



Shri Sanjeev Kumar,
S/o Late Shri Krishan Gopal,
Village Sahauli, Distt. Ludhiana.

.....Appellant.

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/ o Panchayat Secretary,
Gram Panchayat, Sahauli,
O/o BDPO, Pakhowal,
Distt. Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority:
O/o BDPO, Blolck Pakhowal,
Distt. Ludhiana.

.....Respondent

Appeal Case No. 2445 of 2021

Present:- Shri Sanjeev Kumar, appellant is absent.
None present on behalf of the PIO-cum- Panchayat Secretary, Gram
Panchayat, Sahauli, O/o BDPO, Pakhowal, Distt. Ludhiana.

O R D E R

Shri Sanjeev Kumar, appellant filed RTI application dated 26.03.2021 and sought some information from the PIO-cum-Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panchayat, Sahauli, O/o BDPO, Pakhowal, Distt. Ludhiana. When no information was provided to the appellant by the PIO, then he filed First Appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 14.04.2021 and then Second Appeal before the Punjab State Information Commission on 21.05.2021. 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 and neither any mail has been received from both the parties.

So, the present appeal case is adjourned with the direction to the PIO that the attested copies of information, specifically point-wise, be provided by hand to the appellant within 10 days and after providing the information get receipt from the appellant that he has received the information and is satisfied and send compliance 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 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.**

Dated: 15.09.2021

(Avtar Singh Kaler)
State Information Commissioner, Punjab

Shri Danish Aggarwal, S/o Shri Vikas Aggarwal,
R/o 692, IBRS Nagar,
Ludhiana.

.....Appellant.

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/ o Principal,
Govt. Sr. Sec. Smart School, Gujjarwal,
Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority:
O/o Principal,
Govt. Sr. Sec. Smart School, Gujjarwal,
Ludhiana.

.....Respondent

Appeal Case No. 2448 of 2021

Present:- Shri Danish Aggarwal, appellant is absent.
None present on behalf of the SPIO, O/o Principal, Govt. Sr. Sec. Smart School,
Gujjarwal, Ludhiana.

O R D E R

Shri Danish Aggarwal, appellant filed RTI application dated 01.03.2021 and sought some information from the SPIO, O/o Principal, Govt. Sr. Sec. Smart School, Gujjarwal, Ludhiana. When no information was provided to the appellant by the SPIO, then he filed First Appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 08.04.2021 and then Second Appeal before the Punjab State Information Commission on 24.05.2021. 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 SPIO though is absent today, but he has sent a mail to the Commission on 06.08.2021, diarized vide no. 17389, which is a copy of letter no. 3321 dated 02.08.2021. I have gone through the said letter, which is addressed to the Commission and the respondent replied that the information cannot be provided to the appellant being creative in nature.

I have gone through the RTI application dated 01.03.2021 and also gone through the reply sent by the respondent. The reply sent by the SPIO is not satisfactory.

So, the SPIO, O/o Principal, Govt. Sr. Sec. Smart School, Gujjarwal, Ludhiana is directed that the attested copies of information, specifically point-wise, be sent to the appellant through registered post within 10 days 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 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. **28.10.2021 at 11:30 A.M.**

(Avtar Singh Kaler)

State Information Commissioner, Punjab

Dated: 15.09.2021



Shri Charanjit Singh,
Panch, Gram Panchayat, Nangal Jattan,
S/o Shri Tarsem Singh,
R/o Nangal Jattan, P.O. Lasara, Block Aur,
Tehsil & Distt. SBS Nagar.

.....Appellant.

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/ o BDPO,
Aur, Distt. SBS Nagar.

First Appellate Authority:
O/o DDPO,
SBS Nagar.

.....Respondent

Appeal Case No. 2451 of 2021

Present:- Shri Charanjit Singh, appellant is present,
None present on behalf of the SPIO, O/o BDPO, Aur, Distt. SBS Nagar.

ORDER

Shri Charanjit Singh, appellant filed RTI application dated 01.09.2020 and sought some information from the SPIO, O/o BDPO, Aur, Distt. SBS Nagar. When no information was provided to the appellant by the PIO, then he filed First Appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 16.01.2021 and then Second Appeal before the Punjab State Information Commission on 24.05.2021. 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 the respondent is absent. The appellant stated that incomplete information has been provided to him by the SPIO.

