



Sh. Balwinder Singh,  
S/o Sh. Kehar Singh,  
V.P.O Ramgarh Sardaran,  
Tehsil- Payal, Distt. Ludhiana.

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,  
O/o Secretary,  
Gram Panchayat,  
VPO-Ramgarh Sardaran,  
Tehsil-Payal, Distt. Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer,  
Malaud, Distt. Ludhiana.

Respondents

**Appeal Case No.2284/2018**

Date of RTI application: 15.03.2017  
Date of First Appeal : 21.04.2017  
Date of Order of FAA or Reply: Nil  
Date of 2<sup>nd</sup> Appeal/complaint: 09.07.2018

**Present:** **Sh. Balwinder Singh, Appellant in person.**  
**Shri Sukhpreet Singh, Panchayat Secretary is present**  
**on behalf of the Respondents.**

**ORDER**

The following order was passed by the Commission on 06.02.2019:

*“Sh. Balwinder Singh, Appellant submits that the information has been supplied to him after two years which still falls short of.*

*The respondents have sent a communication that they are awesomely occupied in the conduct of the panchayat elections in the State of Punjab for which the polling is taking place on 30.12.2018. They have sought an adjournment. The request is acceded.*

*The matter shall be reheard on 06.02.2019 at 11.30 AM through video conference at Ludhiana. Meanwhile, they are directed to make good the supply of information to the appellant as referred to above under intimation to the Commission.”*



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**Appeal Case No.2284/2018**

*The case has come up today. The appellant maintains that the information provided does not completely conform to his original application. It is incumbent upon the respondents to give a clear reply/information to his requisition. The Commission makes a strong note of the absence of the respondents and their apathy towards filing a reply to the notice of the Commission. The respondents are hereby directed to ensure that information complete in all respects is provided and a written reply is submitted before the Commission. It shall also explain as to why penal action be not taken for the delay in providing the information beyond the mandated period”.*

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The case has come up today through video conference. The parties are present in the studio of the office of D.C. Ludhiana. The appellant has failed to pin-point any deficiency in the information already furnished to him. PIO is directed to allow him to inspect the entire record within 7 days from the date of receipt of copy of the order in the office of BDPO Maloud on a definite date & time to be intimated in writing to the appellant. The appellant will inspect and identify the information required by him and the PIO will provide him certified copies of the same.

To come up for hearing on **25.09.2019 at 11.30 AM through V.C. at Ludhiana.**

**17.07.2019**

**Sd/-  
(Yashvir Mahajan)  
State Information Commissioner**



Shri Jarnail Singh,  
S/o Shri Shyam Singh,  
R/o Village Kamma,  
Tehsil Khanna, Distt Ludhiana.

Appellant

Versus

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

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer,  
Khanna, Distt Ludhiana.

Respondents

**Appeal Case No.3499/2018**

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of First Appeal made, if any	Date of order, if any of FAA	Date of Second Appeal/ Complaint
11.07.2018	Nil	20.08.2018	Nil	08.10.2018

**Present:** None is present.

**ORDER**

The following order was made by this forum on 06.02.2019:

*“Sh. Jarnail Singh, Appellant is present in the video conferencing in the office of the DC, Ludhiana. A written statement has not been filed by the respondents. None is present also.*

*The Commission understands that the polling for election of gram panchayats in Punjab is scheduled to be held on 30.12.2018, the staff apparently is occupied with the same. Another opportunity is afforded to them to file written reply besides providing the information asked for by him and explain their conduct. Be it noted that further neglect shall warrant serious consequences.*

*The case has come up today. Sh. Gurmit Singh, Panchayat Secretary appearing on behalf of the respondents submits that the information comprising approximately 800 pages has been provided to him. However, the appellant still seems dissatisfied. The respondents may allow him inspection of the record and arrange to provide him information if any not yet supplied, but not beyond fifty pages”.*

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None is present. Communication from the respondents furnishing rest of the information has been received. It has been acknowledged on record by the appellant as well. The appellant having been supplied the sufficient information to his satisfaction, the matter needs to be rested.

