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Shri Jagtar Singh
S/o Shri Sampooran Singh,
Village Naraina, PO Bhagrana,
Block Khera, District Fatehgarh Sahib.

.....Appellant

Versus

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

First Appellate Authority
O/o Addl. Dy. Commissioner(Development),
Fatehgarh Sahib.

...Respondents

AC No.4421/2021

Present: (i) **Shri Jagtar Singh, Appellant, in person.**
(ii) **Shri Rajinder Kumar, Panchayat Secretary, Gramt Panchayat Nariana,
Block Khera, District Fatehgarh Sahib on behalf of the PIO/respondent.**

ORDER

1. The RTI application is dated 27.05.2021 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 24.07.2021 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 29.09.2021 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 19.01.2022 in Commission's office at Chandigarh. As such, the case has been heard today. Shri Jagtar Singh, appellant comes present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench. He states that no information has been supplied to him so far.

3. Shri Rajinder Kumar, Panchayat Secretary, Gramt Panchayat Nariana, Block Khera, District Fatehgarh Sahib comes present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench. He states that the RTI application has been transferred to him by the BDPO Khera, District Fatehgarh Sahib in pursuance of DDPO's letter dated 07.07.2021. He further states that similar information has been supplied to the appellant in other appeal cases i.e. AC No.1660 of 2021 and 2615 of 2021 and produces before the Bench a letter which contains the signatures of appellant for having received the information comprising 248 pages in the said cases, except the quotations. He also produces a list of the record which has been deposited with the Inquiry Officer in the office of Director, Rural Development & Panchayats, Mohali in connection with the complaints made regarding the embezzlement in Gram Panchayat, Nariana, District Fatehgarh Sahib and as such, the same cannot be provided.

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4. Post deliberations, the Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panchayat, Naraina, District Fatehgarh Sahib is directed to supply information to the appellant before the next hearing. The PIO O/o DDPO, Fatehgarh Sahib is directed that after the information is supplied to the appellant, an affidavit, on non judicial stamp paper, be filed duly signed by the PIO and attested by the Notary Public to the effect that the information has available in the official records in AC No.4421/2021 has been supplied to the appellant and further that certain documents have been deposited with the Inquiry Officer in connection with enquiry being conducted by him and thus, cannot be supplied. It be further stated that nothing has been concealed therein and the statement made is true and correct. Original be provided to the appellant and photocopy of the same be sent to the Commission for record.

5. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 05.04.2022 at 11.30 AM through Cisco Webex.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

**Chandigarh
19.01.2022**

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

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Shri Ramesh Kumar
S/o Shri Sukhdev Singh,
R/o Village Bhullan,
District Sangrur.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o Block Development and
Panchayat Officer (BDPO),
Anandana at Moonak,
District Sangrur.

First Appellate Authority
O/o District Development &
Panchayat Officer (DDPO),
Sangrur.

...Respondents

AC No.4426/2021

Present: (i) **Shri Ramesh Kumar, Appellant.**
(ii) **Shri Uttamjit Singh, Panchayat Secretary, O/o BDPO Anandana at Moonak, District Sanagrur with Shri Gurjit Singh, Clerk, on behalf of the PIO/Respondent.**

ORDER

(Heard Through Cisco Webex)

1. The RTI application is dated 05.06.06,2021 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 29.09.2021 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 19.01.2022 in Commission's office at Chandigarh. Shri Ramesh Kumar, appellant comes present to attend the hearing through cisco webex. He states that no information has been supplied to him.
3. Shri Uttamjit Singh, Panchayat Secretary, O/o BDPO Anandana at Moonak, District Sanagrur with Shri Gurjit Singh, Clerk, on behalf of the PIO/Respondent come present to attend the hearing through cisco webex. Shri Gurjit Singh states on behalf of the Shri Uttamjit Singh, Panchayat Secretary that the information is ready and will be sent to the appellant by registered post today itself.
4. The appellant Shri Ramesh Kumar is apprised of the version of representative of the PIO. He states that Shri Uttamjit Singh is not the Panchayat Secretary of the Gram Panchayat of his village. Shri Prithvi Singh is the Panchayat Secretary, as such, he should address his RTI application.

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5. Post deliberations, the PIO is directed to supply information to the appellant by registered post on priority before the next hearing. He is further directed to ensure to come present before the Bench bringing along the entire relevant record and produce the same before the Bench on the next hearing.

6. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 05.04.2022 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the orders be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh
19.01.2022**

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Shri Ramesh Kumar
S/o Shri Sukhdev Singh,
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Anandana at Moonak,
District Sangrur.

First Appellate Authority
O/o Block Development and
Panchayat Officer (BDPO),
Anandana at Moonak,
District Sangrur.

