC (D),
Bathinda.

Respondent

Appeal Case No. 2817 of 2021

Present:- Shri Sanjeev Goyal is present on behalf of Shri Pankaj Kumar, appellant.
None present on behalf of the SPIO, O/o Distt. Development & Panchayat
Officer, Bathinda.

ORDER

Shri Pankaj Kumar, appellant filed RTI application dated 05.02.2021 before the SPIO, O/o Animal Husbandry Department, Bathinda. The RTI application was transferred U/s 6(3) of the RTI Act, 2005 to the SPIO, O/o Distt. Development & Panchayat Officer, Bathinda vide letter dated 09.02.2021 to provide the information related with point no.12 of the RTI application. The SPIO, O/o DDPO, Bathinda sent information to the appellant vide letter no.1173 dated 01.03.2021. But not satisfied the appellant filed First Appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 15.03.2021 and then Second Appeal before the Punjab State Information Commission on 16.06.2021. The case was registered and allocated to the Bench. Notice of hearing was issued to both the parties for today through **CISCO Webex Meetings Software**.

Shri Sanjeev Goyal is present on behalf of Shri Pankaj Kumar, appellant, whereas none has come present on behalf of the respondent SPIO. The representative of the appellant stated that the sought for information has not been provided to the appellant by the SPIO.

The Commission has received a mail sent by the SPIO-cum-DDPO, Bathinda on 20.08.2021, diarized vide no.18704, which is a copy of letter no.3684 dated 10.08.2021. I have gone through the said letter vide which the DDPO, Bathinda has directed the C.F.A., O/o DDPO, Bathinda to provide the information to the appellant and to appear before the Commission for today. But none has appeared on behalf of the respondent today.

So, the SPIO, O/o DDPO, Bathinda is directed that the attested copies of information related with point no.12 of the RTI application, if it exist in the office of the public authority, be provided to the appellant within 10 days and in case the information is not available in the office of the SPIO, then the SPIO should submit a duly attested affidavit in two sets that this information is not available in the office of the public authority i.e. DDPO, Bathinda and send one affidavit to the Commission and the other to the appellant within 10 days.

Both the parties should connect through **CISCO WEBEX MEETINGS Software (Meeting No. 1582695783)** on the next date of hearing i.e. **16.11.2021 at 11:00 A.M.**

Dated: 13.10.2021

(Avtar Singh Kaler)
State Information Commissioner, Punjab.



Shri Harnam Dass Mahay,
VPO Lidhran, Bye Pass,
Amritsar Road, Distt.Jalandhar.

--Appellant.

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Executive Officer,
Jalandhar Improvement Trust,
Jalandhar.

First Appellate Authority:

O/o Regional Deputy Director,
Local Govt., Jalandhar.

Respondent

Appeal Case No. 2818 of 2021

Present:- Shri Harnam Dass Mahay, appellant is personally present.
None present on behalf of the PIO, O/o Executive Officer, Jalandhar
Improvement Trust, Jalandhar.

O R D E R

Shri Harnam Dass Mahay, appellant filed RTI application dated 12.09.2020 and sought some information from the PIO, O/o Executive Officer, Jalandhar Improvement Trust, Jalandhar. When no information was provided to him by the PIO, then he filed First Appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 03.02.2021. A reply was sent to him by the PIO vide letter no.13169 dated 25.02.2021 and the information sought by him was denied being third party information. Then the appellant filed Second Appeal before the Punjab State Information Commission on 16.06.2021. The case was registered and allocated to the Bench. Notice of hearing was issued to both the parties for today through **CISCO Webex Meetings Software**.

The appellant is personally present today, whereas none has appeared on behalf of the PIO. The appellant stated that the sought for information has not been provided to him by the PIO rather the PIO has denied the information being third party information.

I have gone through the RTI application dated 12.09.2021 and also discussed about the sought for information with the appellant.

The RTI application filed by the appellant is not specific as he is seeking information regarding the whole plots within the jurisdiction of the Jalandhar Improvement Trust. He has not specified regarding the plots for which he is seeking the information.

So, the appellant is directed that he should submit in writing the list of plots for which he is seeking information to the notice of the PIO, O/o Executive Officer, Jalandhar Improvement Trust, Jalandhar within 10 days and the PIO is further directed that in case the appellant would submit the list then he should provide the attested copies of information to the appellant within a week from the receipt of list specified by the appellant and also sent compliance to the Commission before the next date of hearing. In case the appellant would not submit any specified list, then the case will be decided accordingly on the next date of hearing.

Both the parties should connect through **CISCO WEBEX MEETINGS Software**
(Meeting No. 1582695783) on the next date of hearing i.e. **16.11.2021 at 11:00 A.M.**

Dated: 13.10.2021

(Avtar Singh Kaler)
State Information Commissioner, Punjab.



Shri Jagjit Singh, R/o Aman Nagar,
Street No. 3, B/s Green
Land School, Near Jalandhar
Bye Pass, Ludhiana.

--Appellant.

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o Commissioner of Police,
Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority:
O/o Commissioner of Police,
Ludhiana.

Respondent

Appeal Case No. 2845 of 2021

Present:- Shri Jagjit Singh, appellant is present.
ASI Tarsem Lal-1689/LDH is present on behalf of the SPIO, O/o Commissioner of Police, Ludhiana.

ORDER

Shri Jagjit Singh, appellant filed RTI application dated 27.03.2021 and sought some information from the SPIO, O/o Commissioner of Police, Ludhiana. A reply was sent to him by the SPIO vide letter no.1226 dated 06.04.2021 and the information sought by him was denied being third party information. But not satisfied with the reply sent by the SPIO, the appellant filed First Appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 29.04.2021. Then the appellant filed Second Appeal before the Punjab State Information Commission on 21.06.2021. The case was registered and allocated to the Bench. Notice of hearing was issued to both the parties for today through **CISCO Webex Meetings Software**.

