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Bench: Sh. Sanjiv Garg, State Information Commissioner, Punjab.



Sh. Karambir Singh, (M: 87270-34445)

# 605, Sector 7- B, Chandigarh.

V/s.

Appellant

Public Information Officer,

O/o The Punjab Water Supply and Sewerage Board,

Sector 27-A, Plot No. 1 -B, Chandigarh. (Pin Code- 160019)

First Appellate Authority,

O/o The Engineer in Chief -cum- Technical Advisor,

Punjab Water Supply and Sewerage Board,

Sector 27-A, Plot No. 1, Chandigarh.

Respondent

**Appeal Case No. 4423 of 2021**

**{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software}**

**Present :** The Appellant, Sh. Karambir Singh is present.

Ms. Rajwant Kaur, PIO from Director Planning and Design is present from the Department.

**ORDER:**

This case was last heard on 09.11.2021 vide which the concerned PIO was directed to supply the requisite pointwise information to the Appellant by registered post or email within 3 weeks positively (along with a copy to the Commission) and if the information was not available with them then the PIO was directed to file a proper reply in writing in the form of an affidavit explaining the reason, why the information could not be supplied to the Appellant till date and the Appellant, Sh. Karambir Singh is directed to go through the supplied information and point out deficiencies in written, if any, to the Respondent/PIO through registered post or through email, with a copy to the Commission, failing which it would be presumed that he has nothing to say and the case would be decided on merits.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Karambir Singh states that incomplete information has been supplied to him. He further explains that the information relating to point number 1 i.e. copies of diploma which has been given by Jagshir Singh for taking the concerned job is pending and further requests for letters of DPC (i.e. mentioned letters in DPC) relating to point number 2 of the RTI is pending.

On the other hand, the PIO, Ms. Rajwant Kaur states that the information has been supplied to the Appellant and further states that the concerned person i.e. Jagshir Singh has denied for sharing his certificates with the Appellant. She further mentions that copy of information has been sent to the Commission as well vide endorsement letter number 1079 dated 14.01.2022, which is taken on record.

On asking the Appellant, Sh. Karambir Singh about his interest in gathering this type of information, it is found to be satisfactory in nature to the undersigned as it is relating to the job.

On further discussion with both the parties, it has been observed that the information relating to point number 1 is pending only and further concerned PIO is directed to supply the requisite information (i.e. certificate of the concerned person as mentioned in the RTI, relating to point number 1 only) to the Appellant by registered post or through email **within 4 weeks positively (along with a copy to the Commission)** failing which an action would be taken against the concerned PIO, on the next date of hearing which is going to be heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software.

The PIO is also directed to submit the copy of the postal receipts to the Commission vide which information would have been supplied to the Appellant, by the next date of hearing.

Also, the Appellant, Sh. Karambir Singh is directed to go through the supplied information, once he receives the same from the Respondent/PIO and point out deficiencies in written, if any, to the Respondent/PIO through registered post or through email, with a copy to the Commission.

This case is adjourned to 20.04.2022 at 11:00 A.M. and both the parties are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. 20.04.2022 which is going to be heard through Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings. Joining Meeting Number of Cisco Webex is 1589136034.

Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 18.01.2022

Sd/-  
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Sh. Malkeet Singh, S/o Sh. Jeet Singh,  
H. No. 230, Ward no. 07, Mohalla Subhash Nagar,  
Sunam Udam Singh Wala, Distt. Sangrur (148028)  
M:9878361825

Appellant

V/s.

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

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o The Senior Superintendent of Police,  
Sangrur.

Respondent

## Appeal Case No. 1916 of 2021

{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software }

**Present :** The Appellant, Sh. Malkeet Singh is present.  
ASI, Sh. Kuldeep Singh, RTI Incharge is present from the Department.

### ORDER:

This case was last heard on 09.11.2021 vide which the concerned PIO was directed to supply the information to the Appellant by the next date of hearing.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Malkeet Singh states that he has received the incomplete information. He further states that no log book has been received by him relating to Jammu Cable Network.

On the other hand, the ASI, Sh. Kuldeep Singh states that the information relating with Jammu Cable Network has been collected from the concerned departments and has been sent to the Appellant and apart from that other things could not be given to the Appellant due to security reasons. He further states that the status of this case is cleared through email dated 25.12.2021 which has been sent to the Commission and is taken on record.

