



Shri Raju Ambedkar,
S/o Sh. Ram Hari,
#13, Ram Vihar, Near Guru
Gobind Singh Avenue, Jalandhar.

--Appellant.

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Principal, Police DAV Public School,
PAP Campus,
Jalandhar Cantt.

First Appellate Authority:

O/o Principal, Police DAV Public School,
PAP Campus,
Jalandhar Cantt.

Respondent

Appeal Case No. 2907 of 2021

Present:- Shri Raju Ambedkar, appellant is present.
Advocate Kapil Sharma is present on behalf of the SPIO-cum-Principal, Police
DAV Public School, PAP Campus, Jalandhar Cantt.

ORDER

Shri Raju Ambedkar, appellant filed RTI application dated 05.04.2021 and sought some information from the SPIO, O/o Principal, Police DAV Public School, PAP Campus, Jalandhar Cantt. When no information was provided to him by the SPIO then he filed First Appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 07.06.2021. A reply was sent to him vide letter no.240/124 dated 08.06.2021 and the information sought by him was denied. Then the appellant filed Second Appeal before the Punjab State Information Commission on 25.06.2021. The case was registered and allocated to the Bench. Notice of hearing was issued to both the parties for today through **CISCO Webex Meetings Software**.

The appellant is present and Advocate Kapil Sharma is present on behalf of the SPIO. The appellant stated that no information has been provided to him by the SPIO, whereas a period of more than six months has been passed. He further stated that the DEO (SE) Jalandhar has also issued direction to the SPIO to provide the information, but inspite of the directions the SPIO has not provided the information till date.

Advocate Kapil Sharma is present on behalf of the SPIO-cum-Principal, Police DAV Public School, PAP Campus, Jalandhar Cantt. and he stated that the respondent school is a private and unaided school and does not come within the ambit of definition of public authority and the RTI Act, 2005 does not apply to the respondent school.

Before deciding the point and issues we have to go through the definition of 'public authority' as envisaged U/s 2(h) of the RTI Act, 2005, which is as under:-

“public authority” means any authority or body or institution of self-government established or constituted,—

(a) by or under the Constitution;

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- (b) by any other law made by Parliament;*
- (c) by any other law made by State Legislature;*
- (d) by notification issued or order made by the appropriate Government, and includes any—*
 - (i) body owned, controlled or substantially financed;*
 - (ii) non-Government Organisation substantially financed, directly or indirectly by funds provided by the appropriate Government;*

I have gone through the definition of 'public authority', heard the appellant and the Counsel for the respondent. It is admitted fact that though the school is private, but it is constructed over the land owned by the State of Punjab i.e. Department of Punjab Police. Thus, the present school is a public authority and it comes within the ambit of definition of public authority.

So, I direct the SPIO-cum-Principal, Police DAV Public School, PAP Campus, Jalandhar Cantt. that attested copies of sought for information be sent to the appellant through registered post within 10 days and compliance report be sent to the Commission. In case of non compliance of the order of the Commission strict action will be taken against the SPIO and show cause notice U/s 20(1) of the RTI Act, 2005 will be issued to the SPIO and he will be penalized upto Rs.25,000/-, which will be deducted from his salary.

Both the parties should connect through **CISCO WEBEX MEETINGS Software (Meeting No. 1582695783)** on the next date of hearing i.e. **17.11.2021 at 11:00 A.M.**

Dated: 19.10.2021

(Avtar Singh Kaler)
State Information Commissioner, Punjab.



Shri Malvinderjit Singh,
S/o Sh. Gurdev Singh,
R/o Village Bhani, Tehsil Phillaur,
Distt. Jalandhar.

--Appellant.

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o BDPO, Aur,
Distt. SBS Nagar.

First Appellate Authority:
O/o DDPO,
SBS Nagar.

Respondent

Appeal Case No. 2910 of 2021

Present:- Shri Malvinderjit Singh, appellant is present.
None present on behalf of the SPIO, O/o BDPO, Aur, Distt. SBS Nagar.

O R D E R

Shri Malvinderjit Singh, appellant filed RTI application dated 24.11.2020 and sought some information from the SPIO, O/o BDPO, Aur, Distt. SBS Nagar. When no information was provided to him by the SPIO, then he filed First Appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 11.02.2021. Then the appellant filed Second Appeal before the Punjab State Information Commission on 25.06.2021. The case was registered and allocated to the Bench. Notice of hearing was issued to both the parties for today through **CISCO Webex Meetings Software**.