Both the parties are present today.

The appellant stated that the sought for information has not been provided to him by the SPIO.

The respondent stated that the information sought by the appellant cannot be provided to him U/s 8(1)(j) and 11 of the RTI Act, 2005 being personal and third party information and reply regarding this has already been sent to the appellant vide letter no.1226 dated 06.04.2021, letter no.166-FA dated 23.06.2021 and letter dated 30.09.2021.

The appellant requested that the information sought by him is not personal or third party information.

Under these circumstances, the appellant is directed to visit the office of the SPIO on Monday i.e. 18.10.2021 at 10:00 A.M. and the SPIO is further directed to provide the attested copies of information/reply to the appellant and send compliance to the Commission accordingly.

Both the parties should connect through **CISCO WEBEX MEETINGS Software (Meeting No. 1582695783)** on the next date of hearing i.e. **16.11.2021 at 11:00 A.M.**

Dated: 13.10.2021

(Avtar Singh Kaler)
State Information Commissioner, Punjab.



Shri Hakam Chand,
S/o Sh. Hari Chand,
R/o Dhani Telupura,
Tehsil Abohar, Distt.Fazilka.

--Appellant.

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o BDPO, Block Khuiya Sarwar
At Abohar, Distt. Fazilka.

First Appellate Authority:
O/o DDPO,
Fazilka.

Respondent

Appeal Case No. 2849 of 2021

Present:- Shri Hakam Chand, appellant is present.
None present on behalf of the SPIO, O/o BDPO, Block Khuiya Sarwar At
Abohar, Distt. Fazilka.

ORDER

Shri Hakam Chand, appellant filed RTI application dated 21.01.2021 and sought some information from the SPIO, O/o BDPO, Block Khuiya Sarwar At Abohar, Distt. Fazilka. When no information was provided to him by the SPIO then the appellant filed First Appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 24.03.2021. Then the appellant filed Second Appeal before the Punjab State Information Commission on 21.06.2021. The case was registered and allocated to the Bench. Notice of hearing was issued to both the parties for today through **CISCO Webex Meetings Software.**

The appellant is present today, whereas none has come present on behalf of the SPIO. The appellant stated that he has sought information regarding Gram Panchayat, Dhaani Village Telupura, but no information has been provided to him by the concerned Panchayat Secretary, Shri Jatin Kumar.

The appellant had filed RTI application on 21.01.2021 and a period of about nine months has been passed, but the SPIO has not provided any information to the appellant. So, a compensation of Rs.3,000/- is awarded in favour of the appellant to be paid from the funds of public authority by way of demand draft and be sent to the appellant through registered post within 10 days along with attested copies of sought for information and compliance be sent to the Commission accordingly. In case of non compliance of the Order of the Commission a Show Cause Notice U/s 20(1) of the RTI Act, 2005 will be issued to Shri Jatin Kumar, the concerned PIO-cum-Panchayat Secretary on the next date of hearing and he will be penalized up to Rs.25,000/-, which will be deducted from his salary.

Both the parties should connect through **CISCO WEBEX MEETINGS Software (Meeting No. 1582695783)** on the next date of hearing i.e. **16.11.2021 at 11:00 A.M.**

Dated: 13.10.2021

(Avtar Singh Kaler)
State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

Shri Sukhjinder Singh, S/o Sh. Bachittar Singh,
R/o VPO Ghugrana,
Distt. Ludhiana.

--Appellant.

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o BDPO, Pakhowal,
Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority:

O/o DDPO,
Ludhiana.

Respondent

Appeal Case No. 2864 of 2021

Present:- Shri Sukhjinder Singh, appellant is absent.
None present on behalf of the SPIO, O/o BDPO, Pakhowal, Ludhiana.

O R D E R

Shri Sukhjinder Singh, appellant filed RTI application dated 26.12.2020 and sought some information from the SPIO, O/o BDPO, Pakhowal, Ludhiana. When no information was provided to him by the SPIO then the appellant filed First Appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 06.03.2021 and then Second Appeal before the Punjab State Information Commission on 21.06.2021. The case was registered and allocated to the Bench. Notice of hearing was issued to both the parties for today through **CISCO Webex Meetings Software**.

Both the parties are absent today.

The appellant though is absent today, but he has sent a mail to the Commission on 27.08.2021, diarized vide no.19395. I have gone through the said mail and the appellant submitted that the sought information has not been provided to him by the SPIO till date.

The Commission has received a mail sent by the DDPO, Ludhiana, which is a copy of letter no.8368 dated 17.08.2021 vide which the DDPO, Ludhiana has issued directions to the SPIO-cum-BDPO, Pakhowal to appear before the Commission for today. But inspite of the directions issued by the higher authorities, none has appeared on behalf of the SPIO.

The appellant had filed RTI application on 26.12.2020 and a period of about ten months has been passed, but the SPIO has not provided any information to the appellant. So, a compensation of Rs.3,000/- is awarded in favour of the appellant to be paid from the funds of public authority by way of demand draft and be sent to the appellant through registered post within 10 days along with attested copies of sought for information and compliance be sent to the Commission accordingly. In case of non compliance of the Order of the Commission a Show Cause Notice U/s 20(1) of the RTI Act, 2005 will be issued to SPIO on the next date of hearing and he will be penalized up to Rs.25,000/-, which will be deducted from his salary.

Both the parties should connect through **CISCO WEBEX MEETINGS Software (Meeting No. 1582695783)** on the next date of hearing i.e. **16.11.2021 at 11:00 A.M.**

Dated: 13.10.2021

(Avtar Singh Kaler)
State Information Commissioner, Punjab.



Shri Ajitpal Singh,
H.No. 2030-B, Ward No.6,
Street No.8, Near Delhi Colony,
Kartar Nagar, Moga.

--Appellant.