In view of above, the reply given by the Department vide email dated 25.12.2021 has been accepted and further the concerned PIO is directed to look into this matter again and further **supply the requisite information (i.e. relating to 'Jammu Cable Network' only as other information could not be shared due to security reasons)** to the Appellant by registered post or email and if the information is not available with them then the PIO is directed to file a proper reply in writing in the form of an affidavit explaining the reason why the information could not be supplied to the Appellant till date and the ASI, Kuldeep Singh is also directed to mention other details which couldnot be shared with the Appellant due to security reasons.

The PIO is also directed to submit the copy of the postal receipts to the Commission vide which information would have been supplied to the Appellant, by the next date of hearing.

Also, the Appellant, Sh. Malkeet Singh is directed to go through the supplied information and point out deficiencies in written, if any, to the Respondent/PIO through registered post or through email, with a copy to the Commission, failing which it would be presumed that he has nothing to say and the case would be decided on merits.

This case is adjourned to 20.04.2022 at 11:00 A.M. and both the parties are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. 20.04.2022 which is going to be heard through Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings. Joining Meeting Number of Cisco Webex is 1589136034.

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**Sh. Jasbir Singh, S/o Sh. Harbans Singh,**  
R/o Village Jalal Khera, P.O. Sular, Distt. Patiala.  
**M: 98153-97246**

**Appellant**

**V/s.**

**Public Information Officer,**  
**O/o** The District Education Officer, (Elementary Education),  
Patiala.

**First Appellate Authority,**  
**O/o** The District Education Officer, (Elementary Education),  
Patiala.

**Respondent**

**Appeal Case No. 1918 of 2021**  
**{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software }**

**Present :** The Appellant, Sh. Jasbir Singh is absent.  
Ms. Komal Kali, ETT is present from the Department.

**ORDER:**

This case was last heard on 09.11.2021 vide which the concerned PIO was directed to supply the information to the Appellant by the next date of hearing.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Jasbir Singh is absent without any intimation to the Commission.

On the other hand, the ETT, Ms. Komal Kali states that the information has been supplied to the Appellant and a copy of information has also been sent to the Commission vide letter dated 11.01.2022, which is taken on record.

In view of above, last opportunity is given to the Appellant, Sh. Jasbir Singh and he is directed to go through the supplied information and point out deficiencies in written, if any, to the Respondent/PIO through registered post or through email, with a copy to the Commission, failing which it would be presumed that he has nothing to say and the case would be decided on merits.

The concerned department is directed to appear on the next date of hearing which is going to be heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software.

This case is adjourned to **19.04.2022 at 11:00 A.M.** and **both the parties** are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. **19.04.2022** which is going to be heard through **Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings. Joining Meeting Number of Cisco Webex is 1589136034.**

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**Sh. Tejinder Singh,**  
Civil Court, Tehsil Complex, Backside Sanjh Kender,  
Phillaaur. (144410)

**Appellant**

**V/s.**

**(Regd. Post)** **Public Information Officer,**  
**O/o The Sub Divisional Magistrate,**  
**Bikhiwind, District Tarn Tarn.**

**(Regd. Post)** **First Appellate Authority,**  
**O/o The Sub Divisional Magistrate,**  
**Bikhiwind, District Tarn Tarn.**

**Respondent**

**Appeal Case No. 2448 of 2020**

**{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software }**

**Present :** The Appellant, Sh. Tejinder Singh is absent.  
Ms. Sukhwinder Kaur, Superintendent is present from the Department.

**ORDER:**

This case was last heard on 09.11.2021 vide which the concerned PIO was directed to supply the information to the Appellant as well as deposit the penalty amounting to Rs. 10,000/- to the Government Treasury.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Tejinder Singh is absent without any intimation to the Commission.

On the other hand, the Superintendent, Ms. Sukhwinder Kaur states that due to irregularity of one of their employee named Sh. Yadwinder they were unable to appear due to which the penalty has been imposed on them. She further states that they have also written a letter dated 11.01.2022 to their employee and a copy of same has been sent to the Commission as well which is taken on record.