The SPIO though is absent today, but he has sent an e-mail sent to the Commission, which is a copy of letter no. 1263 dated 14.09.2021 along with copy of letter dated 09.09.2021 and a copy of letter dated 18.02.2021. I have gone through the said letters and it is submitted by the SPIO that the information was provided to the appellant on 18.02.2021 and now the remaining information is also being prepared and will be provided to the appellant.

Under these circumstances, the appellant is directed to submit the list of deficiencies in writing to the notice of the SPIO within 2 days and the SPIO is further directed to supply the attested copies of information regarding the deficiencies to the appellant within a week from the receipt of deficiencies and sent compliance 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 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.**

Dated: 15.09.2021

(Avtar Singh Kaler)
State Information Commissioner, Punjab



Shri Mahinder Pal,
S/o Shri Chanan Ram,
R/o Village Chak Jamalgarh,
Block Guruharsahai,
Distt. Ferozepur.

.....Appellant.

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/ o BDPO,
Guruharsahai, Distt. Ferozepur.

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

.....Respondent

Appeal Case No. 2489 of 2021

Present:- Shri Mahinder Pal, appellant is absent.
None present on behalf of the SPIO, O/o BDPO, Guruharsahai, Distt. Ferozepur.

O R D E R

Shri Mahinder Pal, appellant filed RTI application dated 12.02.2021 and sought some information from the SPIO, O/o BDPO, Guruharsahai, Distt. Ferozepur. When no information was provided to the appellant by the PIO, then he filed First Appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 10.04.2021 and then Second Appeal before the Punjab State Information Commission on 25.05.2021. 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 and neither any mail has been received from both the parties.

So, the present appeal case is adjourned with the direction to the SPIO, O/o BDPO, Guruharsahai, Distt. Ferozepur that the attested copies of information, specifically point-wise, be provided to the appellant within 10 days either by hand or be sent through registered post and send compliance 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 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.**

Dated: 15.09.2021

(Avtar Singh Kaler)
State Information Commissioner, Punjab



Shri Davinder Sharma Bitta,
S/o Shri Sham Lal,
H.NO. 874, Street No.6,
Janakpuri, Ludhiana.

.....Appellant.

Vs

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

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

.....Respondent

Appeal Case No. 2496 of 2021

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

ORDER

Shri Davinder Sharma Bitta, appellant filed RTI application dated 02.02.2021 and sought some information from the SPIO, O/o Commissioner of Police, Ludhiana. When no information was provided to the appellant by the PIO, then he filed First Appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 10.03.2021 and then Second Appeal before the Punjab State Information Commission on 25.05.2021. 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 no information has been provided to him by the SPIO.

On the other hand the respondent requested that some time be provided to trace out the record regarding the information sought by the appellant.

The requested of the respondent is heard and allowed with the direction to SPIO that the attested copies of sought for information be provided to the appellant within 15 days either by hand or sent through registered post and copy of the same be sent to the Commission as compliance.

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.**

Dated: 15.09.2021

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



Smt. Jatinder Kaur, (M: 98140-66062),
W/o Shri Balwinder Singh,
9, Kewal Vihar, Jalandhar.

..... Appellant

Vs

(Regd.) Public Information Officer,
O/o Jalandhar Improvement Trust,
Jalandhar.

First Appellate Authority-cum-
Deputy Director,
Urban Local Bodies, Jalandhar.

.....Respondent

Appeal Case No. 1392 of 2020

Present:- Smt. Jatinder Kaur, appellant is absent.
None present on behalf of Shri Rajesh Chaudhary, SPIO-cum-EO, Improvement
Trust, Jalandhar.

O R D E R

Smt. Jatinder Kaur, appellant filed RTI application dated 02.12.2013 and sought
some information from the SPIO, O/o Jalandhar Improvement Trust, Jalandhar.

Today the case is heard through CISCO Webex Meetings Software.

Both the parties are absent today.

I have gone through the Order dated 20.07.2021 and a penalty of Rs. 25,000/-
was imposed upon Shri Rajesh Chaudhary, SPIO-cum-EO, Improvement Trust, Jalandhar, to
be deducted from the salary and is to be deposited in the Govt. Treasury.

A period of about two months has been passed, but the SPIO has not sent any
compliance report regarding depositing the amount of penalty and neither he has appeared
before the Commission for today.