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o DPI (SE), Punjab,
Mohali.

First Appellate Authority:
O/o DPI (SE), Punjab,
Mohali.

Respondent

Appeal Case No. 2870 of 2021

Present:- Shri Ajitpal Singh, appellant is present.
Shri Ashok Kumar, Asstt. Manager, Admn., O/o DPI (SE), Punjab, Mohali is present.

O R D E R

Shri Ajitpal Singh, appellant filed RTI application dated 20.01.2021 and sought some information from the SPIO, O/o DPI (SE), Punjab, Mohali. A reply was sent to him by the SPIO vide letter dated 05.04.2021. But not satisfied with the reply of the SPIO, the appellant filed First Appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 09.04.2021. Then the appellant filed Second Appeal before the Punjab State Information Commission on 22.06.2021. The case was registered and allocated to the Bench. Notice of hearing was issued to both the parties for today through **CISCO Webex Meetings Software**.

Both the parties are present today.

The respondent stated that point-wise information/reply has already been provided to the appellant on 13.07.2021.

The appellant stated that he has received the information sent by the SPIO, but the information regarding point nos.4 and 5 of the RTI application is not satisfactory.

So, the SPIO is directed that the attested copies of information/reply regarding point nos.4 and 5 of the RTI application be sent to the appellant through registered post within a week and compliance be sent to the Commission. Non compliance of the Order of the Commission would be viewed seriously and action will be taken against the SPIO.

Both the parties should connect through **CISCO WEBEX MEETINGS Software (Meeting No. 1582695783)** on the next date of hearing i.e. **02.11.2021 at 11:30 A.M.**

Dated: 13.10.2021

(Avtar Singh Kaler)
State Information Commissioner, Punjab.



Shri Jasbir Singh,
S/o Sh. Harbans Singh,
Jalal Khera, Post Office Sular,
Distt. Patiala.

--Appellant.

Versus

Public Information Officer

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

First Appellate Authority:

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

Respondent

Appeal Case No. 2879 of 2021

Present:- Shri Jasbir Singh, appellant is present.
None present on behalf of the SPIO, O/o Block Dev. & Panchayat Officer,
Patiala.

O R D E R

Shri Jasbir Singh, appellant filed RTI application dated 10.02.2021 and sought some information from the SPIO, O/o Block Dev. & Panchayat Officer, Patiala. When no information was provided to him by the SPIO then the appellant filed First Appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 31.03.2021. Then the appellant filed Second Appeal before the Punjab State Information Commission on 22.06.2021. The case was registered and allocated to the Bench. Notice of hearing was issued to both the parties for today through **CISCO Webex Meetings Software**.

The appellant is present today, whereas none has come present on behalf of the SPIO. The appellant stated that he has received the information sent by the SPIO and he is satisfied with the information regarding point nos.4 to 7 of the RTI application, but the information regarding point nos.1 to 3 of the RTI application is still pending.

The Commission has received an e-mail sent by the SPIO-cum-BDPO, Patiala, which is a copy of letter no.445-46 dated 28.07.2021 vide which the BDPO has issued directions to Shri Sukhpal Singh, Panchayat Secretary and Shri Prabhjot Singh, GRS to provide the information to the appellant and to appear before the Commission for today. But none has come present on behalf of the respondent today.

So, the SPIO is directed that the attested copies of information regarding point nos.1 to 3 of the RTI application, specifically point-wise, be provided to the appellant within a week and a copy of the same be sent to the Commission for compliance. In case of non compliance of the Order of the Commission a show cause notice U/s 20(1) of the RTI Act, 2005 will be issued to the concerned PIO on the next date of hearing and he will be penalized upto Rs.25,000/-, which will be deducted from his salary.

Both the parties should connect through **CISCO WEBEX MEETINGS Software (Meeting No. 1582695783)** on the next date of hearing i.e. **02.11.2021 at 11:30 A.M.**

Dated: 13.10.2021

(Avtar Singh Kaler)
State Information Commissioner, Punjab.



Shri Gurmeet Singh, S/o Shri Hari Singh,
Village Bagrian,
Tehsil & Distt. Fatehgarh Sahib.

.....Complainant.

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o BDPO, Block Sirhind,
Distt. Fatehgarh Sahib.

.....Respondent

Complaint Case No. 926 of 2020

Present:- Shri Gurmeet Singh, complainant/applicant is present.
None present on behalf of the SPIO, O/o BDPO, Block Sirhind, Distt. Fatehgarh Sahib.

ORDER

Shri Gurmeet Singh, complainant/applicant filed RTI application dated 26.08.2020 and sought some information from the SPIO, O/o BDPO, Block Sirhind, Distt. Fatehgarh Sahib.

Today the case is heard through CISCO Webex Meetings Software.

The applicant is present today, whereas none has come present on behalf of the PIO. The applicant stated that neither the information nor the amount of compensation of Rs.2,000/- has been provided to him by the PIO till date.

I have gone through the Order dated 24.08.2021 and a show cause notice was issued to Shri Iqbal Singh, PIO-cum-Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panchayat, Baghrian and he was directed to file reply to the Show Cause Notice and to the complaint filed by the complainant/applicant. He was also directed to send the amount of compensation of Rs.2,000/- to the applicant from the funds of public authority by way of demand draft through registered post within 10 days and compliance be sent to the Commission.

But the respondent PIO is absent today and neither he has sent any compliance report to the Commission regarding providing the compensation to the applicant and nor he has filed any reply to the Show Cause Notice. The PIO was absent on 04.05.2021, 23.06.2021, 24.08.2021 and today again he is absent without any intimation to the Commission.