**Disposed.**

**17.07.2019**

**(Yashvir Mahajan)  
State Information Commissioner**



S. Charanjit Singh,  
S/o S. Kartar Singh,  
Village Hambran,  
Distt Ludhiana.

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,  
O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer,  
Ludhiana-I, Ludhiana.

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

Respondents

**Appeal Case No.3637/2018**

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of First Appeal made, if any	Date of order, if any of FAA	Date of Second Appeal/ Complaint
10.07.2018	Nil	24.08.2018	Nil	25.10.2018

**Present:** Sh. Charanjit Singh, Appellant.  
None on behalf of the Respondents.

**ORDER**

The following order was passed on 06.02.2019:

*“The appellant is present. Despite an endorsement from the office of the DDPO, Ludhiana to the respondents, none is present. No information has been provided nor any reply has been filed by the respondents.*

*The Commission directs the respondents to allow the inspection of the record to the appellant and provide him the certified copies of the documents to the extent of one hundred pages and inform the Commission in writing along with explanation in having failed to file a suitable reply to his original application”.*

**17.07.2019**

The case has come up today through video conference. Despite express directions, the respondents are neither present nor any reply to the Commission has been provided. A very simple information concerning the revenue having been accrued to Gram Panchayat of village Hambran and its utilization has been sought. The Commission feels that the respondents are willfully obstructing the flow of information.

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**Appeal Case No.3637/2018**

PIO is hereby 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 maximum of Rs.25,000/- till the complete information is furnished, be not imposed under Section 20(1) of RTI Act, 2005 on him for causing willful delay / denial of the information to the RTI applicant and why the compensation be not awarded to the Appellant under Section 19 (8) (b) of the Act for the detriment suffered by him.

In addition to the written reply, the PIO is 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. 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.

**To come up on 25.09.2019 at 11.30 AM through V.C. at Ludhiana.**

**17.07.2019**

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Sh. Tejinder Singh,  
R/o Village Bholapur,  
Post Office Ramgarh,  
Chandigarh Road, Ludhiana. 141123.

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,  
O/o Executive Officer,  
Municipal Council,  
Kharar, Distt Mohali.

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o Regional Deputy Director,  
Local Bodies, Mohali.

Respondents

**Appeal Case No.3644/2018**

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of First Appeal made, if any	Date of order, if any of FAA	Date of Second Appeal/ Complaint
17.02.2018	Nil	02.05.2018	Nil	30.10.2018

**Present: Sh.Tejinder Singh, Appellant is absent.  
None is present on behalf of the respondents.**

**ORDER**

The appellant has sought exemption from appearance and has requested for adjournment. None is present on behalf of the respondents also. The Commission takes serious note of the absence of the respondents. It directs them to file a satisfactory reply to the Commission and explain the delay in having failed to respond to the application till date.

To come up on **03.09.2019 at 11.30 AM through video conference at Ludhiana.**

**17.07.2019**

**Sd/-  
(Yashvir Mahajan)  
State Information Commissioner**



Sh. Jasbir Singh,  
Village Bholapur, Jhabewal,  
Post Office Ramgarh, Distt. Ludhiana

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,  
O/o Commissioner,  
Municipal Corporation, Mata Rani Chowk,  
Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority  
O/o Commissioner,  
Municipal Corporation, Mata Rani Chowk,  
Ludhiana.