So a last opportunity is granted to Shri Rajesh Chaudhary, SPIO-cum-EO,
Improvement Trust, Jalandhar that the amount of penalty of Rs.25,000/- be deducted from the
salary and be deposited in the Govt. Treasury in the following heads and compliance report be
sent 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."

In case the penalty will not be deposited by the SPIO, then the case will be
referred to the Government for taking disciplinary action against the SPIO.

A copy of the Order be sent to the Deputy Commissioner, Jalandhar and the Deputy Director, Urban Local Bodies, Jalandhar through registered post for strict compliance of the Order of the Commission.

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.**

Dated: 15.09.2021

(Avtar Singh Kaler)
State Information Commissioner, Punjab

(Regd.) CC: Deputy Commissioner, Jalandhar.

– for compliance of the Order of the Commission.

(Regd.) CC: Deputy Director, Urban Local Bodies, Jalandhar.

– for compliance of the Order of the Commission.



Smt. Aakansha,
H. No.2233, Sector 48-C,
Chandigarh.

.....Appellant.

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o Senior Superintendent of Police,
Mohali.

First Appellate Authority:
O/o Senior Superintendent of Police,
Mohali.

.....Respondent

Appeal Case No. 3226 of 2020

Present:- Smt. Aakanksha, appellant is present.
H.C. Ravinder Singh, O/o DSP Kharar-1 is present.

O R D E R

Smt. Aakanksha, appellant filed RTI application dated 11.06.2020 and sought some information from the SPIO, O/o Senior Superintendent of Police, Mohali.

Today the case is heard through CISCO Webex Meetings Software.

Both the parties are present today.

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

On the other hand the respondent stated that the application submitted by the appellant along with enquiry report has been sent to the DDA legal for opinion.

The appellant has filed RTI application on 11.06.2020 and a period of more than one year has been passed, but the SPIO has not provided the sought for information to the appellant. The appellant is suffering from the hands of the SPIO. So, a compensation of Rs. 4,000/- is awarded in favour of the appellant to be paid by the SPIO from the funds of the public authority by way of Demand Draft and be sent to the appellant through registered post within 15 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 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. **28.10.2021 at 11:30 A.M.**

Dated: 15.09.2021

(Avtar Singh Kaler)
State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

(Regd.) CC : DSP, Kharar-1, Distt. SAS Nagar. – for compliance of the Order.



Smt. Kiran Sharma,
W/o Late Shri Jagdish Sharma,
Street No. 42, Preet Nagar,
Shimlapuri,
Ludhiana-141003.

..... Complainant

Vs

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

.....Respondent

Complaint Case No. 288 of 2021

Present:- Shri Sushil Kumar is present on behalf of Smt. Kiran Sharma, complainant / applicant .
ASI Tarsem Lal-1689/LDH is present on behalf of the SPIO, O/o Police Commissioner, Ludhiana.

ORDER

Smt. Kiran Sharma, complainant/applicant filed RTI application dated 23.11.2020 and sought some information from the SPIO, O/o Police Commissioner, Ludhiana.

Today the case is heard through CISCO Webex Meetings Software.

Shri Sushil Kumar is present on behalf of the complainant /applicant and ASI Tarsem Lal is present on behalf of the SPIO.

The representative of the complainant/applicant stated that in compliance to the order dated 20.07.2021 he has visited the office of the SPIO on 29.07.2021, but the SPIO has not provided him the requisite information.

On the other hand the respondent stated that 19 pages of information was sent to the appellant on 26.07.2021.

As the representative of the applicant stated that the sought for information has not been provided, so the SPIO is directed that the attested copies of sought for information, specifically point-wise, be sent to the appellant thorough registered post within a week and copy be sent to the Commission as compliance.

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.**

Dated: 15.09.2021

(Avtar Singh Kaler)
State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

Shri Jeewan Singh, S/o Shri Gurjant Singh,
R/o Village Kehar Singh Wali (Longowal),
Tehsil & Distt. Sangrur.

..... Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o Asstt. Registrar,
Co-opt. Societies, Barnala.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Joint Registrar,
Co-op. Societies, Patiala.

.....Respondent

Appeal Case No. 3064 of 2020

Present:- Shri Jeewan Singh, appellant is present.
None present on behalf of the SPIO, O/o Asstt. Registrar, Co-op. Societies,
Barnala.