The PIO is not performing his duties properly. The applicant has filed RTI application on 26.08.2020 and a period of more than one year has been passed, but no information has been provided to him by the PIO. So, the amount of compensation of Rs.2,000/- which was awarded in favour of the applicant is hereby enhanced to Rs.5,000/- and the SPIO is directed to pay the amount of compensation of Rs.5,000/- to the applicant from the funds of public authority by way of demand draft and be sent to the applicant through registered post within 10 days and compliance be sent to the Commission.

Shri Iqbal Singh, PIO-cum-Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panchayat, Baghrian is further directed to file reply to the show cause notice and to the complaint filed by the complainant and an opportunity of personal hearing will be afforded to him on the next date of

hearing. In case he would not file any reply to the Show Cause Notice, then it will be assumed that he do not want to say anything in his defence and the Show Cause Notice will be decided on the basis of papers available in the file and a penalty of Rs. 25,000/- will be imposed upon him which will be deducted from his salary.

Both the parties should connect through **CISCO WEBEX MEETINGS Software (Meeting No. 1582695783)** on the next date of hearing i.e. **16.11.2021 at 11:00 A.M.**

Dated: 13.10.2021

**(Avtar Singh Kaler)
Chief Information Commissioner, Punjab**



Shri Harimohan Prashar,
N.J. 252, Mohan Gali,
Mitha Bazar, Jalandhar.

.....Appellant.

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o Municipal Corporation,
Jalandhar.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation,
Jalandhar.

.....Respondent

Appeal Case No. 1348 of 2021

Present:- Shri Harimohan Prashar, appellant is present.
None present on behalf of the SPIO, O/o Municipal Corporation, Jalandhar.

ORDER

Shri Harimohan Prashar, appellant filed RTI application dated 07.12.2020 and sought some information from the SPIO, O/o Municipal Corporation, Jalandhar.

Today the case is heard through CISCO Webex Meetings Software.

The appellant is present today, whereas none has appeared on behalf of the SPIO. The appellant stated that neither the information nor the amount of compensation of Rs.2,000/- has been provided to him by the SPIO till date.

I have gone through the Order dated 24.08.2021 and a show cause notice was issued to the SPIO, O/o Municipal Corporation, Jalandhar and he was directed to file reply to the Show Cause Notice. The SPIO was further directed to send the amount of compensation of Rs.2,000/- to the applicant from the funds of public authority by way of demand draft through registered post within 15 days along with attested copies of information and compliance be sent to the Commission.

But the respondent SPIO is absent today and neither he has sent any compliance report to the Commission regarding providing the information and the compensation to the applicant and nor he has filed any reply to the Show Cause Notice. The SPIO was absent on 23.06.2021, 24.08.2021 and today again he is absent without any intimation to the Commission.

The SPIO is not performing his duties properly. The appellant has filed RTI application on 07.12.2020 and a period of about ten months has been passed, but no information has been provided to him by the SPIO. So, the amount of compensation of Rs.2,000/- which was awarded in favour of the appellant is hereby enhanced to Rs.4,000/- and the SPIO is directed to pay the amount of compensation of Rs.4,000/- to the applicant from the

funds of public authority by way of demand draft and be sent to the applicant through registered post along with attested copies of information within 10 days and compliance be sent to the Commission.

The SPIO is directed to file written reply to the show cause notice and send the same to the Commission within 15 days and an opportunity of personal hearing will be afforded to him on the next date of hearing. In case he would not file any reply to the Show Cause Notice then it will be assumed that he do not want to say anything in his defence and the Show Cause Notice will be decided on basis of papers available in the file and he will be penalized upto Rs.25,000/-, which will be deducted from his salary.

Both the parties should connect through **CISCO WEBEX MEETINGS Software (Meeting No. 1582695783)** on the next date of hearing i.e. **16.11.2021 at 11:00 A.M.**

Dated: 13.10.2021

**(Avtar Singh Kaler)
State Information Commissioner, Punjab**



Shri Jasbir Singh, S/o Shri Harbans Singh,
R/o Village Jalal Khera,
P.O. Sular, Distt. Patiala.

.....Appellant.

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/ o Distt. Education Officer (SE),
Patiala.

First Appellate Authority:
O/o Distt. Education Officer (SE),
Patiala.

.....Respondent

Appeal Case No. 1987 of 2021

Present:- Shri Jasbir Singh, appellant is present.
None present on behalf of the SPIO, O/o Distt. Education Officer (SE), Patiala.

ORDER

Shri Jasbir Singh, appellant filed RTI application dated 11.01.2021 and sought some information from the SPIO, O/o Distt. Education Officer (SE), Patiala.

Today the case is heard through CISCO Webex Meetings Software.

The appellant is present today, whereas none has come present on behalf of the SPIO.

The appellant stated that no information has been provided to him by the SPIO till date.

The appellant had filed RTI application on 11.01.2021 and a period of about nine months has been passed, but the SPIO has not provided any information to the appellant. So, a compensation of Rs.2,000/- is awarded in favour of the appellant to be paid from the funds of public authority by way of demand draft and be sent to the appellant through registered post within 10 days along with attested copies of sought for information and compliance be sent to the Commission accordingly. In case of non compliance of the Order of the Commission a Show Cause Notice U/s 20(1) of the RTI Act, 2005 will be issued to Shri Jatin Kumar, the concerned PIO-cum-Panchayat Secretary on the next date of hearing and he will be penalized up to Rs.25,000/-, which will be deducted from his salary.

Both the parties should personally attend the hearing on **16.11.2021 at 11:00 A.M.** through **CISCO WEBEX MEETINGS Software (Meeting No. 1582695783).**

Dated: 13.10.2021

(Avtar Singh Kaler)
State Information Commissioner, Punjab



Shri Sushil Aggarwal,
R/o Subhash Nagar (H) Complex,
Block C-3, Flat No. 405, Prabashnagar,
Serampore, Hoogly (W.B.).

.....Appellant.

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o Director, Land Records,
Jalandhar.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Director, Land Records,
Jalandhar.

