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Shri Ishwar Singh S/o Sh.Amrit Singh
Village Rasouli, Tehsil Patran,
District Patiala.-147105.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o District Development and
Panchayat Officer (DDPO),
Patiala.

First Appellate Authority
O/o District Development and
Panchayat Officer (DDPO),
Patiala.

...Respondents

AC No.4382/2021

Present: (i) **Shri Ishwar Singh, Appellant.**
(ii) **on behalf of the PIO/respondent.**

ORDER

(Heard through Cisco Webex)

1. The RTI application is dated 28.01.2021 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 15.06.2021 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 28.09.2021 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 18.01.2022 in Commission's office at Chandigarh. As such, the case has been heard today. Shri Ishwar Singh, appellant comes present to attend the hearing through cisco webex. He states that no information has been supplied to him despite a reminder being sent in this regard.
3. Neither the PIO O/o DDPO, Patiala has come present to attend the hearing in person nor through cisco webex nor he has deputed any of this representatives to attend the hearing. The RTI application of the appellant is dated 28.10.2021 and First Appeal is dated 15.06.2021. The Bench observes that the PIO-cum-DDPO, Patiala has written to APIO-cum-BDPO, Patran to supply information vide letter dated 03.11.2021. However, in spite of a lapse of more than one year, the appellant has not been provided information. This indifferent and lackadaisical attitude of the PIO is viewed adversely.

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4. The PIO O/o DDPO, Patiala is issued show cause notice to explain his absence and as to why action should not be taken against him and also as to why penalty should not be imposed in the instant case for failing to appear for the hearing and for not supplying information to the appellant. He is also directed to file a written reply to the show cause notice as to why the appellant should not be compensated for the mental harassment suffered by him in getting the information.

5. In addition to the written reply, the PIO is hereby given an opportunity u/s 20(1) proviso thereto for personal hearing before the imposition of such a penalty, on the next date of hearing. He may take note that in case they does not file the written reply and does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the next 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.

6. The Bench directs the PIO to supply information to the appellant on the points as raised in his RTI application, before the next hearing.

7. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 30.03.2022 at 11.30 AM through Cisco Webex.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

**Chandigarh
18.01.2022**

**Sd/-
(Lt Gen Ajae Kumar Sharma (Retd))
State Information Commissioner, Punjab**

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Shri Ravinder Kumar
S/o Shri Mehar Chand
R/o 8497, Street No.1,
Maha Singh Nagar,
Daba Lohara Road,
Ludhiana.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o Police Commissioner,
Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority-cum-
Police Commissioner,
Ludhiana.

...Respondents

AC No.4374/2021

Present: (i) Shri Ravinder Kumar, Appellant.
(ii) ASI Ramesh Kumar, I/C RTI Cell, O/o Police Commissioner, Ludhiana,
on behalf of the PIO/respondent.

ORDER

(Heard Through Cisco Webex)

1. The RTI application is dated 06.05.201 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 29.06.2021 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 28.09.2021 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 18.01.2022 in Commission's office at Chandigarh. Accordingly, the case has been heard today. Shri Ravinder Kumar, appellant comes present to attend the hearing through cisco webex. He states that he had filed three complaints and had sought information regarding the action taken on the said complaints from the PIO, O/o Police Commissioner, Ludhiana.
3. Shri Ramesh Kumar, ASI I/c RTI Cell, O/o Police Commissioner, Ludhiana comes present to attend the hearing through cisco webex. He states that the appellant was sent reply vide letter dated 15.07.2021 by registered post during the First Appeal and now, the information has again been provided on 17.01.2022 by ordinary post. He states that on the complaints made by the appellant, FIR has been registered and the said complaints are still under investigation.



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AC No.4374/2021

5. Post deliberations, the Bench directs the PIO to call the appellant to his office and show the appellant the documents relating to the present status of investigation into the complaints made by him and give reply to the appellant suitably, before the next hearing.

6. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 30.03.2022 at 11.30 AM through Cisco Webex.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

**Chandigarh
18.01.2022**

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Shri Sudhir Mall S/o Sh. Hem Ram,
R/o Village Sardarpura, Tehsil Abohar,
District Fazilka.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Gram Panchayat, Sardarpura,
Block Abohar, Distt. Fazilka.