O R D E R

Shri Jeewan Singh, appellant filed RTI application dated 14.07.2020 before the SPIO, O/o Deputy Registrar, Co-op. Societies, Barnala. The RTI application was transferred U/s 6(3) of the RTI Act, 2005 to the SPIO, O/o Asstt. Registrar, Co-op. Societies, Barnala vide letter no. 695 dated 28.07.2020.

Today the case is heard through CISCO Webex Meetings Software.

The appellant is present, whereas none appeared on behalf of the respondent.

The appellant stated that neither the information nor the amount of compensation of Rs. 2000/- has been provided to him by the respondent.

I have gone through the Order dated 20.07.2021 and a compensation of Rs.2000/- was awarded in favour of the appellant and the SPIO was directed to send the amount of compensation to the appellant by way of demand draft through registered post within 15 days along with attested copies of information.

But the SPIO is absent today and neither he has sent any compliance to the Commission regarding sending the information and compensation to the appellant.

So, the SPIO is directed that the amount of compensation of Rs. 2000/- from the funds of public authority by way of demand draft and be sent to the appellant through registered post within 15 days along with the attested copies of information and compliance report 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 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. **28.10.2021 at 11:30 A.M.**

Dated: 15.09.2021

(Avtar Singh Kaler)
State Information Commissioner, Punjab.



Shri Jasbir Singh,
Guru Nanak Nagar,
Village Bholapur Jhabewal,
Post Office Ramgarh,
Distt.Ludhiana.

.....Appellant

Vs

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

First Appellate Authority:
O/o Civil Surgeon, Ludhiana.

.....Respondent

Appeal Case No. 3264 of 2020

Present:- Shri Jasbir Singh, appellant is absent.
Dr. Mannu, O/o Civil Surgeon, Ludhiana is present.

O R D E R

Shri Jasbir Singh, appellant filed RTI application dated 13.07.2020 and sought some information from the SPIO, O/o Civil Surgeon, Ludhiana.

Today the case is heard through CISCO Webex Meetings Software.

The appellant is absent today, whereas the respondent is present. The respondent stated that the concerned SMO were directed vide letter no. 709 dated 10.05.2021 to provide the sought for information to the appellant.

The appellant though is absent today, but he has sent an e-mail to the Commission that he has filed RTI application on 13.07.2020 and till date the sought for information has not been provided to him by the respondent.

The appellant has filed RTI application on 13.07.2020 and a period of more than one year has been passed, but the SPIO has not provided the sought for information to the appellant. The appellant is suffering from the hands of the SPIO. So, a compensation of Rs.3,000/- is awarded in favour of the appellant to be paid by the SPIO from the funds of the public authority by way of Demand Draft and be sent to the appellant through registered post within 15 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. **01.11.2021 at 11:30 A.M.**

Dated: 15.09.2021

(Avtar Singh Kaler)
State Information Commissioner, Punjab



Smt. Kamaljit Kaur,
Sarpanch Gram Panchayat, Mullapur Khurd,
Distt, Fatehgarh Sahib.

..... Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer,
Sirhind, Distt. Fatehgarh Sahib.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o District Development and Panchayat Officer,
Sri Fatehgarh Sahib.

.....Respondent

Appeal Case No. 3952 of 2020

Present:- Smt. Kamaljit Kaur, appellant is absent.
None present on behalf of the PIO, O/o Block Development and Panchayat
Officer, Sirhind, Distt. Fatehgarh Sahib.

O R D E R

Smt. Kamaljit Kaur, appellant filed RTI application dated 01.09.2020 and sought some information from the PIO, O/o BDPO, Sirhind, Distt. Fatehgarh Sahib.

Today the case is heard through CISCO Webex Meetings Software. Both the parties are absent today.

I have gone through the Order dated 27.07.2021 and a **Show Cause Notice** U/s 20(1) of the RTI Act, 2005 was issued to the SPIO, O/o BDPO, Sirhind, Distt. Fatehgarh Sahib and he was directed to file reply to the Show Cause Notice. The SPIO was also directed to send the amount of compensation of Rs.2,500/- along with attested copies of information to the appellant through registered post within 15 days.