Respondents

**APPEAL CASE NO.3091/2017**

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of First Appeal made, if any	Date of order, if any of FAA	Date of Second Appeal/ Complaint
16.08.2017	Nil	16.09.2017	22.09.2017	20.10.2017

**Present:** Sh. Jasbir Singh, Appellant in person at Commission's office, Chd.  
None is present for Respondents.

**ORDER**

The following order was passed on 13.02.2019:

*"Heard. The respondents say that information sought for is personal information of an official and cannot be spared. Whereas, the Commission broadly agrees with their point of view, but on a closer view, it finds that they are obliged to provide him information like his salaries, place of postings etcetera which they are required to disclose under section 4(1)(10) of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Accordingly, the respondents are directed to sift the application carefully and provide the information which does not attract the exemption.*

*The matter has come up for hearing today. Sh. Viney Kumar appearing on behalf of the respondents submits that in compliance with the aforementioned order of the Commission a communication has been sent under registered cover to him. On further enquiry it is revealed that it has been sent only today. Let the appellant see and react to it."*

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**Appeal Case No.3091/2017**

**17.07.2019**

The matter has come up today. The appellant acknowledges the receipt of information dispatched by post as mentioned in the aforesaid letter. However, he is yet to get information relating to Point No.1 which relates to the initial appointment and posting of the official under consideration. The respondents are directed to intimate it to the appellant within 15 days from the date of receipt of this order positively under intimation to the Commission. Hopefully, this direction shall be complied with without further delay. Besides this, the respondents are also directed to explain their absence.

To come up on **25.09.2019 at 11.30 AM through Video Conference at Ludhiana.**

**17.07.2019**

**Sd/-  
(Yashvir Mahajan)  
State Information Commissioner**



Sh. Jasbir Singh,  
Village Bholapur, Jhabewal,  
Post Office Ramgarh, Distt. Ludhiana

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,  
O/o Commissioner,  
Municipal Corporation, Mata Rani Chowk,  
Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority  
O/o Commissioner,  
Municipal Corporation, Mata Rani Chowk,  
Ludhiana.

Respondents

**APPEAL CASE NO.2915/2017**

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of First Appeal made, if any	Date of order, if any of FAA	Date of Second Appeal/ Complaint
21.08.2017	Nil	21.09.2017	20.09.2017	24.10.2017

**Present:** Sh. Jasbir Singh, Appellant in person at Commission's office, Chd.  
None is present for Respondents.

**ORDER**

The following order was passed on 13.02.2019:

*"Heard. The respondents say that information sought for is personal information of an official and cannot be spared. Whereas, the Commission broadly agrees with their point of view, but on a closer view, it finds that they are obliged to provide him information like his salaries, place of postings etcetera which they are required to disclose under section 4(1)(10) of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Accordingly, the respondents are directed to sift the application carefully and provide the information which does not attract the exemption.*

*The matter has come up for hearing today. Sh. Viney Kumar appearing on behalf of the respondents submits that in compliance with the aforementioned order of the Commission, a communication has been sent under registered cover to him. On further enquiry, it is revealed that it has been sent only today. Let the appellant see and react to it."*

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**Appeal Case No.2915/2017**

**17.07.2019**

The matter has come up today. The appellant acknowledges the receipt of information dispatched by post as mentioned in the aforesaid letter. However, he is yet to get information relating to Point No.1 which relates to the initial appointment and posting of the official under consideration. The respondents are directed to intimate it to the appellant within 15 days from the date of receipt of this order positively under intimation to the Commission. Hopefully, this direction shall be complied with without further delay. Besides this, the respondents are also directed to explain their absence.

To come up on **25.09.2019 at 11.30 AM through Video Conference at Ludhiana.**

**17.07.2019**

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Sh. Rajinder Kumar,  
S/o Sh. Mehar Chand,  
Ward No 2, Supreme Enclave,  
Near Vishavkara Bhawan, Link Road, Mansa.

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,  
O/o Executive Officer,  
Municipal Council, Dera Bassi,  
SAS Nagar.

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o Regional Deputy Director,  
Department of Local Govt , PB,  
Patiala.