First Appellate Authority

O/o District Development and
Panchayat Officer (DDPO),
Fazilka.

...Respondents

AC No.4339/2021

Present: (i) **Shri Sudhir Mall, Appellant.**
(ii) **None on behalf of the PIO/respondent.**

ORDER

1. The RTI application is dated 07.07.2021 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 13.08.2021 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 23.09.2021 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 18.01.2022 in Commission's office at Chandigarh. As such, the case has been heard today. Shri Sudhir Mall, appellant comes present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench. He states that no information has been supplied to him..

3. Neither the PIO O/o Gram Panchayat, Sardarpura, District Fazilka has come present to attend the hearing in person or through cisco webex nor he has deputed any of this representatives to attend the hearing. The Bench observes that the RTI application of the appellant is dated 07.07.2021 and First Appeal is dated 13.08.2021 and in spite of a lapse of more than six months, the appellant has not been provided information. This indifferent and lackadaisical attitude of the PIO is viewed adversely.

4. The PIO O/o Gram Panchayat, Sardarpura, Block Abohar, District Fazilka is issued show cause notice to explain his absence and as to why action should not be taken against him and also as to why penalty should not be imposed in the instant case for failing to appear for the hearing and for not supplying information to the appellant. He is also directed to file a written reply to the show cause notice as to why the appellant should not be compensated for the mental harassment suffered by him in getting the information.



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5. In addition to the written reply, the PIO is hereby given an opportunity u/s 20(1) proviso thereto for personal hearing before the imposition of such a penalty, on the next date of hearing. He may take note that in case they does not file the written reply and does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the next 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.

6. The Bench directs the PIO to supply information to the appellant as sought vide his RTI application, before the next hearing, failing which, the penal consequences shall follow.

7. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 30.03.2022 at 11.30 AM through Cisco Webex.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

**Chandigarh
18.01.2022**

**Sd/-
(Lt Gen Ajae Kumar Sharma (Retd))
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Shri Sukhwinder Ram,
S/o Shri Bhajan Lal
R/o VPO Jandiali, Tehsil Banga,
District SBS Nagar (Nawanshahar).

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o Block Development and
Panchayat Officer (BDPO),
Banga, District SBS Nagar.

First Appellate Authority
O/o District Development and
Panchayat Officer (DDPO),
SBS Nagar.

...Respondents

AC No.4393 of 2021

Present: (i) **Shri Sukhwinder Ram, Appellant.**
(ii) **Shri Aadesh Kumar, Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panchayat, Jandiali, District SBS Nagar and Shri Lakhwinder Kaler, SEPO O/o BDPO Banga, on behalf of PIO/Respondent, in person.**

ORDER

(Heard in person/through cisco webex)

1. The RTI application is dated 07.04.2021 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 14.06.2021 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 28.09.2021 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 18.01.2022 in Commission's office at Chandigarh. Accordingly, the case has been heard today. Shri Sukhwinder Ram, appellant comes present to attend the hearing through cisco webex. He states that no information has been supplied by the PIO.
3. Shri Aadesh Kumar, Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panchayat, Jandiali, District SBS Nagar and Shri Lakhwinder Kaler, SEPO O/o BDPO Banga, come present to attend the hearing on behalf of PIO/Respondent. The representative of the PIO states that the information is ready and he has brought along the same for handing over to the appellant. He further states that the appellant was asked to collect the same but he has not turned up.
4. The appellant states that he had received only one phone call. On the asking of the Bench as to whether he can collect the information from the office of PIO, he states that the PIO be asked to send the information by registered post.

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AC No.4393/2021

5. Post deliberations, the Bench advises the appellant to go through the information after receiving the same and point out deficiencies, if any, to the PIO. The PIO is directed to supply rectified information to the appellant after removing the deficiencies, before the next hearing.

6. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 30.03.2022 at 11.30 AM through Cisco Webex.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

**Chandigarh
18.01.2022**

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Shri Jasveer Singh Sidhu,
Crime Reporter (Bathinda),
S/o Shri Balkar Singh,
Village Jogewala, PO Malkana,
Tehsil Talwandi Sabo,
District Bathinda.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o Block Development and
Panchayat Officer (BDPO),
Talwandi Sabo, District Bathinda.