The appellant is present today, whereas the respondent is absent.

The appellant, Shri Malvinderjit Singh stated that he is an Ex-employee of the office of the public authority i.e. BDPO, Aur and he sought information regarding his Contributory Provident Fund. He further stated that irrelevant and incomplete information has been provided to him by the SPIO.

Neither the SPIO nor any nominee is present at the time of hearing, which is a serious concern. If none will not come present on the next date of hearing, then it will be taken seriously.

A direction is issued to Sh. Malvinderjit Singh, appellant that he should bring the deficiencies in writing to the notice of the SPIO within three days and the BDPO is further directed that in case the appellant would submit the list of deficiencies, then the BDPO should provide the attested copies of complete information to the appellant within five days. In case of non compliance of the order of the Commission it will be taken seriously and a show cause notice U/s 20(1) of the RTI Act, 2005 will be issued to the SPIO, Shri Rajesh Kumar Chaddha, BDPO, Aur and he will be penalized upto Rs.25,000/-, which will be deducted from his salary.

Both the parties should connect through **CISCO WEBEX MEETINGS Software (Meeting No. 1582695783)** on the next date of hearing i.e. **17.11.2021 at 11:00 A.M.**

Dated: 19.10.2021

(Avtar Singh Kaler)
State Information Commissioner, Punjab.



Shri Suresh Sood,
S/o Sh. Dev Dutt Sood,
R/o H.No. 329, Street Sood,
Mohalla Sodha, Moga.

--Appellant.

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Asstt. Excise and Taxation Commissioner,
Moga.

First Appellate Authority:

O/o Deputy Commissioner of State Tax,
Ferozepur Division, Ferozepur.

Respondent

Appeal Case No. 2914 of 2021

Present:- Shri Suresh Sood, appellant is present.
Ms. Annu Sachdeva, SPIO-cum-SDO O/o Asstt. Excise and Taxation
Commissioner, Moga is present.

O R D E R

Shri Suresh Sood, appellant filed RTI application dated 25.03.2021 and sought some information from the SPIO, O/o Asstt. Excise and Taxation Commissioner, Moga. A reply was sent to him vide letter no.596 dated 22.04.2021 and the information sought by him was denied. But not satisfied with the reply of the SPIO the appellant filed First Appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 29.04.2021. Then the appellant filed Second Appeal before the Punjab State Information Commission on 25.06.2021. The case was registered and allocated to the Bench. Notice of hearing was issued to both the parties for today through **CISCO Webex Meetings Software**.

Both the parties are present today.

The appellant stated that no information has been provided to him by the SPIO.

The respondent stated that the information sought by the appellant cannot be provided to him being third party information.

I have gone through the RTI application dated 25.03.2021 and the appellant sought information regarding inspection of M/s Raju Sales Corporation, Moga, done by the team of AETC, Moga during December, 2020. I have also gone through the reply sent by the respondent and also discussed about the sought for information with both the parties.

The information sought by the appellant is not a third party information. So, the SPIO is directed that the attested copies of official information related with the inspection of M/s Raju Sales Corporation, Moga be either sent to the appellant through registered post or be provided by hand within five days and compliance be sent to the Commission.

Both the parties should connect through **CISCO WEBEX MEETINGS Software (Meeting No. 1582695783)** on the next date of hearing i.e. **11.11.2021 at 11:30 A.M.**

Dated: 19.10.2021

(Avtar Singh Kaler)
State Information Commissioner, Punjab.



Shri Bittu S/o Sh. Om Kumar,
Village Bholapur, PO Sahibana,
Chandigarh Road, Distt.Ludhiana.

--Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o SHO, Police Station,
Divn. No. 2,
Distt. Ludhiana.

...Respondent.

Complaint Case No. 778 of 2021

Present:- Shri Bittu, complainant/applicant is absent.
None present on behalf of the SPIO, O/o SHO, Police Station, Divn. No. 2, Distt. Ludhiana.

O R D E R

Shri Bittu, complainant/applicant filed RTI application dated 05.04.2021 and sought some information from the SPIO, O/o SHO, Police Station, Divn. No.2, Distt. Ludhiana. When no information was provided to the applicant by the SPIO then he filed complaint against the SPIO before the Punjab State Information Commission on 17.06.2021. The case was registered and allocated to the Bench. Notice of hearing was issued to both the parties for today through **CISCO Webex Meetings Software**.