Respondents

**Appeal Case No.3672/2018**

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of First Appeal made, if any	Date of order, if any of FAA	Date of Second Appeal/ Complaint
20.06.2018	Nil	24.07.2018	Nil	30.10.2018

**Present:** **None on behalf of the Appellant.**  
**Sh. Kewal Krishan, Accountant, MC Office, Dera Bassi – for Respondents.**

**ORDER**

The following order was passed on 06.02.2019:-

*“The appellant had sought information pertaining to retirement of one Sh. Suresh Kumar, formerly Executive Officer, M.C., Dera Bassi and allied documents. Sh. Kewal Krishan, Accountant, appearing on behalf of the respondents submits that he has been duly sent information under a registered cover.*

*As the video conferencing could not mature, the appellant may like to react before the next date of hearing in case he so desires.”*

**17.07.2019**

The case has come up today. Shri Kewal Krishan, Accountant, M.C. Dera Bassi is present. He reiterated that the information has been sent to the appellant. The appellant is absent. The Commission presumes that he is satisfied with the information provided to him. No further action is called for. **The appeal is disposed.**

**17.07.2019**

**Sd/-**  
**(Yashvir Mahajan)**  
**State Information Commissioner**



Sh. Sukhdev Singh  
# 226, Guru Arjan Dev Nagar,  
Tarn Taran Road, Amritsar.

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,  
O/o Chief Director, Vigilance Bureau, Punjab,  
SCO No.60-61, Sector-17-D,  
Chandigarh.

Sh. Harjit Singh,  
PIO – cum – Superintendent,  
Department of Local Govt., (LG – 1 Br.),  
Municipal Bhawan, Plot No. 3 A,  
Sector -35, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority  
O/o Chief Director, Vigilance Bureau, Punjab,  
SCO No.60-61, Sector-17-D,  
Chandigarh

Respondents

**APPEAL CASE NO.3009/2017**

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of First Appeal made, if any	Date of order, if any of FAA	Date of Second Appeal/ Complaint
24.05.2018	Nil	03.07.2017	Nil	26.10.2017

**Present:** Sh. Sukhdev Singh, Appellant in person.  
Sh. Balwinder Pal, API and Sh. Rajesh Kumar, Vigilance Bureau,  
– for Respondents.

**ORDER**

The following order was made by the Commission on 13.02.2019:

*“This is in continuation of order passed by this forum on 28.02.2018.*

*The PIO in the office of the Principal Secretary to Government, Punjab, Department of Local Government was directed to arrange inspection and provide copies to the information seeker. None is present on their behalf. Nothing has been received in writing also.*

*The Commission makes a serious note of their absence and as a last opportunity advises them to comply with the order thus passed on 28.02.2018 under intimation to the Commission failing which the penal action shall follow.”*

*“The case has come up today. Vide above order the respondents were directed to arrange an inspection of the record and thereafter provide the certified copies of the documents identified by the appellant free of cost.*

*The appellant submits that he was summoned to Chandigarh for the inspection of the record. However, on his visit to Chandigarh was informed that no such record is available with them.*

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**APPEAL CASE NO.3009/2017**

*Seemingly, the PIO – cum - Superintendent in the office of the Department of Local Government, Punjab, ( L.G. - I Br.), is willfully suppressing the information and ignoring the directions issued by the Commission. He is hereby required to file an affidavit about his position and explain as to why taking it as a violation under Section 7 (1) of the Act, a penalty under Section 20(1) should not be imposed on him. Meanwhile, it should be ensured that the documents sought are arranged to be provided as directed earlier to the information seeker positively.”*

*“The case has again come up for hearing today. The appellant is not present. The respondents have failed to come up with any convincing response. A last opportunity is afforded to them to comply with the order of the Commission.*

*The case has again come up today for hearing. It is very strange and intriguing that despite the express directions followed by a show cause notice to the PIO, in O/o Department of Local Government (LG – 1 Br.), he has maintained a stony silence. The Commission is inclined to believe that Sh. Harjit Singh, PIO – cum – Superintendent is malafidely and willfully withholding the information and defying the order of the Commission. A final opportunity is afforded to him to comply with the directions passed by the Commission. Be it noted that he is already under the show cause notice of imposition of penalty.”*

**17.07.2019**

This is a very long standing case. The original application was filed by the appellant on 24.05.2017. Ever since the Commission has passed umpteen directions and even issued a show cause notice to the PIO. However, he has failed to respond much less supplying the information. The Commission finds that the PIO is defiant and has refused to part with the information in violation of the provisions of Section 7(1) of the RTI Act, 2005.

