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**Jang Singh,**

S/o Sh. Mahinder Singh,  
Vilalge Kheri Raju Singh,  
Tehsil Dudhan Sadhan, District Patiala.

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**

o/o Collector-cum-Sub Divisional Magistrate,  
Patran, Tehsil Patran,  
District Patiala.

**First Appellate Authority,**

o/o Deputy Commissioner, District Patiala.

## **Appeal Case No. 1038 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)**

PRESENT:

Jang Singh (Appellant) 98145-55850

Harish Kumar, APIO-cum-Senior Assistant (for the Respondent) 98149-12332

ORDER:

*(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 16.9.2021)*

1. The RTI application is dated **18.9.2020** vide which the appellant has sought **voluminous information land of Jang Singh S/o Mahinder Singh acquired for NH No. 71**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **17.11.2020** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **22.2.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **16.9.2021**.
2. Both parties are present. At the last hearing on 16.9.2021, a Show Cause Notice was issued to the PIO. The PIO has however, failed to avail the opportunity to submit a written reply to the notice or to be heard in person at this hearing.
3. The respondent PIO-cum- Sub Divisional Magistrate, Patran, Tehsil Patran, District Patiala, is herewith given a final opportunity to submit a written reply to the Show Cause Notice of 16.9.2021 or appear in person before the Commission. In the meantime, the PIO's representative Harish Kumar, has submitted a copy of the information sent to the appellant vide Letter No. 11 Dated 25.3.2021. The information is however, not attested. Also, the appellant once again states that he has not received said information which was sent by registered post.
4. The Commission herewith directs the respondent PIO to have all the information duly attested and send it to the Commission with a copy of the reply sent to the appellant vide Letter No. 11/RTI Dated 25.3.2021 and covering letter addresses to the Commission. The appellant or his authorized representative can thereafter collect the information from the Commission.

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5. Following this Hearing, the respondent PIO submitted attested copies of the information to the Commission vide Letter No. 68 dated 15.12.2021. The appellant is advised to arrange for the same to be collected from the Commission on any working day after seeking an appointment on telephone. The appellant is herewith, also given an opportunity to examine the information and list deficiencies, if any, in writing to the respondent PIO with a copy to the Commission.

6. **Next hearing on 3.3.2022 at 11.00 am via Video Conference Facility at DC Office, Patiala.**

**Sd/-**  
**(ASIT JOLLY)**  
State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

Chandigarh  
29.12.2021 (Date of hearing 14.12.2021)

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**Pawan Kumar Sharma,**  
S/o Achhar Chand Sharma,  
# 958, Chowk Majitjian,  
District Moga – 142 001

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**  
o/o Deputy Secretary (RTI Cell),  
Punjab State Power Corporation Limited (PSPCL),  
Patiala.

**First Appellate Authority,**  
o/o Chief Engineer (HRD), Punjab State Power Corporation Limited (PSPCL),  
Patiala.

## **Appeal Case No. 1979 of 2020 (Video Conference Proceedings)**

PRESENT:

(Appellant) Absent

(Respondent) Absent

ORDER:

*(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on **19.2.2021 and 28.10.2021**)*

1. The RTI application is dated **20.1.2020** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding his own pension arrears etc. in 11 points**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **25.2.2020** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **28.7.2020** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **28.10.2021**.

2. Both parties are absent. The Respondent PIO, in an email Dated 7.12.2021, has sought adjournment to this Appeal Case stating that the PSPCL, Head Office at Patiala has been closed for approximately 4 weeks due to an ongoing strike. This Appeal Case is adjourned to its next hearing.

3. **Next hearing on 3.3.2022 at 11.00 am via Video Conference Facility at DC Office, Patiala.**

Sd/-

**(ASIT JOLLY)**

State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

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**Pawan Kumar Sharma,**  
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District Moga – 142 001

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**  
o/o Deputy Secretary (RT),  
Punjab State Power Corporation Limited (PSPCL),  
District Patiala.

**First Appellate Authority,**  
o/o Chief Engineer/HRD, Punjab State Power Corporation Limited (PSPCL),  
District Patiala.