Both the parties are absent today.

The complainant-applicant though is absent today, but he has sent a mail to the Commission and submitted that no information has been provided to him by the SPIO.

So, the SPIO, O/o SHO, Police Station, Divn. No.2, Distt. Ludhiana is directed to resolve the matter involved in the RTI application and also to file reply to the complaint filed by the complainant-applicant and send the same to the Commission within 10 days. In case of non compliance of the order of the Commission a show cause notice will be issued to the SPIO on the next date of hearing and he will be penalized up to Rs.25,000/-, which will be deducted from his salary.

Both the parties should connect through **CISCO WEBEX MEETINGS Software (Meeting No. 1582695783)** on the next date of hearing i.e. **11.11.2021 at 11:30 A.M.**

Dated: 19.10.2021

(Avtar Singh Kaler)
State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

Shri Narsingh Dass, S/o Shri Sansar Chand,
H.No. 65, Gali No. 2, Palam Vihar,
Majitha Road, Amritsar.

..... Complainant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o Director, Land Records,
Kapurthala Road, Jalandhar.

.....Respondent

Complaint Case No. 757 of 2020

Present:- Shri Vishal Joshi is present on behalf of Shri Narsingh Dass, applicant.
Shri Munshi Ram, Suptd, O/o Deputy Commissioner, Pathankot is present.

O R D E R

Shri Narsingh Dass, complainant/applicant filed RTI application dated 11.03.2020 before the SPIO, O/o Director, Land Records, Kapurthala Road, Jalandhar.

Shri Vishal Joshi is present on behalf of the complainant/applicant, whereas Shri Munshi Ram, Suptd, O/o Deputy Commissioner, Pathankot is present. The counsel of the applicant stated that no information has been provided to the applicant by the respondent till date.

I have gone through the RTI application dated 11.03.2020 and also discussed about the sought for information with both the parties.

The applicant is directed that he should visit the office of the SPIO, O/o Deputy Commissioner, Pathankot within 3 days and the respondent SPIO is further directed to resolve the matter involved in the RTI application and send compliance to the Commission also. In case of non compliance of the Order of the Commission a show cause notice will be issued to the SPIO, O/o Deputy Commissioner, Pathankot on the next date of hearing and he will be penalized up to Rs. 25,000/- which will be deducted from his salary.

Both the parties should connect through **CISCO WEBEX MEETINGS Software(Meeting No. 1582695783)** on the next date of hearing i.e. **17.11.2021 at 11:00 A.M.**

(Avtar Singh Kaler)
State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

Dated: 19.10.2021

(Regd.) Copy to: SPIO, O/o Deputy Commissioner, Gurdaspur. – for information.

(Regd.) Copy to: SPIO, O/o Deputy Commissioner, Pathankot. – for strict compliance.



Shri Sohan Singh,
S/o Shri Sucha Singh,
Village Bara, P.O. Pathreri Jatta,
Tehsil & Distt. Roopnagar.

..... Complainant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o DDPO,
Roopnagar.

.....Respondent

Complaint Case No. 526 of 2021

Present:- Shri Sohan Singh, complainant/applicant is present.
Shri Baljinder Singh, DDPO, Roopnagar is present.

ORDER

Shri Sohan Singh, complainant/applicant filed RTI application dated 16.03.2021 and sought some information from the SPIO, O/o DDPO, Roopnagar.

Today the case is heard through CISCO Webex Meetings Software.

The complainant/applicant is present today and Shri Baljinder Singh, DDPO, Roopnagar is also present.

The complainant/applicant stated that no information has been provided to him by the SPIO.

Shri Baljinder Singh, DDPO, Roopnagar stated that the RTI application of the applicant was transferred to the SPIO-cum-BDPO, Roopnagar on 12.04.2021 with the direction to provide information to the applicant, but the BDPO, Roopnagar, Ms. Ishan Chaudhary and the concerned Panchayat Secretary, Mr. Ranjit Singh-1 did not bother to provide the information to the applicant till date.

