

# PUNJAB STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION

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Sh. Karamvir Singh s/o Sh. Fakira Ram &  
Sh. Ajmer Singh s/o Sh. Mola Ram,  
r/o Andana Tehsil Munak,  
District Sangrur

..Complainant

Vs

Public Information Officer  
o/o Financial Commissioner,  
Rural Development and Panchayat Deptt, Pb.  
Vikas Bhawan, Sector 62,  
Mohali.

Sh. Joginder Kumar,  
Deputy Director (L.D.)  
o/o the Director,  
Rural Development & Panchayat Deptt., Pb.  
Vikas Bhawan, Sector 62,  
Mohali

....Respondent

Complaint Case No. 78 of 2020

(Cisco Webex proceedings)

Present:- Sh. Karamvir Singh, complainant, on phone.  
Sh. Gurpiar Singh, on behalf of the respondent-Public Information Officer.

## ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 2.9.2020.

2. The complainant states that the respondents are not providing the information as has been sought by him but the authorities are exchanging the correspondence between them and supplied irrelevant 25 pages of information just to save the skin of the Block Development and Panchayats Officer. The complainant states that he has just sought the action taken on his complaint dated 1.8.2019 but he is being harassed.

3. It appears that the respondents are not providing the information as per the RTI application of the complainant and also he is being harassed. Video Conference Facility/cisco webex was introduced for convenience of general public and for the government officials. Viewing the absence of the respondents and dealing with the RTI application of the complainant seriously, Sh. Joginder Kumar, Deputy Director (L.D.) and Sh. Gagandeep Singh Virk, Divisional Deputy Director are, 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 them for causing willful delay/denial of the information to the RTI applicant.

In addition to the written reply, the PIOs are 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. They may take note that in case they do not file their written reply and do not avail themselves of the opportunity of personal hearing on the next date, it will be presumed that they have nothing to say and the Commission will proceed ex-parte.

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Complaint Case No. 78 of 2020

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4. The respondents are also directed to provide the action taken on the complaint filed by the complainant before the next date of hearing.

5. To come up on 4.11.2020 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Sangrur/cisco webex.

Sd/-

(Suresh Arora)

Chief Information Commissioner,  
Punjab.

Dated: 14.10.2020

CC

Sh. Gagandeep Singh,

Divisional Deputy Director,

-cum-Public Information Officer,

Rural Development and Panchayats Punjab,

District Administrative Complex,

Patiala.

Registered

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Ajmer Singh s/o Sh. Mola Ram,  
r/o Andana Tehsil Munak,  
District Sangrur.

....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer  
o/o District Development and Panchayats Officer,  
Mini Secretariat,  
Sangrur.

First Appellate Authority  
o/o Addl. Deputy Commissioner (D)  
Administrative Complex,  
Sangrur.

....Respondent

Complaint Case No. 284 of 2020

Present:- Sh. Ajmer Singh, complainant on phone.  
Sh. Gurjit Singh, Accountant on behalf of the respondents.

## ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 2.9.2020.

2. The appellant states that till date no information has been supplied in accordance with the RTI application. He also states that the documents have been received from the respondents but that are not relevant as per the information sought. On the other hand, the representative of the respondents states that the information pertaining to the RTI application whatever record is available in the office has been supplied.

3. After deliberations, both the parties are directed to remain present at Chandigarh along with the information supplied/information received to take the matter to its logical end. With regard to non appearance of the Block Development and Panchayats Officer and the concerned Panchayat Secretary, the representative of the respondents states that the Block Development and Panchayats Officer is busy in meeting with the Deputy Commission and Sh. Dimple, Panchayat Secretary is absent due to the illness of his wife.

4. Since, no reply has been received from Sh. Shavinder Singh, Block Development and Panchayats Officer and Sh. Dimple, Panchayat Secretary as per the show cause notice issued to them. One last opportunity is granted to file their reply and remained present at Chandigarh along with the original record pertaining to the RTI application of the appellant on the next date of hearing failing which the ex-parte decisions will be taken. Sh. Dimple, Panchayat Secretary is also directed to place on record regarding the illness/treatment of his wife on the next date of hearing and also keep the original record with him at the next date of hearing. The decision regarding show cause notice issued to Sh. Narbhinder Singh, District Development and Panchayats Officer will be taken on the next date of hearing and the reply received from him is taken on record.

5. To come up on 6.11.2020 at 12.30 PM at Chandigarh.

Sd/-

Dated: 14.10.2020

(Suresh Arora)

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Sh. Narbhinder Singh, Registered  
District Development and Panchayats Officer,  
District Administrative Complex,  
Sangrur,

Sh. Shavinder Singh, Registered  
Block Development and Panchayats Officer  
Block Andana at Munak,  
Sangrur.

Sh. Dimple, Panchayat Secretary, Registered  
c/o Block Development and Panchayats Officer  
Block Andana at Munak,  
Sangrur.

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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**

(Cisco Webex proceedings)

Present:- Sh. Baldev Singh, complainant.  
Sh. Malkeet Singh, Block Development and Panchayats Officer and  
Sh. Balwinder Singh, Panchayat Secretary on behalf of the respondents.

### **ORDER**

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 30.9.2020.

2. The appellant states that no information has been provided by the respondents so far. However, the representative of the respondents states that the information comprising 714 pages are ready to be transmitted to the complainant.