On further discussion with the Superintendent, Ms. Sukhwinder Kaur and going through the case file, it has been found that the show cause notice was issued to the concerned PIO vide order dated 02.03.2021 under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act, 2005 but still nobody appears from the department as well as no information has been supplied to the Appellant by the next date of hearing and due to guilty of violation under Section 20 (1) as per provisions of RTI Act and for making delay in supplying the requisite information to the information seeker, **a penalty of Rs. 5,000/- was imposed to the concerned PIO O/o The Sub Divisional Magistrate, Bikhiwind, District Tarn Taran vide order dated 25.05.2021** but the requisite information was still not supplied and the PIO was absent **on the next date of hearing i.e. 17.08.2021 due to which the penalty amount was enhanced by Rs. 5000/- (Total = Rs. 10,000/-) upon the concerned PIO.**

Final opportunity is given to the concerned PIO O/o The Sub Divisional Magistrate, Bikhiwind, District Tarn Tarn for supplying the information to the Appellant and submit the challan receipt of depositing the penalty amount of Rs.10,000/- to the Government Treasury (which should be deducted from the salary of the PIO), to the Commission through email or registered post by the next date of hearing, failing which further strict action would be recommended against the PIO concerned on the next date of hearing through Cisco Webex Meetings Software.

Also, it has been observed that on the last hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Tejinder Singh was absent and today he is again absent without any intimation to the Commission. **Last warning is also issued to the Appellant, Sh. Tejinder Singh to clarify the facts / position of this case by appearing on the next date of hearing through Cisco Webex Meetings Software, failing which it would be presumed that he has no interest in gathering the information from the department concerned.**

**This case is adjourned to 19.04.2022 at 11:00 A.M. and both the parties are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. 19.04.2022 which is going to be heard through Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings. Joining Meeting Number of Cisco Webex is 1589136034.**

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**Sh. Surjit Singh Aujla,**  
Village Aujla Dak, PO Lidar Kalan,  
District Jalandhar.(144502) M: 98767-57790

**Appellant**

V/s.

(Regd. Post) **Public Information Officer,**  
O/o The Executive Engineer,  
Water Supply and Sanitation, Garhshankar  
District Hoshiarpur.

(Regd. Post) **First Appellate Authority,**  
O/o The Superintending Engineer,  
Water Supply and Sanitation, Division,  
Hoshiarpur.

**Respondent**

**Appeal Case No. 2998 of 2021**

**{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software}**

**Present :** The Appellant, Sh. Surjit Singh Aujla is present.  
None is present from the Department.

**ORDER:**

This case was last heard on 11.11.2021 vide which the SDO, Sh. Avi Tuteja was present and the concerned PIO was directed to supply the information to the Appellant accordingly and on the other hand, the Appellant who was absent on the previous hearing dated 11.11.2021 was directed to go through the supplied information once he receives the same from the department concerned.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Surjit Singh states that no information has been supplied to him.

On the other hand, none is present from the Department.

**Commission takes a serious view of the casual approach of the Respondent / PIO as the Respondent / PIO is absent today and as per the Appellant information is still not supplied to him till date.**

**In view of the above, a show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act is issued to the 'concerned' Public Information Officer O/o The Executive Engineer, Water Supply and Sanitation, Garhshankar, District Hoshiarpur, as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay in supplying the information to the RTI Appellant and as to why the compensation be not awarded to the information-seeker under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.**

**In addition, the PIO is also hereby given an opportunity under Section 20(1) provision thereto, for a personal hearing (through Cisco Webex Software) with the sought for information, before the imposition of such penalty on the next date of hearing. A copy of the RTI Application be sent to the concerned PIO along with this order through registered post.**

The concerned PIO is directed to supply the requisite information to the Appellant by registered post or email before the next date of hearing positively and if the information is not available with them then the PIO is directed to file a proper reply in the form of an affidavit explaining the reason, why the information could not be supplied to the Appellant till date, failing which an action would be taken against the concerned PIO.

The PIO is also directed to submit the copy of the postal receipts to the Commission vide which information would have been supplied to the Appellant, by the next date of hearing.

**Appeal Case No. 2998 of 2021**  
**{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software}**  
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Also, the Appellant, Sh. Surjit Singh is directed to go through the supplied information, once he receives the same from the Respondent/PIO and point out deficiencies in written, if any, to the Respondent/PIO through registered post or through email, with a copy to the Commission.