But the SPIO is absent today and neither he has sent any reply to the Show Cause Notice and nor sent any compliance regarding the information and the compensation.

So, a last opportunity is granted to SPIO, O/o BDPO, Sirhind, Distt. Fatehgarh Sahib to file reply to the Show Cause Notice through duly attested affidavit 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. IN case the SPIO 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 on the basis of papers available in the file and the SPIO will be penalized up to Rs.25,000/-, which will be deducted from his salary.

The SPIO is further directed to send the amount of compensation of Rs.2,500/- to the appellant from the funds of public authority by way of demand draft and be sent through registered post within 10 days along with attested copies of sought for information and compliance be sent 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. **01.11.2021 at 11:30 A.M.**

Dated: 15.09.2021

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



Shri Bakhshish Singh, S/o Shri Balwinder Singh,
Village Jandwala Kharta,
Tehsil & Distt. Fazilka.

..... Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer,
Fazilka.

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

.....Respondent

Appeal Case No. 4001 of 2020

Present:- Shri Bakhshish Singh, appellant is present.
None present on behalf of the PIO, O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Fazilka.

ORDER

Shri Bakhshish Singh, appellant filed RTI application dated 27.07.2020 and sought some information from the PIO, O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Fazilka.

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.3,000/- has been provided to him by the SPIO.

I have gone through the previous Orders and the SPIO was directed to send the amount of compensation of Rs.3,000/- to the appellant by way of demand draft through registered post within 15 days along with attested copies of sought for information.

But the SPIO is absent today and neither he has provided the information and compensation to the appellant. So, the amount of compensation of Rs.3,000/- is enhanced to Rs.5,000/- and the SPIO is directed to send the amount of compensation of Rs.5,000/- to the appellant from the funds of public authority by way of demand draft and be 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 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. **01.11.2021 at 11:30 A.M.**

Dated: 15.09.2021

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



Shri Jang Bahadur, S/o Shri Jai Chand,
R/o Mandi Aminganj, Rorhan wali,
Tehsil & Distt. Fazilka.

.....Appellant.

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o Panchayat Secretary,
Gram Panchayat, Mandi Amin Ganj,
Distt. Fazilka.

First Appellate Authority:
O/o District Development and Panchayat Officer,
Fazilka.

.....Respondent

Appeal Case No. 3928 of 2020

Present:- Shri Jang Bahadur, appellant is present.
None present on behalf of the respondent PIO.

O R D E R

Shri Jang Bahadur, appellant filed RTI application dated 28.07.2020 before the SPIO, O/o BDPO, Jalalabad. The RTI application was transferred U/s 6(3) of the RTI Act, 2005 to the PIO, O/o Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panchayat, Mandi Amin Ganj, Distt. Fazilka vide letter no.1880 dated 07.09.2020.

Today the case is heard through CISCO Webex Meetings Software.

The appellant is 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.

I have gone through the previous Orders passed by the Commission. Shri Gurjinder Singh, BDPO, Jalalabad was present on 25.02.2021 and he was directed to provide the information to the applicant. Then the BDPO directed Shri Chander Bhan, PIO-cum-Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panchayat, Mandi Amin Ganj to provide the information to the applicant. The said Panchayat Secretary-cum-PIO neither has come present before the Commission nor sent any mail, whereas a show cause notice has already been issued to him vide Order dated 12.05.2021 that why he has not provided the sought for information to the applicant within the stipulated period and so why he may not be penalized under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

Today again Shri Chander Bhan, PIO-cum-Panchayat Secretary is absent and neither he has sent any reply to the show cause notice nor provided the information to the appellant.

The appellant has filed RTI application on 28.07.2020 and a period of more than one year has been passed, but the PIO has not provided the sought for information to the appellant. The appellant is suffering from the hands of the PIO. So, a compensation of Rs.3,000/- is awarded in favour of the appellant to be paid by the PIO from the funds of the

public authority by way of Demand Draft and be sent to the appellant through registered post within 15 days along with attested copies of information, specifically point-wise.

A last and final opportunity is granted to Shri Chander Bhan, PIO-cum-Panchayat Secretary to file reply 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 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 defense 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 personally attend the hearing on **01.11.2021 at 11:30 A.M.** through **CISCO WEBEX MEETINGS Software (Meeting No. 1582695783).**

Dated: 15.09.2021

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