3. Accordingly, the respondents are directed to send the same through registered post to the complainant and the complainant is advised to go through the same on its receipt and revert back to the respondents in case of any deficiency. Also the respondents are directed to place on record the copy of registered postal receipt before the next date of hearing. In addition, the Block Development and Panchayats Officer is also directed to place on record the copy of challan amount deposited in the treasury in lieu of penalty amount deducted from the salary of Sh. Balwinder Singh, Panchayat Secretary before the next date of hearing.

5. To come up on 18.11.2020 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Jalandhar/cisco webex.

Sd/-

Dated: 14.10.2020

(Suresh Arora)

Chief Information Commissioner,  
Punjab.

CC:

District Development and Panchayats Officer, (Registered)  
Mini Secretariat,  
Jalandhar.

Sh. Malkeet Singh, (Registered)  
Block Development and Panchayats Officer,  
Block Shahkot,  
Jalandhar.

Sh. Balwinder Singh, Panchayat Secretary, (Registered)  
c/o Block Development and Panchayats Officer,  
Block Shahkot,  
Jalandhar.

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Sh. Jaswinder Singh s/o Sh. Jagdish Singh  
r/o Village Wajjir Bhullar,  
Tehsil Baba Bakala Sahib,  
District Amritsar.

....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer  
o/o District Development and Panchayats Officer,  
Mini Secretariat,  
District Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority  
o/o Director,  
Rural Development & Panchayat Deptt., Pb.  
Vikas Bhawan, Sector 62,  
Mohali.

Public Information Officer,  
Block Development and Panchayats Officer, (By name) Registered  
Block Rayya,  
District Amritsar

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1402 of 2020  
(Cisco Webex proceedings)

Present:- Sh. Jaswinder Singh, appellant on phone.  
Sh. Satwinder Singh, Panchayat Secretary on behalf of the respondents.

## ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 1.9.2020.

2. The appellant states that no information/action taken has been provided by the respondents as has been sought by him. Whereas the respondent-Public Information Officer states that the contents of the complaint are similar to the information as has been sought by the appellant in Appeal Case No. 1401 of 2020. Accordingly, the appellant was directed to send the complaint dated 25.1.2019 to the Commission, which has been received and is taken on record.

3. Accordingly, the copy of the complaint dated 25.1.2019 has been sent to the respondent-Public Information Officer through whatsapp and the directions are issued to file the reply/supply the information before the next date of hearing to the appellant under intimation to the Commission.

4. To come up on 18.11.2020 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Amritsar/Cisco Webex.

Sd/-

(Suresh Arora)

Chief Information Commissioner,  
Punjab.

Dated: 14.10.2020

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Sh. Surjit Singh Turna  
VPO Mianwal Molvian,  
Tehsil Shahkot  
Distt. Jalandhar 144702 9855819313

....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer  
o/o Block Development and Panchayats Officer,  
Block Shahkot,  
Jalandhar.

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

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2155 of 2020

(Cisco Webex proceedings)

Present:- Sh. Surjit Singh Turna, appellant.  
Sh. Malkeet Singh, Block Development and Panchayats Officer and  
Sh. Balwinder Singh, Panchayat Secretary on behalf of the respondents.

## ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 30.9.2020.

2. The appellant states that no information has been provided by the respondents so far. However, the representative of the respondents states that the information comprising 726 pages are ready to be transmitted to the appellant.

3. Accordingly, the respondents are directed to send the same through registered post to the appellant and the appellant is advised to go through the same on its receipt and revert back to the respondents in case of any deficiency.

4. To come up on 18.11.2020 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Jalandhar/cisco webex.

Sd/-

(Suresh Arora)

Chief Information Commissioner,  
Punjab.

Dated: 14.10.2020

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Sh. Balwinder Singh

H.No. 42/2,

Sector 41-A,

Chandigarh 9888947946

...Complainant

Vs

Public Information Officer

o/o Block Development and Panchayats Officer,

Adampur

Jalandhar.

....Respondent

Complaint Case No. 533 of 2020

(Cisco Webex proceedings)

Present:- Sh. Balwinder Singh, appellant.

Sh. Jagmohan Singh, Supdt. On behalf of the respondents.

## ORDER

The RTI application is dated 9.7.2020 vide which the complainant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. Complaint was filed in the Commission on 14.8.2020 under Section 18 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter called RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today.

2. The submissions have been received from the complainant, which are taken on record. Primarily, the complainant raised two points i.e. concerning the reference mentioned in a letter written to him by the Panchayat Secretary and secondly the Panchayat Secretary has not mentioned anything concerning the charge handed over/taken over in respect of the complaint from Sr. No. 1 to 12.

3. However, the Panchayat Secretary states that the Block Development and Panchayats Officer has transferred the RTI application under Section 6(3) of the RTI Act, 2005 so he has mentioned the letter No. 335 dated 27.7.2020 to clear the issue that no delay has been made in providing the information and the complete information has been provided to the complainant in this regard. A copy of the letter No. 335 dated 27.7.2020 sent by the respondent-Public Information Officer is taken on record and also a copy of the same is appended with the order for the complainant.

4. After going through the letter dated 27.7.2020, the plea taken by the Panchayat Secretary concerning the reference mentioned by the Panchayat Secretary as letter No. 335 dated 27.7.2020 in a letter bearing No. 6 dated 11.8.2020 issued to the complainant is accepted. But, the respondent-Public Information Officer is directed to file the reply/supply the information concerning handed over/taken over the charge regarding complaint No. 1 to 12 along with a copy of the proceeding book, if any before the next date of hearing.

5. To come up on 18.11.2020 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Jalandhar/cisco webex.

Sd/-

(Suresh Arora)

Chief Information Commissioner,  
Punjab.

Dated:14.10.2020

Encl:a/a