The delay is beyond 100 days. While exercising its authority under Section 20(1) of the RTI Act, the Commission imposes a penalty of Rs25,000/- on the Superintendent, Shri Harjit Singh which shall be recovered from his salary, commencing from the month of August, 2019 in five equal installments each month by his DDO, under intimation to the Commission. It shall be deposited in the Govt. treasury under the head: - **0070-Other Administrative Services- 60 Other Services- 800 Other Receipts- 86 Fee under RTI Act, 2005**. A copy of the challan shall be sent to the Commission for record immediately.



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The Commission observes that the PIO has shown complete disregard to the statutory authority and its directions. He has shown grave indiscipline and misconduct. We direct to his appointing authority to initiate disciplinary action against him under Punjab Civil Services (Punishment & Appeal) Rules, 1970 and a copy of the charge sheet thus issued be sent to the Commission for record.

The appellant has been put to a lot of harassment over a period of last more than two years. Compensation to an extent of Rs.5,000/- is awarded for the detriment suffered by him. It shall be paid by the public authority from its account by way of demand draft in favour of the appellant within a month of the receipt of the order positively.

The information still has not been provided, the Commission further directs the PIO to come along with the original record in the office of Commission on the next date of hearing failing which his presence shall be ensured by exercising its authority under Section 18(7) of the Act.

The representative from the office of Chief Director, Vigilance Bureau may not attend the proceedings as the record in question is no more under their control.

To come up on **25.09.2019 at 11.30 AM through V.C. at Amritsar.**

**17.07.2019**

**(Yashvir Mahajan)  
State Information Commissioner**

**CC: The Principal Secretary to Government, Punjab, Department of Local Government,  
Municipal Bhawan, Plot No. 3 A, Sector 35, Chandigarh, for information and n/a.**



Sh. Jagshir Singh,  
S/o Sh. Gian Singh,  
R/o H.No 9/20,  
Back Side Pandori Nursing Home,  
Mandi Mullanpur Dakha, Distt Ludhiana.

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,  
O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer,  
Block Gandiwind, District Tarn Taran.

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o Distt. Development and Panchayat Officer,  
Tarn Taran.

Respondents

**Appeal Case No.3888/2018**

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of First Appeal made, if any	Date of order, if any of FAA	Date of Second Appeal/ Complaint
18.08.2018	Nil	25.09.2018	Nil	14.11.2018

**Present:** Sh. Jagshir Singh, Appellant in person.  
Sh. Balkar Singh, Panchayat Secretary, O/o BDPO, Gandiwind,  
District Tarn Taran – for Respondents.

**ORDER**

The following order was passed on 13.02.2019:-

*“The perusal of the application suggests that the information sought relates to the period of last sixteen years. It also widely covers all the activities of the panchayat. The Commission feels that the provision of such a massive record shall tantamount to putting an uncalled for burden on the Public Authority and disruption of its normal activities. The appellant is advised to inspect the record in the office of the respondents on a mutually agreed date and time. The respondents shall provide him certified copies of documents not beyond one hundred fifty pages free of cost.”*

The case has come up today. It transpires that that the information pertaining to the period prior to 2015 by the then incumbent had not been sent and produced before the appellant. The same, according to him, is not available with him. The Commission directs the BDPO to look into it





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and arrange inspection of the record as mentioned above on a pre fixed date and time and furnish him the copies as identified by him subject to the quantum fixed in the afore mentioned order. If the appellant still want to procure the copies beyond the number specified, he should provide valid explanation to the BDPO who would look into it positively and take suitable action.

To come up on **25.09.2019 at 11.30 AM through video conference at Ludhiana.**

**17.07.2019**

**Sd/-  
(Yashvir Mahajan)  
State Information Commissioner**

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S/o Sh. Gian Singh,  
R/o H.No 9/20,  
Backside Pandori Nursing Home,  
Mandi Mullanpur Dakha, Distt Ludhiana.