This case is adjourned to **19.04.2022 at 11:00 A.M.** and **both the parties** are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. **19.04.2022** which is going to be heard through **Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings. Joining Meeting Number of Cisco Webex is 1589136034.**

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(Sanjiv Garg)  
State Information Commissioner  
Punjab

Dated: 18.01.2022

Show cause:  
(Regd. Post)

Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Executive Engineer,  
Water Supply and Sanitation, Garhshankar  
District Hoshiarpur.

**Encl. RTI Application**

CC:  
(Regd. Post)

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o The Superintending Engineer,  
Water Supply and Sanitation, Division,  
Hoshiarpur.



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(Regd. Post) Sh. Jaswant Sarpal, S/o Sh. Darbari Lal Sarpal,  
H. No. 2220/2, Arian Street,  
I/s Mahan Singh Gate, Amritsar. M: 94654-77771  
V/s.

**Appellant**

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Secretary,  
To Govt. of Punjab, Department of Local Government,  
Municipal Bhawan, Sector 35-A, Plot No. 03, Chandigarh.

(Regd. Post) First Appellate Authority,  
O/o The Secretary,  
To Govt. of Punjab, Department of Local Government,  
Municipal Bhawan, Sector 35-A, Plot No. 03, Chandigarh.

**Respondent**

**Appeal Case No. 3006 of 2021**

**{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software}**

**Present :** The Appellant, Sh. Jaswant Sarpal is present.  
Sh. Balwinder Pal, Senior Assistant –cum- APIO from LG 4 Branch along with  
Sh. Kuldeep Singh, Senior Assistant from Municipal Service Cell is present from the Department.

**ORDER:**

This case was last heard on 11.11.2021 vide which a show cause was issued to the PIO concerned and was further directed to supply the information to the Appellant, Sh. Jaswant Sarpal.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Jaswant Sarpal states that no information has been supplied to him.

On the other hand, Sh. Balwinder Singh, Senior Assistant states that the information is voluminous in nature and further states that there are 100 to 150 employees who are working in Grade 1 and 2 in Sector 35, Chandigarh branch. He further states that the information which the Appellant is asking is personnel in nature. He further mentions about an email dated 17.01.2022 which has been sent to the Commission and is taken on record.

On asking about the public interest from the Appellant, Sh. Jaswant Sarpal to which he explains about the joining which has been done by the department for which the concerned PIO is directed to supply the requisite information (i.e. about 50 employees / persons only) to the Appellant at the time of his visit i.e. 22.02.2022 at 12.00 Noon.

After going through the case file, the Appellant, Sh. Jaswant Sarpal is directed to visit the concerned office today i.e. 22.02.2022 at 12.00 Noon. at the office of Sh. Balwinder Pal, Senior Assistant and meet him personally for collecting the requisite information (i.e. relating to 50 persons) as per mentioned dates in the RTI.

The Senior Assistant, Sh. Balwinder Pal and the concerned PIO is directed to supply information relating to 50 persons to the Appellant, as per mentioned dates in the RTI.

If the Appellant does not visit the concerned office for collecting the information then it will be presumed that he does not require the information anymore and the case will be decided on merits.

If the inspection could not take place from the Department's end then a strict action would be taken against the PIO concerned.

This case is adjourned to 19.04.2022 at 11:00 A.M. and both the parties are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. 19.04.2022 which is going to be heard through Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings. Joining Meeting Number of Cisco Webex is 1589136034.

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**Dated: 18.01.2022**

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(Regd. Post) Sh. Jatinder Kumar,  
C/o Sachkhand Mishthan Bhandar,  
Nehru Gate, Nawanshahr .M: 98723-24111  
V/s.

**Appellant**

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Chief Engineer,  
O/o The Director,  
Department of Local Government, Punjab,  
Municipal Bhawan, Sector 35-A, Plot No. 03, Chandigarh.

(Regd. Post) First Appellate Authority,  
O/o The Chief Engineer,  
O/o The Director,  
Department of Local Government, Punjab,  
Municipal Bhawan, Sector 35-A, Plot No. 03, Chandigarh

**Respondent**

## **Appeal Case No. 3054 of 2021**

**{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software}**

**Present :** The Appellant, Sh. Jatinder Kumar is present.  
None is present from the Department.

### **ORDER:**

This case was last heard on 11.11.2021 vide which a show cause notice was issued to the concerned PIO and further the PIO was directed to supply the information to the Appellant by the next date of hearing.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Jatinder Kumar states that no information has been supplied to him till date.

On the other hand, none is present from the Department.