The conduct of Ms. Ishan Chaudhary, SPIO-cum-BDPO, Roopnagar and Mr. Ranjit Singh-1, PIO-cum-Panchayat Secretary amounts to denial of information and defiance of the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005. So, a **Show Cause Notice** is issued to **Ms. Ishan Chaudhary, SPIO-cum-BDPO, Roopnagar and Mr. Ranjit Singh-1, PIO-cum-Panchayat Secretary** that why they have not provided the sought for information to the applicant and so why they may not be penalized up to Rs.25,000/-. They are directed to file reply to the complaint and to the Show Cause Notice in writing and send the same to the Commission within 10 days and an opportunity of personal hearing will be afforded to them on the Show Cause Notice. In case they would not file reply to the Show Cause Notice then it will be assumed that they do not want to say anything in their defence and the Show Cause Notice will be decided without hearing them and they will be penalized accordingly and the amount of penalty will be deducted from their salaries.

Both the parties should personally come present on the next date of hearing i.e. **10.11.2021 at 11.00 A.M.**

Dated: 19.10.2021

(Avtar Singh Kaler)
State Information Commissioner, Punjab



Shri Rajan,
S/o Shri Mukhtiar Chand,
Village Amir Khas, Block Guruharsahai,
Tehsil Jalalabad, Distt. Fazilka.

..... Appellant

Vs

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

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

.....Respondent

Appeal Case No. 1448 of 2021

Present:- Shri Rajan, appellant is present.
Ms. Pakash, GRS is present on behalf of the SPIO, O/o BDPO, Guruharsahai,
Distt. Ferozepur.

ORDER

ShriRajan, appellant filed RTI application dated 22.12.2020 and sought some information from the SPIO, O/o BDPO, Guruharsahai, Distt. Ferozepur.

Today the case is heard through CISCO Webex Meetings Software.

Both the parties are present today.

The respondent stated that the sought for information and the amount of compensation of Rs.2,000/- has been provided to the appellant.

The appellant stated that he has received the information and the amount of compensation of Rs.2,000/-, but the information provided by the SPIO is incomplete.

So, the appellant is directed that he should bring the deficiencies in writing to the notice of the respondent SPIO within 3 days and the SPIO is further directed that the attested copies of information regarding the deficiencies be provided to the appellant within 2 days from the receipt of deficiencies and sent compliance to the Commission accordingly.

The SPIO is further directed to file reply to the show cause notice and send the same to the Commission within 3 days and an opportunity of personal hearing will be afforded to him on the Show Cause Notice on the next date of hearing. In case the SPIO would not file reply to the Show Cause Notice, then it will be assumed that he do not want to say anything in his defence and the show cause notice will be decided in his absence and he will be penalized up to Rs.25,000/- which will be deducted from his salary.

Both the parties should connect through **CISCO WEBEX MEETINGS Software**
(Meeting No. 1582695783) on the next date of hearing i.e. **27.10.2021 at 11:30 A.M.**

Dated: 19.10.2021

(Avtar Singh Kaler)
State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

Shri Bikramjeet Singh,
10494, Street No. 5/6,
Bhagwan Chowk, Janta Nagar,
Ludhiana.

.....Appellant.

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/ o DEO (SE),
Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority:
O/o DEO (SE),
Ludhiana.

.....Respondent

Appeal Case No. 2197 of 2021

Present:- Shri Bikramjeet Singh, appellant is present.
Shri Gurdeep Singh, Science Master is present on behalf of the SPIO.

O R D E R

Shri Bikramjeet Singh, appellant filed RTI application dated 23.02.2021 and sought some information from the SPIO, O/o DEO (SE), Ludhiana.

Today the case is heard through CISCO Webex Meetings Software.

Both the parties are present today.

The respondent stated that the information has been sent to the appellant vide letter dated 24.09.2021.

The appellant stated that the sought for information has not been provided by the SPIO till date.

Under these circumstances, the appellant is directed to visit the office of the SPIO on 21.10.2021 at 10:00 A.M. and the respondent is further directed to provide the attested copies of sought for information to the appellant and compliance be sent to the Commission accordingly. In case of non compliance of the order of the Commission, strict action will be taken against the SPIO, O/o District Education Officer (SE), Ludhiana under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

Both the parties should connect through **CISCO WEBEX MEETINGS Software (Meeting No. 1582695783)** on the next date of hearing i.e. **01.11.2021 at 11.30 A.M.**

Dated: 19.10.2021

**(Avtar Singh Kaler)
State Information Commissioner, Punjab**



Shri Jaswant Singh, S/o Shri Bagga Singh,
R/o Village Hazara Singh Wala,
P.O. Mamdot,
Tehsil & Distt. Ferozepur.

..... Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o Panchayat Secretary,
Gram Panchayat, Hazara Singh Wala,
Block Mamdot, Distt. Ferozepur.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Distt. Dev. & Panchayat Officer,
Ferozepur.

..... Respondent

Appeal Case No. 1827 of 2021

Present:- Shri Jaswant Singh, appellant is present.
None present on behalf of the PIO-cum-Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panchayat,
Hazara Singh Wala, Block Mamdot, Distt. Ferozepur.

O R D E R

Shri Jaswant Singh, appellant filed RTI application dated 21.08.2020 before the SPIO, O/o BDPO, Block Mamdot. The RTI application was transferred U/s 6(3) of the RTI Act, 2005 to the PIO-cum-Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panchayat, Hazara Singh Wala, Block Mamdot, Distt. Ferozepur vide letter dated 02.09.2020.

Today the case is heard through CISCO Webex Meetings Software.

The appellant is present today, whereas none has come present on behalf of the PIO.

The PIO was absent on the last date of hearing i.e. 31.08.2021 and today again he is absent without any intimation to the Commission.

The appellant has filed RTI application on 21.08.2020 and a period of more than one year has been passed, but no information has been provided to the appellant by the PIO. So, a compensation of Rs.2,000/- is awarded in favour of the appellant be paid by the PIO from the funds of public authority by way of demand draft and be sent to the appellant through registered post within 10 days along with attested copies of information, specifically para-wise, and send compliance to the Commission accordingly. In case of non compliance of the order of the Commission a show cause notice U/s 20(1) of the RTI Act, 2005 will be issued to the PIO on the next date of hearing and he will be penalized up to Rs.25,000/-, which will be deducted from his salary.

Both the parties should connect through **CISCO WEBEX MEETINGS Software** (**Meeting No. 1582695783**) on the next date of hearing i.e. **17.11.2021 at 11.00 A.M.**

Dated: 19.10.2021

(Avtar Singh Kaler)
State Information Commissioner, Punjab.



Shri Subhash Dahuja, Advocate,
Chamber No. 16, New Distt. Court Complex,
Fazilka.

.....Appellant.

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/ o Education Secretary,
Punjab School Education Board, Mohali.

First Appellate Authority:
O/o Education Secretary,
Punjab School Education Board, Mohali.

.....Respondent

Appeal Case No. 2299 of 2021

Present:- Shri Subhash Dahuja, Advocate, appellant is absent.
None present on behalf of the SPIO, O/o Education Secretary, Punjab School
Education Board, Mohali.

O R D E R

Shri Subhash Dahuja, Advocate, appellant filed RTI application dated 09.11.2020
and sought some information from the SPIO, O/o Education Secretary, Punjab School
Education Board, Mohali.

Today the case is heard through CISCO Webex Meetings Software.

Both the parties are absent today.

The SPIO though is absent today, but he has sent a mail to the Commission on
08.10.2021, diarized vide no.22844, which is a copy of letter no.257546/2021/1 dated
01.10.2021. I have gone through the said letter vide which the information was sent to the
appellant.

The appellant, Shri Subhash Dahuja, Advocate has also sent an e-mail to the
Commission and submitted that the SPIO has sent incomplete information as only the
information regarding point no.1 of the RTI application has been sent and rest of the information
is still pending.

So, the SPIO is directed that the attested copies of complete information be sent
to the appellant through registered post within 10 days and a copy of the same be sent to the
Commission for compliance. In case of non compliance of the order of the Commission it will be
taken seriously and a show cause notice U/s 20(1) of the RTI Act, 2005 will be issued to the
SPIO on the next date of hearing and he will be penalized upto Rs.25,000/-, which will be
deducted from his salary.

Both the parties should personally attend the hearing on **11.11.2021 at 11:30
A.M.** through **CISCO WEBEX MEETINGS Software (Meeting No. 1582695783).**

Dated: 19.10.2021

**(Avtar Singh Kaler)
State Information Commissioner, Punjab**



Shri Amarjit Singh Dhamotia,
H.No. 60-35-P376-1,
Street No.8, Maha Singh Nagar,
P.O. Dhandari Kalan, Ludhiana.

..... Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o SHO, Police Station, Daba,
Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o SHO, Police Station, Daba,
Ludhiana.