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,  
O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer,  
Ghal Khurd, Distt Ferozepur.

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer,  
Ferozepur.

Respondents

**Appeal Case No.3889/2018**

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of First Appeal made, if any	Date of order, if any of FAA	Date of Second Appeal/ Complaint
18.08.2018	Nil	25.09.2018	Nil	14.11.2018

**Present:** Sh. Jagshir Singh, Appellant in person.  
None is present – for Respondents.

**ORDER**

The following order was passed on 13.02.2019:-

*“The respondents are absent. Nothing has been heard from them also. The Commission takes a serious note of the callous attitude and directs the Public Authority to look into his application and arrange to provide him the information as is admissible within the framework of Act and Rules under intimation to the Commission.”*

17.07.2019

The case has come up today. None is present on behalf of the respondents. A communication dated 16.07.2019 has been received from the appellant to the effect that he has still not received any information. The delay is beyond 100 days.

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**APPEAL CASE NO.3889/2017**

PIO is hereby 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 maximum of Rs.25,000/- till the complete information is furnished, be not imposed under Section 20(1) of RTI Act, 2005 on him for causing willful delay / denial of the information to the RTI applicant and why the compensation be not awarded to the Appellant under Section 19 (8) (b) of the Act for the detriment suffered by him.

In addition to the written reply, the PIO is 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. 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.

**To come up on 25.09.2019 at 11.30 AM through Video Conference at Ludhiana.**

**17.07.2019**

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Sh. Sukhveer Singh,  
S/o Shri Rajinder Singh,  
R/o Bijalpur, Tehsil Bhawanigarh,  
Distt Sangrur.

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,  
O/o District Development and Panchayat Officer,  
Sangrur.

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

Respondents

**Appeal Case No.3606/2018**

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of First Appeal made, if any	Date of order, if any of FAA	Date of Second Appeal/ Complaint
22.05.2018	Nil	16.07.2018	Nil	22.10.2018

**Present:** Sh. Sukhveer Singh, Appellant is absent.  
Sh.Deepak Kumar Garg, Clerk on behalf of the Respondents.

**ORDER**

The following order was passed on 06.02.2019:-

*“None is present on behalf of the respondents. The Commission directs the respondents to allow inspection of the record to the appellant on a mutually agreed date and time, and provide him the certified copies of documents not beyond one hundred fifty pages.”*

The respondent says that he has brought along the information. As the appellant is absent, the same cannot be transmitted to him. He has been advised to send it by post under intimation to the Commission.

To come up on **11.09..2019 at 11.30 AM through video conference at Sangrur.**

**17.07.2019**

**Sd/-  
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S/o S. Mahinder Singh,  
R/o Village Maur Kaso Wala,  
PO Fatehgarh Panjtoor,  
Tehsil Zira, Distt Ferozepur.

Appellant

Versus

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

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

Respondents

**Appeal Case No.3739/2018**

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of First Appeal made, if any	Date of order, if any of FAA	Date of Second Appeal/ Complaint
16.05.2018	Nil	26.06.2018	Nil	30.10.2018

**Present:** None is present in the video conferencing.

**ORDER**

The Parties are absent on trot.

The appeal is **dismissed for want of prosecution.**

**17.07.2019**

**(Yashvir Mahajan)**  
**State Information Commissioner**

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Smt Gurjeet Kaur,  
W/o Prabhdyal Singh,  
R/o VPO Khambra, Jalandhar.

Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer,  
O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer,  
Jalandhar (Eastern), Jalandhar.