After going through the case file, it has been observed that on the hearing dated 11.11.2021 a show cause notice was issued to the concerned department and now in today's hearing nobody appeared from the Department to represent this case.

This shows the negligence of the Department as the department has not responded not even a single time to the Commission, neither to the notice of the Commission which was issued to the concerned PIO for first hearing and nor responded even to the show cause notice.

**After seeing the conduct of the concerned respondent PIO and holding him guilty of violation under Section 20 (1) as per provisions of the RTI Act and for making delay in supplying the requisite information to the information-seeker, a penalty of Rs. 10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand Only) is imposed upon the concerned Public Information Officer office of The Chief Engineer, O/o The Director, Department of Local Government, Punjab, Municipal Bhawan, Sector 35-A, Plot No. 03, Chandigarh.**

A copy of this order be sent to the concerned PIO through registered post.

The amount of penalty will be deposited in the treasury of Punjab Government under the head.....

Major Head ..	0070 -Other Administrative Services
Sub-Major Head ..	60 - Other Services
Minor Head ..	800 - Other Receipts
Sub-Head ..	86 - Fee under the Right to Information Act, 2005
Detailed Head ..	0070 Other Administrative Services
60 Other Services-	800- Other Receipts-
86- Fees under the Right to Information Act, 2005	



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{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software}

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And a copy of challan receipt be sent to the Commission by the next date of hearing.

Commission takes a serious view of the casual approach of the Respondent / PIO as neither the respondent PIO nor any of his representatives is present in today's hearing. He has also not sent any intimation regarding his non-availability. The respondent PIO has neither supplied the requisite information to the information seeker nor sent any reply to the Appellant of his RTI request even after the directions were given by the Commission.

Final opportunity is given to the Respondent/ PIO concerned either to supply the certified copies of the requisite information through registered post or e-mail to the Appellant or file a point wise reply, in an affidavit, to each and every query, raised by the Appellant through his RTI request as per official record by the next date of hearing with a copy to the Commission by the next date of hearing, failing which disciplinary action would be recommended against the concerned PIO for willful delay in supplying the information to the RTI Applicant.

**The Chief Engineer, O/o The Director, Department of Local Government, Punjab, Municipal Bhawan, Sector 35-A, Plot No. 03, Chandigarh is directed to look into this matter and make sure that the orders of the Commission should be complied by the PIO concerned well in time and the PIO should appear on the next date of hearing which is going to be heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software. A copy of this order be sent to the PIO as well as FAA through registered post.**

The Appellant is directed to confirm whether he has received the information/reply or not. Also, the Appellant is directed to go through the supplied information, once he receives the same from the Respondent/PIO and point out deficiencies in written, if any, to the Respondent/PIO through registered post or through email, with a copy to the Commission.

**This case is adjourned to 19.04.2022 at 11:00 A.M. and both the parties are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. 19.04.2022 which is going to be heard through Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings. Joining Meeting Number of Cisco Webex is 1589136034.**

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(Regd. Post)

**Sh. Gurmeet Singh, (95014-21959)**

S/o Sh. Surmukh Singh,  
# 2072, Bhai Mastan Singh Nagar,  
Sri Muktsar Sahib (Punjab) 152026

**Appellant**

**V/s.**

(Regd. Post )

**Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Executive Engineer,  
Construction Works Division,  
Division No. 02 (B & R), Amritsar.  
Encl. RTI Application.**

(Regd. Post )

**First Appellate Authority,  
O/o The Superintending Engineer,  
Construction Division (B & R),  
Amritsar (Punjab)**

**Respondent**

**Appeal Case No. 2686 of 2020**

**{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software}**

**Present :** The Appellant, Sh. Gurmeet Singh is present.  
None is present from the Department.

**ORDER:**

This case was last heard on 11.11.2021 vide which the concerned PIO was directed to supply the information to the Appellant, Sh. Gurmeet Singh.

In today's hearing, none is present from the Department.

On the other hand, the Appellant, Sh. Gurmeet Singh states that this case relates with PIO O/o The Executive Engineer, Construction Works Division, Division No. 02 (B & R), Amritsar and in the address it is written Sub Division.

Also, after going through the case file, it has been found that the last order of the Commission has been received back from the PIO by the Postal services.

In view of above, this order be sent to the PIO O/o The Executive Engineer, Construction Works Division, Division No. 02 (B & R), Amritsar through **registered post**.