.....Respondent

Appeal Case No. 1583 of 2021

Present:- Shri Gurmej Lal is present on behalf of Shri Amarjit Singh Dhamotia, appellant.
None present on behalf of the SPIO, O/o SHO, Police Station, Daba, Ludhiana.

ORDER

Shri Amarjit Singh Dhamotia, appellant filed RTI application dated 14.12.2020 and sought some information from the SPIO, O/o SHO, Police Station, Daba, Ludhiana.

Today the case is heard through CISCO Webex Meetings Software.

Shri Gurmej Lal is present on behalf of the appellant, whereas none has appeared on behalf of the respondent SPIO. The representative of the appellant stated that neither the information nor the amount of compensation of Rs.2,500/- has been provided to the appellant by the SPIO till date.

I have gone through the Order dated 02.09.2021 and a compensation of Rs.2,500/- was awarded in favour of the appellant and the SPIO-cum-SHO, Police Station, Daba, Ludhiana was directed to send the amount of compensation from the funds of public authority by way of demand draft to the appellant through registered post within 10 days along with attested copies of information and to send compliance to the Commission.

But the SPIO is absent today and neither he has sent any compliance report to the Commission.

So, another opportunity is granted to the SPIO to send the amount of compensation of Rs.2,500/- to the appellant from the funds of public authority by way of demand draft through registered post within 10 days along with the attested copies of information and compliance be sent to the Commission. In case of non compliance of the Order of the Commission a Show Cause Notice U/s 20(1) of the RTI Act, 2005 will be issued to the SPIO on the next date of hearing and he will be penalized upto Rs.25,000/-, which will be deducted from his salary.

Both the parties should connect through **CISCO WEBEX MEETINGS Software (Meeting No. 1582695783)** on the next date of hearing i.e. **17.11.2021 at 11:00 A.M.**

Dated: 19.10.2021

(Avtar Singh Kaler)
State Information Commissioner, Punjab.



Shri Amarjit Singh Dhamotia,
H.No. 60-35-P376-1,
Street No.8, Maha Singh Nagar,
P.O. Dhandari Kalan, Ludhiana.

..... Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o SHO, Police Station, Daba,
Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o SHO, Police Station, Daba,
Ludhiana.

.....Respondent

Appeal Case No. 1584 of 2021

Present:- Shri GurmejLal is present on behalf of Shri Amarjit Singh Dhamotia, appellant.
None present on behalf of the SPIO, O/o SHO, Police Station, Daba, Ludhiana.

ORDER

Shri Amarjit Singh Dhamotia, appellant filed RTI application dated 14.12.2020 and sought some information from the SPIO, O/o SHO, Police Station, Daba, Ludhiana.

Today the case is heard through CISCO Webex Meetings Software.

Shri Gurmej Lal is present on behalf of the appellant, whereas none has appeared on behalf of the respondent SPIO. The representative of the appellant stated that neither the information nor the amount of compensation of Rs.2,500/- has been provided to the appellant by the SPIO till date.

I have gone through the Order dated 02.09.2021 and a compensation of Rs.2,500/- was awarded in favour of the appellant and the SPIO-cum-SHO, Police Station, Daba, Ludhiana was directed to send the amount of compensation from the funds of public authority by way of demand draft to the appellant through registered post within 10 days along with attested copies of information and to send compliance to the Commission.

But the SPIO is absent today and neither he has sent any compliance report to the Commission.

So, another opportunity is granted to the SPIO to send the amount of compensation of Rs.2,500/- to the appellant from the funds of public authority by way of demand draft through registered post within 10 days along with the attested copies of information and compliance be sent to the Commission. In case of non compliance of the Order of the Commission a Show Cause Notice U/s 20(1) of the RTI Act, 2005 will be issued to the SPIO on the next date of hearing and he will be penalized upto Rs.25,000/-, which will be deducted from his salary.

Both the parties should connect through **CISCO WEBEX MEETINGS Software (Meeting No. 1582695783)** on the next date of hearing i.e. **17.11.2021 at 11:00 A.M.**

Dated: 19.10.2021

(Avtar Singh Kaler)
State Information Commissioner, Punjab.



Shri Daljit Singh, S/o ShriSatnam Singh,
R/o H.No. 23/7, Friends Colony,
Opposite DAV College,
Jalandhar.

..... Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o Municipal Corporation,
Jalandhar.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation,
Jalandhar.