## **Appeal Case No. 2151 of 2020 (Video Conference Proceedings)**

PRESENT:

(Appellant) Absent

(Respondent) Absent

ORDER:

*(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on **19.2.2021 and 28.10.2021**)*

1. The RTI application is dated **16.3.2020** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding his arrears, TA bills and a complaint etc.,** as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **11.6.2020** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **11.8.2020** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **28.10.2021**.

2. Both parties are absent. The Respondent PIO, in an email Dated 7.12.2021, has sought adjournment to this Appeal Case stating that PSPCL, Head Office at Patiala has been closed for approximately 4 weeks due to an ongoing strike. This Appeal Case is adjourned to its next hearing.

3. **Next hearing on 3.3.2022 at 11.00 am via Video Conference Facility at DC Office, Patiala.**

**Sd/-**  
**(ASIT JOLLY)**  
State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

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**Balwinder Singh,**  
# 90 C, Street No.2, GTB Nagar,  
Chandigarh Road,  
Ludhiana.

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**  
o/o Deputy Secretary,  
Punjab State Power Corporation Limited,  
Head Office, The Mall,  
Patiala.

**First Appellate Authority,**  
o/o Chief Engineer, T&S,  
Punjab State Power Corporation Limited (PSPCL),  
B-2 Shakti Vihar,  
Patiala.

## **Appeal Case No. 2186 of 2020 (Video Conference Proceedings)**

PRESENT:

(Appellant) Absent

Amit Gupta, AEE (for the Respondent) 96461-21693

Anil Sood, Assistant Accountant (for the Respondent) 97806-85631

ORDER:

*(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on **14.1.2021 and 28.10.2021**)*

1. The RTI application is dated **1.6.2020** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding IWR dated 1.4.2012 to 31.3.2020 in 9 points**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **8.7.2020** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **14.8.2020** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **28.10.2021**.

2. The appellant is absent. The respondent PIO vide Letter No. 3218 Dated 6.12.2021, informed the Commission that as directed, the appellant inspected the record on 8.11.2021 and 9.11.2021. Subsequently he was informed that the copies requested by him (320 pages) would cost Rs. 645.00. He was asked to deposit the said sum. As per the respondent, the appellant has yet to deposit the requested amount. He is advised to do this at the earliest.

3. On receiving the sum sought from the appellant, the respondent PIO is to supply duly attested copies to the appellant.

4. **Next hearing on 3.3.2022 at 11.00 am via Video Conference Facility at DC Office, Patiala**

**Sd/-**  
**(ASIT JOLLY)**  
State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

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## **REGISTERED** **SHOW CAUSE NOTICE**

**Amarjit Singh Dhamotia,**  
# 60-35-P-376-1, Street No.8,  
Maha Singh Nagar, PO Dhandari Kalan,  
District Ludhiana.

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**  
o/o Sub Divisional Officer, Regional Office-2,  
E-648, Phase-5,  
Ludhiana.

**Public Information Officer,**  
o/o Chairman, Punjab Pollution Control Board,  
District Patiala-147001

**First Appellate Authority,**  
o/o Chairman Punjab Pollution Control Board,  
Vatavarn Bhawan, Nabha Road,  
District Patiala-147001

### **Appeal Case No. 2245 of 2020 (Video Conference Proceedings)**

PRESENT:

Gurmej Lal (for the Appellant)  
Amandeep Singh, SDO from RO-2 (for the Respondent) 88722-22330

ORDER:

*(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on **14.1.2021 and 28.10.2021**)*

1. The RTI application is dated **25.5.2020** vide which, the appellant has sought information **regarding action against factories situated in Janta Nagar, Kot Mangal Singh and Shimlapur Ludhiana**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **26.6.2020** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **21.8.2020** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **28.10.2021**.

2. Both parties are present. At the last hearing on 28.10.2021, the respondent PIO, represented by Amandeep Singh, SDO from RO-2, was given a final opportunity to comply with this Commission's Order (at paragraph three) of 14.1.2021, to arrange for an inspection of the record by the appellant. The respondent PIO has failed to comply.

3. This Commission directs the respondent PIO to facilitate an inspection of the record by the appellant on 17.12.2021 at 2.00 pm. Amandeep Singh, SDO will be personally present during said inspection. In view of the respondent PIO's failure to comply with successive orders of this Commission, the Commission deems it fit to serve him with Show Cause Notice.