Also, the concerned PIO is directed to **supply the requisite pointwise information** to the Appellant by registered post or email **within 4 weeks positively (along with a copy to the Commission)** and if the information is not available with them then the PIO is directed to file a proper reply in writing in the form of an affidavit explaining the reason, why the information could not be supplied to the Appellant till date.

The PIO is also directed to submit the copy of the postal receipts to the Commission vide which information would have been supplied to the Appellant, by the next date of hearing.

Also, the Appellant, Sh. Gurmeet Singh is directed to go through the supplied information and point out deficiencies in written, if any, to the Respondent/PIO through registered post or through email, with a copy to the Commission, failing which it would be presumed that he has nothing to say and the case would be decided on merits.

This case is adjourned to **05.04.2022 at 11:00 A.M.** and **both the parties** are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. **05.04.2022** which is going to be heard through **Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings. Joining Meeting Number of Cisco Webex is 1589136034.**

Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

**Dated: 18.01.2022**

Sd/-  
(Sanjiv Garg)  
State Information Commissioner  
Punjab

**CC:**

(Regd. Post )

**Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Executive Engineer,  
Construction Works Division,  
Division No. 02 (B & R), Amritsar.**

**Encl. RTI Application.**

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Sh. Rajinder Singh, S/o Sh. Om Kumar,  
V.P.O. Kot Fatuhi, Tehsil Garhshankar,  
District Hoshiarpur (144519) Punjab

**Appellant**

V/s.

(Regd. Post) **Public Information Officer,**  
O/o The Executive Engineer,  
P.W.D. (B & R), Provincial Division, Sangrur (Punjab)

(Regd. Post) **First Appellate Authority,**  
O/o The Superintending Engineer,  
P.W.D. (B & R), Circle Sangrur.

**Respondent**

**Appeal Case No. 2210 of 2020**

**{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software}**

**Present :** The Appellant, Sh. Rajinder Singh is absent.  
None is present from the Department.

**ORDER:**

On the last hearing dated 11.11.2021, it was stated that the information has been received by the Appellant for which an acknowledgement receipt dated 03.09.2021 signed by the Appellant has received to the Commission. But on the other side, on the hearing dated 20.07.2021 of the undersigned, a penalty of Rs. 5,000/- was already imposed to the concerned PIO for non appearance and for delay in supplying the information to the Appellant. For the same the concerned PIO has to deposit the copy of the challan receipt to the Commission after depositing the amount of penalty of Rs. 5,000/- (imposed on 20.07.2021) into the Government but till today, no document / challan receipt has been sent by the department to the Commission which shows that the penalty amount has been deposited by the PIO or not and moreover, nobody appears from the department in the today's hearing.

This case was only left on the penalty part but still no response has been sent by the department relating to depositing of penalty.

In today's hearing, both the parties are absent.

Final opportunity is given to the PIO concerned and PIO is directed to go through the orders of the Commission dated 11.11.2021 and deposit the penalty amount of Rs. 5,000/- (which would be deducted from the PIO's salary ) to the Government Treasury and submit the proof of the same to the Commission through email or registered post before the next date of hearing.

First Appellate Authority, O/o The Superintending Engineer, P.W.D. (B & R), Circle Sangrur is directed to look into this matter and assure that the orders of the Commission must be complied by the PIO concerned well in time, failing which a strict action would be recommended against the PIO concerned on the next date of hearing.

This case is adjourned to 19.04.2022 at 11:00 A.M. and both the parties are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. 19.04.2022 which is going to be heard through Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings. Joining Meeting Number of Cisco Webex is 1589136034.

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Dated: 18.01.2022

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Sh. Om Prakash, (M: 94173-09989)

S/o Sh. Raj Kumar,

R/o Ward No. 06, Street Gumiyaran Wali, Gandhi Nagar,  
Fazilka (152123) Tehsil and Distt. Fazilka.

**Complainant**

V/s.

(Regd. Post) **Public Information Officer,**  
**O/o The Head Master,**  
**Sri Jain Elementary Primary School,**  
**Shiv Puri Road, Fazilka.**

**Respondent**

**Complaint Case No. 525 of 2021**

**{Heard through Cisco Webex Meeting Software}**

**Present :** The Complainant, Sh. Om Prakash is present.  
None is present from the Department.

**ORDER:**

**This case was last heard on 31.08.2021 and was adjourned for 17.11.2021 but on 17.11.2021 it could not held due to technical fault in connection of network and is adjourned for today.**

In today's hearing, the Complainant, Sh. Om Prakash states that no information has been supplied to him till date.