.....Respondent

Appeal Case No. 1291 of 2021

Present:- Shri Sushil Aggarwal, appellant is absent.
Shri Amarjit Singh, Suptd is present on behalf of the SPIO-cum-Deputy
Director, O/o Director, Land Records, Jalandhar.

ORDER

Shri Sushil Aggarwal, appellant filed RTI application dated 06.08.2020 and sought some information from the SPIO, O/o Director, Land Records, Jalandhar.

Today the case is heard through CISCO WEBEX MEETING.

The appellant is absent today, whereas the respondent is present on behalf of the SPIO.

The respondent stated that as was directed vide Order dated 25.08.2021, the appellant has not deposited the requisite fee of Rs.11,234/- with the office of the SPIO till date.

I have gone through the Order dated 25.08.2021 and both the parties were present. The respondent stated that the list of 364 villages of the Lahore Tehsil was sent to the appellant vide letter dated 22.07.2021 and also sent on the e-mail of the appellant. He further stated that the appellant vide his e-mail dated 22.07.2021, has asked to provide the information regarding the Refugee List of persons who migrated from 364 villages under Tehsil Lahore to India and regarding that letter no.9526 dated 18.08.2021 was written to the appellant and he was asked to deposit the assessed fee of Rs.11234/- @ Rs.2/- for providing 5617 pages of information.

So, accordingly the appellant was directed to deposit the assessed fee of Rs.11,234/- with the office of the SPIO for providing 5617 pages of information, within 10 days and the SPIO was further directed that in case the appellant would deposit the assessed fee of Rs.11,234/- then the attested copies of information be sent to the appellant through registered post within a week from the deposit the assessed fee and compliance be sent to the Commission accordingly.

But today the appellant is absent and neither he has deposited the requisite fee with the office of the SPIO as submitted by the respondent, who is present today.

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So, a last and final opportunity is granted to the appellant to deposit the assessed fee of Rs.11,234/- with the office of the SPIO for providing 5617 pages of information, within 10 days and the SPIO is further directed that in case the appellant would deposit the assessed fee of Rs.11,234/- then the attested copies of information be sent to the appellant through registered post within a week from the deposit the assessed fee and compliance be sent to the Commission accordingly. In case the appellant would not deposit the assessed fee with the office of the SPIO, then it will be assumed that he is not interested in getting the information and the case will be decided on the next date of hearing on the basis of papers available in the case file.

Both the parties should connect through **CISCO WEBEX MEETINGS Software(Meeting No. 1582695783)** on the next date of hearing i.e. **16.11.2021 at 11:00 A.M.**

Dated: 13.10.2021

**(Avtar Singh Kaler)
State Information Commissioner, Punjab**



Shri Sukhraj Singh,
S/o Shri Harnek Singh,
Village Jogewala,
R/o H.No. 27566, Street No.22,
Lal Singh Nagar, Bathinda.

.....Appellant.

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/ o BDPO, Talwandi Saboo,
Distt. Bathinda.

First Appellate Authority:
O/o DDPO,
Bathinda.

.....Respondent

Appeal Case No. 2079 of 2021

Present:- Shri Sukhraj Singh, appellant is absent.
None present on behalf of the SPIO, O/o BDPO, Talwandi Saboo, Distt.
Bathinda.

O R D E R

Shri Sukhraj Singh, appellant filed RTI application dated 30.11.2020 and sought some information from the SPIO, O/o BDPO, Talwandi Saboo, Distt. Bathinda.

Today the case is heard through CISCO WEBEX MEETING.

Both the parties are absent today.

The Commission has received an e-mail sent by the BDPO, Talwandi Saboo, which is a copy of letter dated 22.08.2021, a photocopy of postal receipt dated 23.08.2021. I have gone through letter dated 22.08.2021 vide which reply was sent to the appellant by Shri Sewa Singh, VDO.

The appellant has also sent an e-mail to the Commission and submitted that the reply sent by the respondent is not satisfactory.

Under these circumstances, the SPIO is directed that the attested copies of complete sought for information/reply as was sought by the appellant through his RTI application dated 30.11.2020, be sent to the appellant through registered post within a week and a copy of the same be sent to the Commission for compliance. In case of non compliance of the order of the Commission a Show Cause Notice U/s 20(1) of the RTI Act, 2005 will be issued to the SPIO on the next date of hearing and a penalty up to Rs.25,000/- will be imposed upon the SPIO, which will be deducted from his salary.

Both the parties should personally attend the hearing on **16.11.2021 at 11:00 A.M.** through **CISCO WEBEX MEETINGS Software (Meeting No. 1582695783).**

Dated: 13.10.2021

(Avtar Singh Kaler)
State Information Commissioner, Punjab



Shri Sanjeev Thakur, (M: 98142-89764),
Village Gudha Khurd,
P.O. Madhopur Cantt.-145024

..... Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o Civil Surgeon,
Pathankot.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Deputy Director, Health, Punjab,
Sector-34, Chandigarh.

.....Respondent

Appeal Case No. 949 of 2020

Present:- Shri Sanjeev Thakur, appellant is present.
None present on behalf of the SPIO, O/o Civil Surgeon, Pathankot.

O R D E R

Shri Sanjeev Thakur, appellant filed RTI application dated 29.11.2019 and sought some information from the SPIO, O/o Civil Surgeon, Pathankot.

Today the case is heard through CISCO Webex Meetings Software.

The appellant is present today, whereas respondent SPIO is absent.

I have gone through the Order dated 26.08.2021 and on that date no one has come present on behalf of the SPIO and today again none has come present for the hearing, whereas the appellant is present today and he stated that incomplete information has been provided to him by the SPIO. He further stated that he has brought the deficiencies to the notice of the SPIO in writing on 08.09.2020, but inspite of the fact the SPIO has not provided him the complete information till today.