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## Appeal Case No. 2245 of 2020 (Video Conference Proceedings)

4. The respondent PIO is herewith ordered to **SHOW CAUSE** as to why a penalty should not be imposed upon him under Section 20 (1) of RTI Act, 2005, for causing willful delay/denial of the information requested by the appellant as far back as on **25.5.2020**.

“In addition to the written reply, the respondent PIO is also given an opportunity under Section 20 (1) provision there to, for a personal hearing before the imposition of such penalty on the next date of hearing. He may take note that in case he does not file his written reply and does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the date fixed, it will be presumed that he has nothing to say and the Commission shall proceed to take further proceedings against him *ex parte*.” Copies of this order be sent to the parties through registered post.

5. IMPORTANT! All documents / information supplied to appellants / complainants must mandatorily be attested as under:

Information supplied under the RTI Act, 2005  
Signature of the PIO  
Name of the PIO  
Name of the Public Authority  
Date

6. Next hearing on 10.3.2022 at 11.00 am via Video Conference Facility at DC Office, Ludhiana.

**Sd/-**  
**(ASIT JOLLY)**  
State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

Chandigarh  
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**Cc:** Chief Engineer, Punjab Pollution Control Board, for information and further necessary action.

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## REGISTERED SHOW CAUSE NOTICE

**Smt. Karanjeet Kaur,**  
W/o Vikas Soni,  
Flat No.101, First Floor, Tower-D, Sushma Elite Cross,  
Village Gazipur, MC Zirkapur,  
District Mohali

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**  
o/o Superintendent Engineer, DS Circle,  
District Mohali.

**Public Information Officer,**  
o/o Director Administration Baradari, Opposite Sheran Wala Gate,  
Punjab State Power Corporation Limited (PSPCL),  
Patiala – 147 001

**First Appellate Authority,**  
o/o Chief Engineer,  
Punjab State Power Corporation Limited (PSPCL),  
Patiala.

### Appeal Case No. 2318 of 2020 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

R.N. Soni Advocate (for the Appellant) (Via Cisco Webex) 98965-62656  
Nishant Bansal, Assistant Engineer Commercial (for the Respondent) 96461-15959

ORDER:

*(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 19.2.2021 and 28.10.2021)*

1. The RTI application is dated **2.1.2020** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding the status of her applications for change of name for Meter No. 0001002320, Account No. 274BS 226609F,** as enumerated in her RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **24.2.2020** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **26.8.2020** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **28.10.2021**.

2. Both parties are present. As per the reply received from respondent PIO vide Letter No. 6623 Dated 10.11.2021, the appellant's application for change of electricity meter has been processed and completed. However, as pointed out by the appellant, the respondent PIO has not submitted a single reply to this RTI application, which was filed on 2.1.2020. The Commission deems it fit to serve the respondent PIO-cum-Superintendent Engineer, DS Circle, Mohali with this Show Cause Notice. Besides explaining the delay in replying to this RTI application, the PIO is also to file a written, pointwise reply to said RTI application.

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## Appeal Case No. 2318 of 2020 (Video Conference Proceedings)

3. The respondent PIO is herewith ordered to **SHOW CAUSE** as to why a penalty should not be imposed upon him under Section 20 (1) of RTI Act, 2005, for causing willful delay/denial of the information requested by the appellant as far back as on **2.1.2020**.

“In addition to the written reply, the respondent PIO is also given an opportunity under Section 20 (1) provision there to, for a personal hearing before the imposition of such penalty on the next date of hearing. He may take note that in case he does not file his written reply and does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the date fixed, it will be presumed that he has nothing to say and the Commission shall proceed to take further proceedings against him *ex parte*.” Copies of this order be sent to the parties through registered post.

4. IMPORTANT! All documents / information supplied to appellants / complainants must mandatorily be attested as under:

Information supplied under the RTI Act, 2005  
Signature of the PIO  
Name of the PIO  
Name of the Public Authority  
Date

5. Next hearing on 7.4.2022 at 11.00 am via Video Conference Facility at DC Office, Mohali.

(ASIT JOLLY)

State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

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**Cc:** Chief Engineer, Punjab State Power Corporation Limited (PSPCL), District Patiala., for information and further necessary action.

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**Arjun Kakkar,**  
S/o Mahinder Lal Kakkar,  
# 254, Sector- 1 B, Vikas Nagar,  
Mandi Gobindgarh, District Fatehgarh Sahib.