On the other hand, an email dated 17.01.2022 has been received from Sh. Ajay Kumar, Head Teacher, Sri Jain Elementary Primary School, Fazilka in which he has requested for an adjournment due to his health issue.

**After going through the case file, it has been observed that on the hearing dated 31.08.2021 vide which the Head Teacher , Sh. Ajay Kumar of Sri Jain Elementary Primary School, Fazilka was absent due to his ill heath and today he is again absent due to his heath issues, which is unacceptable.**

In view of above, final opportunity is given to the concerned PIO and he is advised to appear for clarifying the facts of this case on the next date of hearing which is going to be heard through Cisco Webex Meeting Software and further the PIO is directed to supply the requisite information (**point wise reply**) to the Complainant by registered post or email before the next date of hearing positively and if the information is not available with them then the PIO is advised to file a proper reply in the form of an affidavit explaining the reason, why the information could not be supplied to the Complainant till date, failing which an action would be taken against the concerned PIO.

The PIO is also advised to submit the copy of the postal receipts to the Commission vide which information would have been supplied to the Complainant, by the next date of hearing.

Also, the Complainant, Sh. Om Prakash is advised to go through the supplied information, once he receives the same from the Respondent/PIO and point out deficiencies in written, if any, to the Respondent/PIO through registered post or through email, with a copy to the Commission.

**Also, a copy of this order be sent to the District Education Officer (Elementary Education), Fazilka be sent and office of DEO (EE), Fazilka is directed to look into this matter and make sure that the concerned PIO be present on the next date of hearing and supply the information to the Complainant well in time along with a copy to the Commission through registered post.**

**This case is adjourned to 20.04.2022 at 11:00 A.M. and both the parties are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. 20.04.2022 which is going to be heard through Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings. Joining Meeting Number of Cisco Webex is 1589136034.**

Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 18.01.2022

(Regd. Post): **Public Information Officer,**  
**O/o District Education Officer (Elementary Education),**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, DC Complex,**  
**Fazilka.**

Sd/-  
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Sh. Ranjit Singh,  
S/o Gurmail Singh,  
Village Patti Chahalan Gatta, Factory Road,  
VPO Bhawanigarh -148026, Distt. Sangrur (Punjab)

**Complainant**

V/s.

Public Information Officer,  
O/o The District Education Officer, (Primary),  
Sangrur (Punjab) -148001

**Respondent**

**Complaint Case No. 306 of 2021**  
**{Heard through Cisco Webex Meeting Software}**

**Present :** The Complainant, Sh. Ranjit Singh is present.  
Sh. Vikas Kaushal, Senior Assistant is present from the Department.

**ORDER:**

This case was last heard on 31.08.2021 and was adjourned for 17.11.2021 but on 17.11.2021 it could not held due to technical fault in connection of network and is adjourned for today.

In today's hearing, the Complainant, Sh. Ranjit Singh states that no information has been supplied to him.

On the other hand, the Senior Assistant, Sh. Vishal Kaushal states that the information has already been sent to the Complainant vide registered post dated 05.10.2021.

After going through the case file, it has been observed that two letters dated 18.06.2021 and dated 27.10.2021 have been received in the Commission which are taken on record.

In view of above, the concerned PIO is advised to supply the requisite information (**point wise reply**) to the Complainant by registered post or email before the next date of hearing positively and if the information is not available with them then the PIO is advised to file a proper reply in the form of an affidavit explaining the reason, why the information could not be supplied to the Complainant till date.

**The PIO is also advised to submit the copy of the postal receipts to the Commission vide which information would have been supplied to the Complainant, by the next date of hearing.**

Also, the Complainant, Sh. Ranjit Singh is advised to go through the supplied information, once he receives the same from the Respondent/PIO and point out deficiencies in written, if any, to the Respondent/PIO through registered post or through email, with a copy to the Commission.

**This case is adjourned to 20.04.2022 at 11:00 A.M. and both the parties are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. 20.04.2022 which is going to be heard through Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings. Joining Meeting Number of Cisco Webex is 1589136034.**

Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

**Dated: 18.01.2022**

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