...Respondents

AC No.4427/2021

Present: (i) **Shri Ramesh Kumar, Appellant.**
(ii) **Shri Uttamjit Singh, Panchayat Secretary, O/o BDPO Anandana at Moonak, District Sanagrur with Shri Gurjit Singh, Clerk, on behalf of the PIO/Respondent.**

ORDER

(Heard Through Cisco Webex)

1. The RTI application is dated 05.06.06,2021 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 29.09.2021 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 19.01.2022 in Commission's office at Chandigarh. Shri Ramesh Kumar, appellant comes present to attend the hearing through cisco webex. He states that no information has been supplied to him.
3. Shri Uttamjit Singh, Panchayat Secretary, O/o BDPO Anandana at Moonak, District Sanagrur with Shri Gurjit Singh, Clerk, on behalf of the PIO/Respondent come present to attend the hearing through cisco webex. Shri Gurjit Singh states on behalf of the Shri Uttamjit Singh, Panchayat Secretary that the information is ready and will be sent to the appellant by registered post today itself.
4. The appellant Shri Ramesh Kumar is apprised of the version of representative of the PIO. He states that Shri Uttamjit Singh is not the Panchayat Secretary of the Gram Panchayat of his village. Shri Prithvi Singh is the Panchayat Secretary, as such, he should address his RTI application.



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6. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 05.04.2022 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the orders be sent to the concerned parties.

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Shri Ravi Kumar S/o Shri Avtar Chand,
R/o Patti Chhokram, Teshil Phillaur,
District Jalandhar.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o Block Development and
Panchayat Officer (BDPO),
Rurka Kalan, Distt. Jalandhar.

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

...Respondents

AC No.4428/2021

Present: (i) Shri Ravi Kumar, Appellant.
(ii) None on behalf of the PIO/respondent.

ORDER

(Heard through Cisco Webex)

1. The RTI application is dated 05.07.2021 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 16.08.2021 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 29.09.2021 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 19.01.2022 in Commission's office at Chandigarh. As such, the case has been heard today. Shri Ravi Kumar, appellant comes present to attend the hearing through cisco webex. He states that no information has been supplied to him..
3. Neither the PIO O/o Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panchayat, Bundala, Block Rurka Kalan, District Jalandhar has come present to attend the hearing in person nor through cisco webex nor he has supplied information to the appellant..
4. The Bench observes that a letter dated 03.11.2021 is available in the case file whereby the RTI application has been transferred to Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panchayat, Bundala, Block Rurka Kalan, District Jalandhar u/s 6(3) of RTI Act. The Bench further observes that the RTI application of the appellant is dated 05.07.2021 and First Appeal is dated 16.08.2021 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.

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5. The PIO O/o Gram Panchayat, Bundala, Block Rurka Kalan, District Jalandhar 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.

6. 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.

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

8. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 05.04.2022 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the orders be sent to the concerned parties.

Chandigarh
19.01.2022

Sd/-
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State Information Commissioner, Punjab

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Shri Kuldip Singh
Sohiya Road, Rajgarh Colony,
Ward No.7, Sangrur.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Director General, School Education,
Punjab, Vidya Bhavan, Phase-8,
S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali).

First Appellate Authority

O/o The Secretary,
School Education Deptt., Punjab,
Punjab Civil Secretariat-2, Sector-9,
Chandigarh.

...Respondents

AC No.4429/2021

Present: (i) **Shri Kuldip Singh, Appellant.**
(ii) **None on behalf of PIO/Respondent.**

ORDERR

(Heard through Cisco Webex)

1. The RTI application is dated 05.05.2021 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 08.07.2021 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 29.09.2021 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. Shri Kuldip Singh, appellant comes present to attend the hearing through cisco webex. He states that the information has been received vide letter dated 03.01.2022. However, the same is not in accordance with his RTI application and he is not satisfied with the information supplied.
3. Neither the PIO O/o Director General, School Education, Punjab, Mohali has come present to attend the hearing in person or through cisco webex nor he has deputed any of his representatives to attend the hearing. This indifferent attitude of the PIO is viewed adversely.
4. The PIO O/o Director General, School Education, Punjab, Vidya Bhawan, Phase-8, Mohali 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 complete 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 penal consequences shall follow.

7. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 02.03.2022 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the orders be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh
19.01.2022**

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

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Phase-8, Mohali.

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Shri Chanderdeep Maggu,
Advocate, Chamber No.172,
Block C, District Court Complex,
Fazilka.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o District Development &
Panchayat Officer (DDPO),
Fazilka.

First Appellate Authority
O/o Addl.Deputy Commissioner (Dev.),
Fazilka.