A compensation of Rs.2,000/- was awarded in favour of the appellant vide Order dated 26.08.2021, which has also not been paid by the SPIO and neither the SPIO nor his nominee has come present for today's hearing, so the amount of compensation of Rs.2,000/- is hereby enhanced to Rs.3,000/- and the SPIO, O/o Civil Surgeon, Pathankot is directed to pay the amount of compensation of Rs.3,000/- to the appellant from the funds of public authority by way of demand draft and be sent to the appellant through registered post within 7 days along with attested copies of information. In case of non compliance of the Order of the Commission a Show Cause Notice U/s 20(1) of the RTI Act, 2005 will be issued to the SPIO on the next date of hearing and he will be penalized upto Rs.25,000/-, which will be deducted from his salary.

Both the parties should connect through **CISCO WEBEX MEETINGS Software (Meeting No. 1582695783)** on the next date of hearing i.e. **16.11.2021 at 11:00 A.M.**

Dated: 13.10.2021

**(Avtar Singh Kaler)
State Information Commissioner, Punjab**



Shri Harpal Singh,
S/o Shri Arpan Singh,
Village Zahidpur, P.O. Jaito Sarja,
Tehsil Batala, Distt. Gurdaspur.

.....Appellant.

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/ o Distt. Dev. & Panchayat Officer,
Gurdaspur.

First Appellate Authority:
O/o Deputy Commissioner,
Gurdaspur.

.....Respondent

Appeal Case No. 2104 of 2021

Present:- Shri Harpal Singh, appellant is present.
None present on behalf of the SPIO, O/o Distt. Dev. & Panchayat Officer,
Gurdaspur.

O R D E R

Shri Harpal Singh, appellant filed RTI application dated 11.02.2021 and sought some information from the SPIO, O/o Distt. Dev. & Panchayat Officer, Gurdaspur.

Today the case is heard through CISCO Webex Meetings Software.

The appellant is present today, whereas none present on behalf of the SPIO.

The appellant stated that he has filed RTI application dated 11.02.2021 and sought information from the SPIO, O/o Distt. Dev. & Panchayat Officer, Gurdaspur, but no information has been provided to him by the SPIO.

So, the SPIO, O/o Distt. Dev. & Panchayat Officer, Gurdaspur is directed that the attested copies of information regarding point nos. 'c' and 'e' of the RTI application be sent to the appellant through registered post within 10 days and copy of the same sent to the Commission for compliance. In case of non compliance of the Order of the Commission a Show Cause Notice U/s 20(1) of the RTI Act, 2005 will be issued to the SPIO on the next date of hearing and he will be penalized upto Rs.25,000/-.

Both the parties i.e. the appellant and the SPIO, O/o Distt. Dev. & Panchayat Officer, Gurdaspur should personally attend the hearing on **16.11.2021 at 11:00 A.M.** through **CISCO WEBEX MEETINGS Software (Meeting No. 1582695783).**

Dated: 13.10.2021

**(Avtar Singh Kaler)
State Information Commissioner, Punjab**



Shri Shishpal Khara, Advocate,
Punjab and Haryana High Court,
R/o H. No. 580/1, Sector 40-A,
Chandigarh.

.....Appellant.

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/ o Block Dev. & Panchayat Officer,
Balachaur,
Distt. SBS Nagar.

First Appellate Authority:
O/o Distt. Dev. & Panchayat Officer,
SBS Nagar.

.....Respondent

Appeal Case No. 2106 of 2021

Present:- Shri Shishpal Khara, Advocate, appellant is present.
None present on behalf of Shri Darshan Singh, SPIO-cum-Block Dev. &
Panchayat Officer, Balachaur, Distt. SBS Nagar.

ORDER

Shri Shishpal Khara, Advocate, appellant filed RTI application dated 01.02.2021 and sought some information from the SPIO, O/o BDPO, Balachaur, Distt. SBS Nagar.

Today the case is heard through CISCO Webex Meetings Software.

The appellant is present today, whereas none has come present on behalf of the SPIO. The appellant stated that no information has been provided to him by the SPIO despite of visiting the office of the SPIO.

I have gone through the Order dated 26.08.2021 and on that date Shri Darshan Singh, SPIO-cum-BDPO, Balchaur was present and he requested for some time for providing the information to the appellant. So, he was directed that attested copies of complete information be sent to the appellant through registered post within three weeks and compliance be sent to the Commission.

But today the SPIO is absent and neither he has provided the information to the appellant. The appellant had filed RTI application on 01.02.2021 and a period of more than eight months has been passed, but the SPIO has not provided any information to the appellant. So, a compensation of Rs.3,000/- is awarded in favour of the appellant to be paid from the funds of public authority by way of demand draft and provided to the appellant either by hand or sent through registered post within 10 days along with attested copies of sought for information and compliance be sent to the Commission accordingly. In case of non compliance of the Order of the Commission a Show Cause Notice U/s 20(1) of the RTI Act, 2005 will be issued to the SPIO on the next date of hearing and he will be penalized up to Rs.25,000/-, which will be deducted from his salary.

Both the parties should personally attend the hearing on **16.11.2021 at 11:00 A.M.** through **CISCO WEBEX MEETINGS Software (Meeting No. 1582695783).**

Dated: 13.10.2021

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Shri Jasbir Singh,
S/o Shri Harbans Singh,
R/o Village Jalal Khera,
P.O. Sular, Distt. Patiala.

.....Appellant.

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/ o Block Dev. & Panchayat Officer,
Patiala.

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

.....Respondent

Appeal Case No. 2126 of 2021

Present:- Shri Jasbir Singh, appellant is present.
None present on behalf of the SPIO, O/o Block Dev. & Panchayat Officer, Patiala.

ORDER

Shri Jasbir Singh, appellant filed RTI application dated 11.02.2021 and sought some information from the SPIO, O/o Block Dev. & Panchayat Officer, Patiala.