First Appellate Authority
O/o District Development and
Panchayat Officer (BDPO),
Talwandi Sabo, District Bathinda.

....Respondents

AC No.4315 of 2021

Present: (i) **Appellant - absent**
(ii) **Shri Sewa Singh, Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panchayat, Jogewala,
O/o BDPO Talwandi Sabo, District Bathinda, on behalf of
the PIO/Respondent, in person.**

ORDER

1. The RTI application is dated 19.06.2021 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 20.07.2021 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 22.09.2021 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 18.01.2022 in Commission's office at Chandigarh. Accordingly, the case has been heard today. The appellant Shri Jasveer Singh Sidhu has not come present to attend the hearing in person or through cisco webex.
3. Shri Sewa Singh, Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panchayat, Jogewala, O/o BDPO Talwandi Sabo, District Bathinda, comes present to attend the hearing in person on behalf of the PIO/Respondent. He states that the information has been supplied to the appellant vide letter dated 13.10.2021 and thereafter, no communication has been received from him.
3. Since Shri Jasveer Singh Sidhu, appellant is neither present in person nor through cisco webex. As such, to enquire about his version, he is contacted on mobile phone. In spite of repeated attempts made to contact him, there is no response from him.



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AC No.4315/2021

4. In the absence of the appellant, the Bench is unable to proceed further in the matter unless the version of the appellant is heard. As such, the Bench deems it appropriate to adjourn the matter.
5. In view of the above, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 30.03.2022 at 11.30 AM through Cisco Webex.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

**Chandigarh
18.01.2022**

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Shri Inderjit Singh
C/o Chamber No.141A,
New Court, Jalandhar.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o Block Development and
Panchayat Officer (BDPO),
Adampur, District Jalandhar.

First Appellate Authority
O/o District Development and
Panchayat Officer (BDPO),
Jalandhar.

....Respondents

AC No.4383 of 2021

Present: (i) **Shri Inderjit Singh, Appellant**
(ii) **Shri Jagmohan Singh, Superintendent, Block Jalandhar East and
Shri Vijay Kumar, Panchayat Secretary, Block Adampur, on behalf
of the PIO/Respondent, in person.**

ORDER

(Heard in person/Through cisco webex)

1. The RTI application is dated 07.06.2021 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 12.07.2021 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 28.09.2021 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 18.01.2022 in Commission's office at Chandigarh. Accordingly, the case has been heard today. Shri Inderjit Singh, appellant comes present to attend the hearing through cisco webex.
3. Shri Jagmohan Singh, Superintendent, Block Jalandhar East and Shri Vijay Kumar, Panchayat Secretary, Block Adampur, come present to attend the hearing on behalf of the PIO/Respondent, in person. Shri Jagmohan Singh produces before the Bench the authority letter to attend the hearing, which is taken on record. He states that the appellant was asked to deposit Rs.7000/- in lieu of the information to be supplied to him, vide letter dated 21.06.2021 and the appellant had also deposited a cheque in the name of

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PIO-cum-BDPO Adampur whereas the appellant was informed that the cheque should be given in the name of EOPS Adampur or BDPO Adampur and even then, he had given the cheque in the name of PIO-cum-BDPO Adampur (Jalandhar). Thereafter, the appellant was asked to deposit Rs.7000/- in the account of Panchayat Samiti, Adampur through RTGS vide letter dated 05.07.2021, but the said fee has not been deposited by the appellant due to which the information could not be supplied to him.

4. On the asking of the Bench, the appellant questions the appearance of Shri Jagmohan Singh for the hearing and states that he is not the employee of O/o BDOP Adampur. He also alleges that the letter was sent on 05.08.2021 by registered post but the same was purported to have been sent on 05.07.2021.

5. Post deliberations, the Bench directs the PIO O/o BDPO Adampur to sort out the matter regarding the receipt of fee from the appellant and ensure to supply information to the appellant before the next hearing.

6. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 30.03.2022 at 11.30 AM through Cisco Webex.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh
18.01.2022**

**Sd/-
(Lt Gen Ajae Kumar Sharma (Retd))
State Information Commissioner, Punjab**