Respondents

**Complaint Case No.1139/2018**

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of First Appeal made, if any	Date of order, if any of FAA	Date of Second Appeal/ Complaint
31.08.2018	Nil	Nil	Nil	15.10.2018

**Present:** Smt. Gurjeet Kaur, complainant is absent.  
None is present on behalf of the Respondent.

**ORDER**

The following order was passed on 06.02.2019:-

*“The complainant had sought details of expenses incurred on the construction of certain roads in village Khambra. Sh. Charanjit, Panchayat Secretary appearing on behalf of the respondent says that no expenses have been incurred on the same as the relevant streets and gallis fall in the jurisdiction of Municipal Corporation. The respondent is advised to file a written reply to the complainant under intimation to the Commission.”*

None is present. The complainant has failed to refute the contention made by the respondents that the sought for information was never generated in their office and accordingly, is not available. That being so, the Commission is not inclined to take the complaint seriously and is filed.

**Disposed.**

**17.07.2019**

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R/o VPO Khambra, Jalandhar.

Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer,  
O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer,  
Jalandhar (Eastern), Jalandhar.

Respondent

**Complaint Case No.1140/2018**

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of First Appeal made, if any	Date of order, if any of FAA	Date of Second Appeal/ Complaint
31.08.2018	Nil	Nil	Nil	15.10.2018

**Present:** Smt. Gurjeet Kaur, complainant is absent.  
None is present on behalf of the Respondent.

**ORDER**

The following order was passed on 06.02.2019:-

*The information sought relates to the expenditure incurred on the construction of an Aanganwari and layout/building plan of the same in village Khambra.*

*Sh. Charanjit, Panchayat Secretary appearing on behalf of the respondent has brought along the information which has been handed over on spot to the complainant. She conveys its inadequacy on one score. The respondent is directed to make good the deficiency and file a written reply to the Commission before the next date of hearing."*

None is present. The Commission supposes that the deficiency, as mentioned in the aforesaid order, should have been meted out by the respondents. From their absence, the Commission presumes that the complainant is satisfied with the information provided.

**Disposed.**

**17.07.2019**

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Sh. Sampooran Singh,  
S/o S. Lal Singh,  
VPO Bakipur,  
Tehsil & Distt Tarn Taran.

Appellant

Versus

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

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

Respondents

**Appeal Case No.3920/2018**

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of First Appeal made, if any	Date of order, if any of FAA	Date of Second Appeal/ Complaint
11.08.2018	Nil	20.09.2018	Nil	14.11.2018

**Present:** Sh.Sampooran Singh, Appellant is present.  
Sh. Lakhwinder Singh, APIO – cum – Superintendent, BDPO office, Tarn Taran – for Respondents.

**ORDER**

The following order was passed on 13.02.2019:-

*“Sh. Lakhwinder Singh, APIO – cum – Superintendent submits that the appellant was desired to deposit an amount of Rs.19,048/- being the cost of providing information as it was approximately comprising in 9000 plus pages. He further states that having failed to deposit the fee he is not entitled to the information. The appellant is desired to react.”*

The appellant is seeking information free of cost because the respondents did not timely intimate the cost of information. Be that as it is, direction to provide such a massive information shall not serve the public cause. It shall be in the fitness of things that the appellant inspects the





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record, identifies the documents he needs and the respondent shall provide the same to the appellant free of cost. But this number should not go beyond 200 pages. In case the appellant needs more than the above stipulated quantum, he should convince this Forum which shall further pass the order on merits. The inspection, as mentioned above, shall take place in the office of BDPO Tarn Taran on 06.08.2019 at 1100 AM onwards

To come up on **11.09.2019 at 11.30 AM through video conference at Tarn Taran.**

**17.07.2019**

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Retd. Subedar Chhanakh Singh,  
S/o S. Veer Singh,  
R/o Village Vadala Johal,  
Tehsil & Distt Amritsar.

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,  
O/o Village Development Officer,  
Gram Panchayat Vadala Johal,  
Block Jandiala Guru, Distt Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o District Social Security Officer,  
Amritsar.