Today the case is heard through CISCO Webex Meetings Software.

The appellant is present today, whereas the respondent SPIO is absent. The appellant stated that the information regarding point no. 1, 2 and 3 of the RTI application has yet not been provided to him by the concerned Panchayat Secretary, Shri Jaswinder Singh.

I have gone through the Order dated 26.08.2021 and the SPIO was directed to send the attested copies of information regarding point nos. 1, 2 and 3 of the RTI application to the appellant through registered post within 15 days and to send compliance to the Commission.

But the respondent is absent today and neither he has provided the complete information to the appellant. The appellant had filed RTI application on 11.02.2021 and a period of more than eight months has been passed, but the SPIO has not provided any information to the appellant. So, a compensation of Rs.2,000/- is awarded in favour of the appellant to be paid from the funds of public authority by way of demand draft and provided to the appellant either by hand or sent through registered post within 10 days along with attested copies of information regarding point nos. 1, 2 and 3 of the RTI application and compliance be sent to the Commission accordingly. In case of non compliance of the Order of the Commission a Show Cause Notice U/s 20(1) of the RTI Act, 2005 will be issued to Shri Jaswinder Singh, Panchayat Secretary on the next date of hearing and he will be penalized up to Rs.25,000/-, which will be deducted from his salary.

Both the parties should personally attend the hearing on **16.11.2021 at 11:00 A.M.** through **CISCO WEBEX MEETINGS Software (Meeting No. 1582695783).**

Dated: 13.10.2021

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Shri Tejinder Singh, Advocate,
Civil Court Complex, Backside Sanjh Kender,
Tehsil Complex, Phillaur.

.... Appellant

Versus

(Regd.)Public Information Officer,
O/o Food Safety Officer,
O/o Civil Surgeon, Patiala.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Designated Food Safety Officer
Patiala.
Patiala.

... Respondent

Appeal Case No. 2324 of 2020

Present:- Tejinder Singh, Advocate, (appellant) is present.
Ms. Gagandeep Kaur, SPIO-cum-Food Safety Officer, Patiala is present.

O R D E R

Shri Tejinder Singh, Advocate, appellant filed RTI application dated 02.07.2019 and sought information from the SPIO, O/o Food Safety Officer, Patiala regarding registration and checking of canteens in central jails and academic institutions in the district for the period 2010 to 1st July, 2019.

Today the case is heard through CISCO Webex Meetings Software.

Both the parties are present today. The appellant stated that he has received the remaining information, but the amount of compensation of Rs.4,000/- has not been paid to him by the SPIO.

The respondent SPIO requested for some time to pay the amount of compensation of Rs.4,000/- to the appellant.

A Show Cause Notice U/s 20(1) of the RTI Act, 2005 was issued to Ms. Gagandeep Kaur, SPIO-cum-Food Safety Officer, Patiala vide Order dated 26.08.2021 and she was directed to file reply to the Show Cause Notice in writing. But the SPIO has not filed reply to the Show Cause Notice.

So, the SPIO is directed to file reply to the Show Cause Notice in writing and send the same to the Commission within 7 days and an opportunity of personal hearing will be afforded to her on the next date of hearing. In case she would not file reply to the Show Cause Notice, then it will be assumed that she do not want to say anything in her defence and the Show Cause Notice will be decided without hearing her on the next date of hearing. The SPIO is further directed to send the amount of compensation of Rs.4,000/- to the appellant from the funds of public authority by way of demand draft through registered post within 7 days.

Both the parties should connect through **CISCO WEBEX MEETINGS Software(Meeting No. 1582695783)** on the next date of hearing i.e. **28.10.2021 at 11:30 A.M.**

(Avtar Singh Kaler)

Dated: 13.10.2021

State Information Commissioner, Punjab.



Shri Nishan Singh, S/o Shri Ravinder Singh,
R/o Village Valoor,
Tehsil & Distt. Ferozepur.

.....Complainant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o BDPO,
Ferozepur.

.....Respondent

Complaint Case No. 16 of 2021

Present:- Shri Nishan Singh, complainant/applicant is absent.
None present on behalf of the PIO, O/o BDPO, Ferozepur.

ORDER

Shri Nishan Singh, complainant/applicant filed RTI application dated 25.07.2020 and sought some information from the PIO, O/o BDPO, Ferozepur.

Today the case is heard through CISCO Webex Meetings Software.

Both the parties are absent today.

I have gone through the case file. The applicant had filed RTI application dated 25.07.2020 before the SPIO, O/o BDPO, Ferozepur and he sought information regarding three points related with village Valoor, Block Ferozepur. The BDPO vide letter no. 470-72 dated 16.02.2021 transferred the RTI application U/s 6(3) of the RTI Act, 2005 to Mr. Balwinder Singh, Panchayat Secretary-cum-PIO, Gram Panchayat Valoor. Similarly, the RTI application was further transferred vide letter no. 463-65 dated 16.02.2021 to Mr. Charanjit Singh, APO, MANREGA, Block Ghall Khurd, but till today no information has been provided to the applicant by Balwinder Singh, Panchayat Secretary and Charanjit Singh, APO, MANREGA.

So, vide Order dated 07.07.2021 the show cause notices were issued to Mr. Balwinder Singh, PIO-cum-Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panchayat Valoor and to Mr. Charanjit Singh APO, MANREGA, Block Ghal Khurd. A last and final opportunity was granted to them vide Order dated 31.08.2021 to file reply to the Show Cause Notice and to the complaint filed by the complainant/applicant.

But today again the respondents are absent and neither they have filed any reply to the Show Cause Notice and to the complaint filed by the complainant/applicant.

