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Sh. Jaswinder Singh s/o Sh. Jagdish Singh  
r/o Village Wajjir Bhullar,  
Tehsil Baba Bakala Sahib,  
District Amritsar.

....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer  
o/o District Development and Panchayats Officer,  
Mini Secretariat,  
District Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority  
o/o Director,  
Rural Development & Panchayat Deptt.,Pb.  
Vikas Bhawan, Sector 62,  
Mohali.

Public Information Officer,  
Block Development and Panchayats Officer, (By name) Registered  
Block Rayya,  
District Amritsar

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1402 of 2020

(Video conference/Cisco webex/phone proceedings)

Present:- None on behalf of the appellant.

Sh. Chetan, Tax Clerk on behalf of the respondents.

## ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 14.10.2020.

2. The representative of the respondents states that the information has already been sent to the appellant with a copy to the Commission, which is taken on record.
3. Since, the appellant is absent, the copy of the letters so received from the respondent-Public Information Officer is **sent** with this order to the appellant to point out the deficiency, if any, before the next date of hearing to the respondent-Public Information Officer with a copy to the Commission.
4. To come up on 5.1.2021 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, District Amritsar /cisco webex.

Dated:18.11.2020

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(Suresh Arora)  
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Sh. Jasveer Singh 9781599959

r/o Village Megha Panj Garai Hithar,

Block and Tehsil Guru Harshai,

Distt.Ferozepur.

..Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,

Block Development and Panchayat Officer,

Block Guru Harsahai, Distt. Ferozepur.

First Appellate Authority,

District Development and Panchayat Officer,

Mini Secretariat,

Distt.Ferozepur.

..Respondents

## Appeal Case No. 1111 of 2020

(Video conference/Cisco webex/phone proceedings)

Present:- Sh. Jasveer Singh, appellant.

None on behalf of the respondents.

### ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 19.10.2020.

2. The appellant states that he has been harassed by not providing the complete information. He also states that the Commission passed the orders on 19.10.2020 with the directions to both the parties to remain present at Chandigarh but even though the respondent-Public Information Officer is absent. He further states that he may be penalized and the compensation may be awarded to him.

3. Viewing the attitude in dealing with the RTI application of the appellant Sh. Chanda Singh, Panchayat Secretary-cum-Public Information Officer o/o the Block Development and Panchayats Officer is thus issued a show cause notice to explain in a self-attested affidavit as to why a compensation to the appellant for detriment suffered by him under section 19(8) of the RTI Act,2005 may not be awarded.

4. In addition to the written reply, the Public Information Officer is also given an opportunity under Section 20(1) proviso thereto, for a personal hearing before awarding the compensation on the next date of hearing. He may take a note that in case he does not file his written reply and do not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the next date, it will be presumed that he has nothing to say and the Commission will proceed ex-parte.

5. One last opportunity is granted to the respondent-Public Information Officer to remain present at Chandigarh along with the original record failing which the penalty provisions will be invoked and the matter will be taken up with the concerned authorities for disciplinary proceedings on the next date of hearing.

6. To come up 11.12.2020 at 12.30 PM at Chandigarh.

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Dated: 18.11.2020

(Suresh Arora)

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Block Development and Panchayats Officer, (By name) Registered

Block Guru Harsahai,

Ferozepur.

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Sh. Sukhdev Singh Pandher,  
Village Chahal,  
PO Bhadson, tehsil Nabha  
Patiala 98157 62270

....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer  
o/o District Development and Panchayats Officer  
Patiala

First Appellate Authority  
o/o Director, Rural Dev. & Panch.Deptt.,Pb.,  
Vikas Bhawan, Mohali

Sh. Surinder Singh, By name Registered  
Public Information Officer-cum-  
Block Development and Panchayats Officer,  
Block Nabha, Patiala

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2147 of 2020

(Video conference/Cisco webex/phone proceedings)

Present:- Sh. Sukhdev Singh, appellant, on phone.  
Sh. Jagwant Singh, Panchayat Secretary on behalf of the respondents.

## ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 8.10.2020.

2. The appellant states that no information has been provided by the respondents so far. However, the representative of the respondents states that the matter relates to the office of the Block Development and Panchayats Officer and requests for the adjournment of the case. The appellant also states that he has been harassed by not providing the complete information. He further states that the respondent-Public Information Officer may be penalized and the compensation may be awarded to him.

3. Viewing the attitude in dealing with the RTI application of the appellant Sh. Surinder Singh, Public Information Officer-cum-Block Development and Panchayats Officer is thus issued a show cause notice to explain in a self-attested affidavit as to why a compensation to the appellant for detriment suffered by him under section 19(8) of the RTI Act,2005 may not be awarded.

4. In addition to the written reply, the Public Information Officer is also given an opportunity under Section 20(1) proviso thereto, for a personal hearing before awarding the compensation on the next date of hearing. He may take a note that in case he does not file his written reply and do not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the next date, it will be presumed that he has nothing to say and the Commission will proceed ex-parte.

5. One last opportunity is granted to the respondent-Public Information Officer to supply the complete information to the appellant before the next date of hearing failing which the penalty provisions will be invoked.

6. To come up on 5.1.2020 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Patiala/cisco webex.

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Dated: 18.11.2020

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Sh. Sukhdev Singh Pandher,  
Village Chahal,  
PO Bhadson, tehsil Nabha  
Patiala 98157 62270

....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer  
o/o Block Development and Panchayats Officer  
Block Nabha, Patiala

First Appellate Authority  
o/o District Development and Panchayats Officer,  
Patiala.