.....Respondent

Appeal Case No. 1588 of 2021

Present:- Shri Daljit Singh, appellant is present.
None present on behalf of the SPIO, O/o Municipal Corporation, Jalandhar.

ORDER

Shri Daljit Singh, appellant filed RTI application dated 04.11.2020 and sought some information from the SPIO, O/o Municipal Corporation, Jalandhar.

Today the case is heard through CISCO Webex Meetings Software.

The appellant is present today, whereas none has appeared on behalf of the respondent SPIO. The appellant stated that neither the information nor the amount of compensation of Rs.3,000/- has been provided to him by the SPIO till date.

I have gone through the Order dated 02.09.2021 and a compensation of Rs.3,000/- was awarded in favour of the appellant and the SPIO was directed to send the amount of compensation from the funds of public authority by way of demand draft to the appellant through registered post within 10 days along with attested copies of information and to send compliance to the Commission.

But the SPIO is absent today and neither he has sent any compliance to the Commission regarding sending the information and the compensation to the appellant. The SPIO was absent on 13.07.2021, 02.09.2021 and today again he is absent without any intimation to the Commission and neither he has provided the information to the appellant nor paid the amount of compensation.

The conduct of the SPIO, O/o Municipal Corporation, Jalandhar amounts to denial of information and defiance of the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005. So, **a Show Cause Notice U/s 20(1) of the RTI Act, 2005** is issued to **SPIO, O/o Municipal Corporation, Jalandhar** that why he has not provided the sought for information to the applicant and so why he may not be penalized up to Rs.25,000/-.

The SPIO is directed to file reply to the Show Cause Notice in writing and send the same to the Commission within 10 days and an opportunity of personal hearing will be

afforded to him on the Show Cause Notice. In case he would not file reply to the Show Cause Notice then it will be assumed that he do not want to say anything in his defence and the Show Cause Notice will be decided without hearing him and he will be penalized accordingly and the amount of penalty will be deducted from his salary.

The SPIO is further directed to send the amount of compensation of Rs.3,000/- to the appellant from the funds of public authority by way of demand draft through registered post within 10 days along with the attested copies of information and compliance be sent to the Commission.

Both the parties should connect through **CISCO WEBEX MEETINGS Software (Meeting No. 1582695783)** on the next date of hearing i.e. **17.11.2021 at 11:00 A.M.**

Dated: 19.10.2021

(Avtar Singh Kaler)
State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

Shri Mehar Chand, S/o ShriParkash Chand,
H.No. 128, Gali No. 3/3,
Green Avenue, BibiWala Road,
Bathinda.

..... Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o Director General of School (SE),
Branch Services 3, Punjab School Education Board,
Phase-8, Mohali.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Director General of School (SE),
Branch Services 3, Punjab School Education Board,
Phase-8, Mohali.

.....Respondent

Appeal Case No. 1921 of 2021

Present:- Shri Madan Lal is present on behalf of Shri Mehar Chand appellant.
Shri Jai Rana, Sr. Asstt. is present on behalf of the SPIO, O/o Director General of School (SE), Branch Services 3, Punjab School Education Board, Mohali.

ORDER

Shri Mehar Chand, appellant filed RTI application dated 15.01.2021 and sought some information from the SPIO, O/o Director General of School (SE), Branch Services 3, Punjab School Education Board, Mohali.

Today the case is heard through CISCO Webex Meetings Software.

Shri Madan Lal is present on behalf of Shri Mehar Chand, appellant, whereas Shri Jai Rana, Sr. Asstt. is present on behalf of the SPIO.

The respondent stated that the information had already been provided to the appellant in another case i.e. Appeal Case No.1495 of 2019.

The representative of the appellant stated that the sought for information has not been provided by the SPIO till date.

Under these circumstances, the appellant is directed to visit the office of the SPIO on Monday i.e. 25.10.2021 at 10:00 A.M. and the SPIO is further directed to provide the attested copies of sought for information to the appellant and compliance be sent to the Commission accordingly. In case of non compliance of the Order of the Commission, a Show Cause Notice U/s 20(1) of the RTI Act, 2005 will be issued to the SPIO on the next date of hearing and he will be penalized up to Rs. 25,000/- which will be deducted from his salary.

Both the parties should connect through **CISCO WEBEX MEETINGS Software (Meeting No. 1582695783)** on the next date of hearing i.e. **01.11.2021 at 11:30 A.M.**