The conduct of the respondents is not fair as the information in the present complaint case has yet not been provided to the complainant/applicant by them. So, I impose a penalty of Rs.10,000/- upon Mr. Balwinder Singh, PIO-cum-Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panchayat Valoor and also impose a penalty of Rs.10,000/- upon Mr. Charanjit Singh, PIO-cum-APO, MANREGA, Block Ghal Khurd.

The Drawing & Disbursement Officer of the O/o BDPO, Ferozepur is directed that the amount of penalty of Rs.10,000/- each be deducted from the salary of Mr. Balwinder Singh, PIO-cum-Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panchayat Valoor and Mr. Charanjit Singh, PIO-cum-

APO, MANREGA, Block Ghal Khurd for the month of October, 2021 and be deposited in the Government Treasury in the following heads and after the deduction of the amount of penalty, the compliance report be sent back to the Commission before the next date of hearing :-

"Major Head	0070-Other Administrative Services
Sub Major Head	60-Other Services
Minor Head	800-Other Receipts
Sub Head	86-Right to Information Act, 2005."

A copy of Order be sent to the BDPO, Ferozepur for compliance of the Order of the Commission.

The BDPO, Ferozepur will be responsible to deduct the amount of penalty from the concerned respondents and in case of non compliance of the Order of the Commission action will be taken against the BDPO.

The present case file to be put up for compliance of the Order on **17.11.2021 at 11:00 A.M.** through **CISCO WEBEX MEETINGS Software (Meeting No. 1582695783).**

Dated: 13.10.2021

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(Regd.) CC: BDPO, Ferozepur. – for compliance of the Order of the Commission.

(Regd.) CC: Mr. Balwinder Singh, PIO-cum-Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panchayat Valoor, Block Ghal Khurd.

– for compliance of the Order of the Commission.

(Regd.) CC: Mr. Charanjit Singh, PIO-cum-APO, MANREGA, Block Ghal Khurd.

– for compliance of the Order of the Commission.



Shri Karamjit Singh, S/o Shri Bant Singh,
R/o Village Mandiala Kalan,
Tehsil Khanna, Distt. Ludhiana.

.....Complainant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o BDPO, Block Khanna,
Distt. Ludhiana.

.....Respondent

Complaint Case No. 17 of 2021

Present:- Shri Karamjit Singh, complainant/applicant is absent.
None present on behalf of the PIO, O/o BDPO, Block Khanna, Distt. Ludhiana.

O R D E R

Shri Karamjit Singh, complainant/applicant filed RTI application dated 22.09.2020 and sought some information from the PIO, O/o BDPO, Block Khanna, Distt. Ludhiana.

Today the case is heard through CISCO Webex Meetings Software.

Both the parties are absent today.

I have gone through the Order dated 31.08.2021 and a Show Cause Notice was issued to Mr. Amandeep Singh, PIO-cum-Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panchayat, Mandiala Kalan, Block Khanna and he was directed to file reply to the Show Cause Notice and to the complaint filed by the complainant/applicant. But the PIO is absent today and neither he has sent any reply to the Show Cause Notice and nor to the complaint filed by the complainant/applicant.

The applicant had filed RTI application on 22.09.2020 and a period of more than one year has been passed, but the PIO has not provided any information to the applicant. So, a compensation of Rs.3,000/- is awarded in favour of the applicant to be paid from the funds of public authority by way of demand draft and sent to the applicant through registered post within 10 days along with attested copies of information and compliance be sent to the Commission.

The PIO is further directed to file reply to the complaint filed by the complainant-applicant and to the show cause notice in writing and send the same to the Commission within 15 days and an opportunity of personal hearing will be afforded to him on the Show Cause Notice on the next date of hearing. In case the PIO would not file reply to the Show Cause Notice, then it will be assumed that he do not want to say anything in his defence and the show cause notice will be decided in his absence and he will be penalized upto Rs. 25,000/- which will be deducted from his salary.

Both the parties should connect through **CISCO WEBEX MEETINGS Software (Meeting No. 1582695783)** on the next date of hearing i.e. **17.11.2021 at 11.00 A.M.**

Dated: 13.10.2021

**(Avtar Singh Kaler)
State Information Commissioner, Punjab**



Shri Varinder Singh,
S/o Shri Darshan Singh,
VPO Rajewal, Tehsil Khanna,
Distt. Ludhiana.

..... Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer,
Block Khanna
Distt. Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,
O/ District Development and Panchayat Officer,
Ludhiana.

.....Respondent

Appeal Case No. 1521 of 2021

Present:- Shri Varinder Singh, appellant is present.
None present on behalf of the SPIO, O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Block Khanna, Distt. Ludhiana.

ORDER

Shri Varinder Singh, appellant filed RTI application dated 30.09.2020 and sought some information from the SPIO, O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Block Khanna, Distt Ludhiana.

Today the case is heard through CISCO Webex Meetings Software.

The appellant is present today, whereas none has come present on behalf of the SPIO.

The appellant stated that incomplete information has been provided to him by Shri Narinder Singh, Panchayat Secretary.

So, the appellant is directed to submit the list of deficiencies in writing to the notice of the PIO within 2 days and the PIO is further directed that in case the appellant would submit the deficiencies then the attested copies of information regarding the deficiencies be provided to the appellant within 5 days from the receipt of deficiencies and compliance be sent to the Commission. In case of non compliance of the Order of the Commission, a Show Cause Notice U/s 20(1) of the RTI Act, 2005 will be issued to Shri Narinder Singh, Panchayat Secretary on the next date of hearing and he will be penalized up to Rs.25,000/-, which will be deducted from his salary.

The BDPO, Block Khanna is directed to take personal interest in the matter and resolve the matter involved in the RTI application.

Both the parties should connect through **CISCO WEBEX MEETINGS Software (Meeting No. 1582695783)** on the next date of hearing i.e. **17.11.2021 at 11:00 A.M.**

Dated: 13.10.2021

(Avtar Singh Kaler)
State Information Commissioner, Punjab.