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**  
o/o Executive Officer, Nagar Council,  
Mandi Gobindgarh. District Fatehgarh Sahib.  
**First Appellate Authority,**  
o/o Deputy Director Urban Local Bodies,  
First Floor, District Administration Complex,  
District Ludhiana.

## **Appeal Case No. 3748 of 2019 (Cisco Webex Proceedings)**

PRESENT:

Arjun Kakkar (Appellant) 98722-97979  
Rajinder Kumar, Building Inspector (for the Respondent)

ORDER:

*(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 12.12.19, 7.2.2020, 24.6.2020, 2.9.2020, 2.12.2020, 4.2.2021, and 16.9.2021)*

1. The RTI application is dated **10.6.19** vide which the appellant has sought **voluminous information regarding building plans, unauthorized colonies etc.,** as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **30.9.2019** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **9.10.19** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **16.9.2021**.
2. Both parties are present. The respondent PIO, represented by Rajinder Kumar, Building Inspector, has failed to comply with this Commission's Order of 16.9.2021, wherein he was directed to inform the third parties in this case, regarding this hearing.
3. The respondent PIO is herewith given final opportunity to comply with said Order. The respondent PIO is also directed to submit duly attested copies of NOC No. 212 Dated 13.3.2019 and NOC No. 1960 Dated 19.8.2019, to this Commission by registered post, forthwith. The Commission will take a decision on providing said information to the appellant after giving the third parties an opportunity to be heard.
4. **Next hearing on 4.2.2022 at 11.00 am via Video Conference Facility at DC Office, Fatehgarh Sahib.**

**Sd/-**  
**(ASIT JOLLY)**  
State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

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## REGISTERED SHOW CAUSE NOTICE

**Gurleen Singh** (Advocate),  
Chamber No.154, Tehsil Sunam,  
Udham Singh Wala,  
District Sangrur.

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**  
o/o Executive Officer, Municipal Committee, Sunam.  
District Sangrur.

### Complaint Case No. 764 of 2020 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:  
(Complainant) Absent  
(Respondent) Absent

ORDER:

*(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 4.2.2021 and 16.9.2021)*

1. The complainant, **Gurleen Singh**, filed this RTI application dated **8.8.2020** and sought information **regarding colonies and colonizers in Ward No. 2 of Sunam Town**, from the **PIO o/o Patiala Development Authority, Patiala**. When no information was received, the Complainant filed a complaint under Section 18 of the RTI Act, 2005 to the Commission on **8.10.2020**. The case was last heard on **16.9.2021**.

2. Both parties are absent. While the complainant has informed this Commission of his inability to attend this hearing, the respondent PIO is absent without intimation. At the last hearing on 16.9.2021, the PIO-cum-EO, MC Council, Sunam, was directed to submit a point-wise reply to this RTI application. He has failed to comply. This Commission deems it fit to serve the respondent PIO with this Show Cause Notice.

3. The respondent PIO-cum-Executive Officer, Municipal Committee, Sunam, is herewith ordered to **SHOW CAUSE** as to why a penalty should not be imposed upon him under Section 20 (1) of RTI Act, 2005, for causing willful delay/denial of the information requested by the appellant as far back as on **8.8.2020**.

“In addition to the written reply, the respondent PIO is also given an opportunity under Section 20 (1) provision there to, for a personal hearing before the imposition of such penalty on the next date of hearing. He may take note that in case he does not file his written reply and does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the date fixed, it will be presumed that he has nothing to say and the Commission shall proceed to take further proceedings against him *ex parte*.” Copies of this order be sent to the parties through registered post.

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## **Complaint Case No. 764 of 2020 (Video Conference Proceedings)**

4. IMPORTANT! All documents / information supplied to appellants / complainants must mandatorily be attested as under:

Information supplied under the RTI Act, 2005

Signature of the PIO

Name of the PIO

Name of the Public Authority

Date

5. **Next hearing on 6.4.2022 at 11.00 am via Video Conference Facility at DC Office, Sangrur.**

**Sd/-**

**(ASIT JOLLY)**

State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

Chandigarh

14.12.2021

**Cc:** Additional Deputy Commissioner, Urban Development, District Sangrur, for information and further necessary action.