Respondents

**Appeal Case No.3862/2018**

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of First Appeal made, if any	Date of order, if any of FAA	Date of Second Appeal/ Complaint
23.08.2018	Nil	03.10.2018	Nil	12.11.2018

**Present:** Retd. Subedar Chhanak Singh, Appellant in person.  
None on behalf of the Respondents.

**ORDER**

The following order was passed on 13.02.2019:-

*“The appellant had sought for an information pertaining to the APRs maintained by the gram panchayat of village Vadala for the disbursement of old age/widow pensions etc. for the period from July, 2013 to October, 2017. The District Social Security Officer, Amritsar, vide communication dated 08.02.2019 to the Commission intimated that the requisite information is in the custody of BDPO, Jandiala Guru who has already been intimated to make good the information to the information seeker. It has further been observed that the BDPO, Jandiala Guru in turn has written to one Sh. Gurmukh Singh, VDO to part with the information as it is in his custody.*

*The Commission finds that the officers at various levels of the Public Authorities have duly forwarded the application under Section 6(3) of the Act to one Sh. Gurmukh Singh, VDO who obviously is the deemed PIO for the purpose of providing information to the appellant. However, he has failed to provide it. At its face the Commission finds that Sh. Gurmukh Singh is culpable of violating the provisions of RTI Act.*

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*Sh. Gurmukh Singh, VDO is 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 maximum of Rs.25,000/- till the complete information is furnished, be not imposed under Section 20(1) of RTI Act, 2005 on him for causing willful delay / denial of the information to the RTI applicant and why the compensation be not awarded to the Appellant under Section 19 (8) (b) of the Act for the detriment suffered by him.*

*In addition to the written reply, the PIO is 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. 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.”*

17.07.2019

None is present on behalf of the respondents. To come up on **25.09.2019 at 11.30 AM** through video conference at Amritsar.

**17.07.2019**

**(Yashvir Mahajan)  
State Information Commissioner**

**Cc: Sh. Gurmukh Singh, VDO, PIO Gram Panchayat Vadala Johal, O/o BDPO, Jandiala Guru, Distt. Amritsar, for n/a.**

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Sh. Avtar Singh,  
S/o Shri Gurbax Singh,  
House No 105 C, Alpha International City,  
GT Road, Daburji , Amritsar.

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,  
O/o Excise & Taxation Department,  
Tarn Tarn.

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o Astd. Excise and Taxation Commissioner,  
Tarn Taran.

Respondents

**Appeal Case No.3865/2018**

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of First Appeal made, if any	Date of order, if any of FAA	Date of Second Appeal/ Complaint
08.08.2018	Nil	18.09.2018	Nil	06.11.2018

**Present:** Sh. Avtar Singh, Appellant is absent.  
None on behalf of the Respondents.

**ORDER**

**The following order was passed on 13.02.2019:-**

*"The respondents are absent. The Commission takes a strong exception to their cavalier attitude. The original application was filed on 08.08.2018. Having failed to procure the information even after filing a first appeal with the First Appellate Authority he has been constrained to approach the Commission. The Commission takes a strong exception to the silence on the part of the respondents. Apparently they have violated the provisions of Section 7 (1) of the RTI Act.*

*The PIO (by name) O/o Excise & Taxation Department, Tarn Taran is 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 maximum of Rs.25,000/- till the complete information is furnished, be not imposed under Section 20(1) of RTI Act, 2005 on him for causing willful delay / denial of the information to the RTI applicant and why the compensation be not awarded to the Appellant under Section 19 (8) (b) of the Act for the detriment suffered by him.*

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Shri Harpreet Singh, Excise & Taxation Inspector, Department of Excise & Taxation, Tarn Taran who is present in the Amritsar studio, submits that the sought for information has been dispatched by post to the information seeker. He was duly responded in time earlier as well to make good the deficiency in the information already provided. The respondents have requested for filing the Show Cause Notice issued to the PIO.

The appellant is absent. An opportunity is afforded to him to respond to the submissions of the respondent, failing which it shall be presumed that he is satisfied with the information provided to him and his application shall be disposed accordingly.

To come up on **25.09.2019 at 11.30 AM through video conference at Amritsar.**

Sd/-

**17.07.2019**

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