Sh. Surinder Singh, By name Registered  
Public Information Officer-cum-  
Block Development and Panchayats Officer,  
Block Nabha, Patiala

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2148 of 2020

(Video conference/Cisco webex/phone proceedings)

Present:- Sh. Sukhdev Singh, appellant, on phone.  
Sh. Jagwant Singh, Panchayat Secretary on behalf of the respondents.

## ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 8.10.2020.

2. The appellant states that no information has been provided by the respondents so far. However, the representative of the respondents states that the matter relates to the office of the Block Development and Panchayats Officer and requests for the adjournment of the case. The appellant also states that he has been harassed by not providing the complete information. He further states that the respondent-Public Information Officer may be penalized and the compensation may be awarded to him.

3. Viewing the attitude in dealing with the RTI application of the appellant Sh. Surinder Singh, Public Information Officer-cum-Block Development and Panchayats Officer is thus issued a show cause notice to explain in a self-attested affidavit as to why a compensation to the appellant for detriment suffered by him under section 19(8) of the RTI Act,2005 may not be awarded.

4. In addition to the written reply, the Public Information Officer is also given an opportunity under Section 20(1) proviso thereto, for a personal hearing before awarding the compensation on the next date of hearing. He may take a note that in case he does not file his written reply and do not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the next date, it will be presumed that he has nothing to say and the Commission will proceed ex-parte.

5. One last opportunity is granted to the respondent-Public Information Officer to supply the complete information to the appellant before the next date of hearing failing which the penalty provisions will be invoked.

6. To come up on 5.1.2020 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Patiala/cisco webex.

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Sh. Surjit Singh Turna  
VPO Mianwal Molvian,  
Tehsil Shahkot  
Distt. Jalandhar 144702 9855819313

....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer  
o/o Block Development and Panchayats Officer,  
Block Shahkot,  
Jalandhar.

First Appellate Authority  
o/o District Development and Panchayats Officer,  
Jalandhar.

Sh. Balwinder Singh, Panchayat Secretary-cum-  
Public Information Officer  
c/o Block Development and Panchayats Officer,  
Block Shahkot, Jalandhar.

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2155 of 2020  
(Cisco Webex proceedings)

Present:- Sh. Surjit Singh Turna, appellant.  
Sh. Balwinder Singh, Panchayat Secretary on behalf of the respondents.

## ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 14.10.2020.

2. The appellant states that no information has been provided by the respondents so far. However, the representative of the respondents states that the information comprising 26 pages has already been sent to the appellant through registered post and the letters in this regard has been received in the Commission, which are taken on record. It is also a fact on record that the Block Development and Panchayats Officer has written a letter to the Commission vide No. 1990 dated 19.10.2020 vide which it has been stated that Sh. Balwinder Singh, Panchayat Secretary has been asked to provide the information in this case to the appellant but he is not providing the information. Copy of the letter sent by the Block Development and Panchayats Officer, Shahkot is taken on record.

3. Viewing the attitude in dealing with the RTI application of the appellant Sh. Balwinder Singh, Panchayat Secretary-cum-Public Information Officer c/o the Block Development and Panchayats Officer, Shahkot is thus issued a show cause notice to explain in a self-attested affidavit as to why a compensation to the appellant for detriment suffered by him under section 19(8) of the RTI Act, 2005 may not be awarded.

5. In addition to the written reply, the Public Information Officer is also given an opportunity under Section 20(1) proviso thereto, for a personal hearing before awarding the compensation on the next date of hearing. He may take a note that in case he does not file his written reply and do not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the next date, it will be presumed that he has nothing to say and the Commission will proceed ex-parte.

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Appeal Case No. 2155 of 2020

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6. The appellant is advised to go through the same and point out deficiency in the information so supplied by the respondents with a copy to the Commission and the respondent-Public Information Officer cum-Panchayat Secretary is directed to remove the same before the next date of hearing failing which the penalty provisions will be invoked.

7. To come up 15.12.2020 at 12.30 PM on to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Jalandhar/cisco webex.

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Dated: 18.11.2020

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Sh. Baldev Singh Sohal S/o Sh. Gurmukh Singh,  
R/o Village- SohalJagir,  
Tehsil Shahkot,144702,  
District Jalandhar.

.....Complainant

**Vs**

Public Information Officer,  
O/o Block Development & Panchayat Officer,  
Shahkot, District Jalandhar.

.....Respondent

## **Complaint Case .No. 135 of 2020**

(Cisco Webex proceedings)

Present:- Sh. Baldev Singh, complainant.  
Sh. Balwinder Singh, Panchayat Secretary on behalf of the respondents.

### ORDERS

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 14.10.2020.

2. The representative of the respondents states that the penalty amount has been deducted from the salary of Sh. Balwinder Singh and a copy of the challan has already been sent to the Commission, which is taken on record. Regarding the information, the same has been handed over to the appellant during the course of hearing comprising 714 pages.

3. Accordingly, the appellant is advised to go through the same and point out deficiency in the information so supplied by the respondents and the respondents are directed to remove the same in case any deficiency is pointed out by the appellant before the next date of hearing under intimation to the Commission.

4. To come up on 15.12.2020 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Jalandhar/cisco webex.

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Dated: 18.11.2020

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