...Respondents

AC No.4430/2021

Present: (i) **Shri Chanderdeep Maggu, Appellant.**
(ii) **None on behalf of PIO/Respondent.**

ORDERR

(Heard through Cisco Webex)

1. The RTI application is dated 10.07.2021 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 11.08.2021 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 29.09.2021 Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 19.01.2022 in Commission's office at Chandigarh. Shri Chanderdeep Maggu, appellant comes present to attend the hearing through cisco webex. He states that he has sought information in respect of four villages Ujhanwali, Alamshah, Bakhu Shah and Dhani Mohla Ram and he has received information only in respect of one village Alamshah and no information of other villages has been supplied.
3. Neither the PIO O/o Block Development & Panchayat Officer, Fazilka, to whom RTI application has been transferred by DDPO Fazilka u/s 6(3) of RTI Act vide letter dated 16.09.2021, has come present to attend the hearing in person or through cisco webex nor he has deputed any of his representatives to attend the hearing. This indifferent attitude of the PIO is viewed adversely.
4. The PIO O/o Block Development & Panchayat Officer, 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 complete



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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 O/o BDPO Fazilka to supply complete information to the appellant as sought vide his RTI application, before the next hearing, failing which penal consequences shall follow.

7. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 05.04.2022 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the orders be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh
19.01.2022**

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

Copy to (By Regd.Post):

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Shri Gurjant Kaur,
W/o Shri Joginder Singh
R/o Village Sahour, PO Mehal Kalan,
District Barnala.

.... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o Headmaster,
Govt. High School, Sahour,
District Barnala.

First Appellate Authority
O/o Headmaster,
Govt. High School, Sahour,
District Barnala.

... Respondents

AC No.2882 of 2021

Present: (i) **Advocate Rupinder Singh, on behalf of the Appellant.**
(ii) **Shri Raminderpal Singh, Headmaster, Govt. High School, Sahour,
District Barnala, PIO/Respondent.**

ORDER

(Heard through cisco webex)

1. The RTI application is dated 22.02.2021 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 20.04.2021 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 22.06.2021 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 19.01.2022 in Commission's office at Chandigarh. Shri Rupinder Singh, Advocate comes present to attend the hearing through cisco webex on behalf of the appellant. He states that no information has been supplied by the PIO. He also refers to a letter of the appellant sent via e.mail dated 18.01.2021 wherein the appellant has alleged that she is not being provided information and instead she is being troubled for having filed the RTI application and is being prevented from marking her attendance in the school.
3. Shri Raminderpal Singh, Headmaster, Govt. High School, Sahour, District Barnala comes present to attend the hearing through cisco webex. He states that an e.mail has been sent to the Commission in this regard and contends the claim of the petitioner for seeking information from the school as the appellant is working under his control and various complaints have been made against her.

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4. The Bench, on perusing the documents sent by the PIO, observes that the said documents sent by the PIO do not constitute the information to be supplied to the appellant in pursuance of her RTI application and the RTI application must be responded point-wise giving response to each issue raised by the appellant. The PIO has just made an attempt to explain the conduct of the appellant, rather than supplying information giving point-wise reply. The Bench does not agree with the contention of the PIO.

5. Post deliberations, the Bench directs the PIO to supply point wise information to the appellant, before the next hearing.

6. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 05.04.2022 at 11.30 AM through Cisco Webex.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

**Chandigarh
19.01.2022**

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Shri Shakti Bhushan
S/o Shri Kewal Krishan Kaushal
R/o Street Bhaini Sahib,
Ward No.8, Dhanaula,
District Barnala.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o Motor Vehicle Registration
Authority, Hoshiarpur.

First Appellate Authority
O/o Secretary, Regional
Transport Authority,
Hoshiarpur.

....Respondents

AC No.1095 of 2020

Present: (i) **Shri Shakti Bhushan, Appellant**
(ii) **None on behalf of PIO O/o Secretary, RTA, Hoshiarpur.**

ORDER

(Heard through Cisco Webex)

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 13.10.2021 passed by this Bench on the previous date of hearing.
2. The case has been heard today through Cisco Webex. Shri Shakti Bhushan, appellant comes present to attend the hearing through Cisco Webex. He states that he has received a telephonic message today assuring him that the information sought by him will be provided to him in a pen-drive on priority but nothing has happened thereafter.
3. Neither the PIO O/o Secretary, R.T.A., Hoshiarpur has comes present to attend the hearing through Cisco Webex nor he has deputed any of his representatives to attend the hearing. A letter dated 27.10.2021 is available in the case file addressed to Shri Tarminderjit Singh, Scientist, N.I.C., Punjab, Chandigarh to make arrangement for the supply of information sought by the appellant.
4. The Bench observes that the PIO has also not filed reply to the show cause notice. The Bench again directs the PIO to supply balance of information to the appellant as per assurance given to the appellant and also to file reply to the show cause notice. After supplying the information, the Bench directs the PIO to file an affidavit on non-judicial stamp paper in consonance with the directions given vide order dated 28.09.2020.s

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AC No.1095/2020

5. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 05.04.2022 at 11.30 AM through Cisco Webex.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh
19.01.2022**

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