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Sh. Gurdip Singh,
S/o Sh. Bhajan Singh,
R/o Village Taggar, P.O Pasla,
Tehsil Phillaur, Distt. Jalandhar.

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer,
Rurka Kalan.

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

Respondents

Appeal Case No.2112/2018

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of First Appeal made, if any	Date of order, if any of FAA	Date of Second Appeal
13.03.2018	Nil	26.04.2018	Nil	

Present: None.

ORDER

None is present on behalf of the Parties.

However, the BDPO, Rurka Kalan has sent a communication that Sh. Gurdip Singh has sought to know the outcome of a complaint made by him against the sarpanch of the village. He was sent an appropriate reply on 22.02.2018. Thereafter, he was also forwarded a copy of the enquiry made on his complaint. The respondents have sent along a copy of communication thus sent to Sh. Gurdip Singh also. The Commission feels that the appellant has been suitably informed. No action is called for.

The appeal is **disposed**.

Sd/-

20.03.2019

(Yashvir Mahajan)
State Information Commissioner



Sh. Harmesh Singh,
S/o Sh. Chet Singh,
R/o V.P.O. Ahmed Dhandi,
Block Mamdot, Tehsil Guruharsahai,
Distt. Ferozepur, PIN 152022.

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer,
Mamdot.

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

Respondents

Appeal Case No.2130/2018

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of First Appeal made, if any	Date of order, if any of FAA	Date of Second Appeal
07.09.2017	Nil	02.02.2018	Nil	

Present: None.

ORDER

Due to technical glitch the video conferencing could not mature.

The matter shall be reheard on **03.07.2019 at 11.30 AM through video conference**

at Ferozepur.

20.03.2019

**Sd/-
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State Information Commissioner**

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Sh. Jatin Kumar Gupta,
Room No. 3, New Bar Complex,
Punjab and Haryana High Court,
Chandigarh.

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer,
Guruaharsahai.

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

Respondents

Appeal Case No.2165/2018

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of First Appeal made, if any	Date of order, if any of FAA	Date of Second Appeal
22.12.2017	Nil	29.01.2018	Nil	

Present: None.

ORDER

Due to technical glitch the video conferencing could not mature.

The matter shall be reheard on **03.07.2019 at 11.30 AM through video conference**
at Ferozepur.

20.03.2019

Sd/-
(Yashvir Mahajan)
State Information Commissioner



Sh. Sanjeev Goyal,
S/o Sh. Ashok Kumar,
#148, (MCB-Zone-2, New House No. 00110),
Model Town, Phase I, Near T.V Tower,
Bathinda.

Appellant

Versus

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

Respondent

Complaint Case No.665/2018

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of First Appeal made, if any	Date of order, if any of FAA	Date of Complaint
18.04.2018	Nil	Nil	Nil	

Present: Sh. Sanjeev Goyal, Complainant in person.
1. Sh. Sarbjeet Singh, PIO – cum – Assistant Commissioner, MC Office, Mohali,
2. Sh. Harpreet Singh, APIO – cum – SDO, MC Office, Mohali at Commission's office, Chandigarh – for Respondent.

ORDER

The case has been heard through video conferencing.

The following order was passed by the Commission on 02.01.2019:

“The appellant had sought to know various grants received by the respondents for the construction of convenience toilets under the Swatch Bharat Scheme and other allied information.

The respondents are neither present nor any written reply has been filed. They are desired to explain the reasons for having failed to provide the information before the next date of hearing positively failing which the suitable order towards penalizing the PIO shall be passed without affording another opportunity.”

The case has come up for hearing today. The respondents have brought along the



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Complaint Case No.665/2018

information. Obviously it cannot be transmitted to the appellant as he is away at Bathinda in video conferencing. The respondents are directed to send it across by post to the appellant immediately. He may like to go through it and pin-point deficiencies, if any before the next date of hearing.

The matter shall be reheard on **19.06.2019 at 11.30 AM through video conference at Bathinda.**

20.03.2019

**Sd/-
(Yashvir Mahajan)
State Information Commissioner**



Sh. Iqbal Singh,
#308, Vasant Vihar,
D.C. Road, Hoshiarpur.

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Additional Chief Secretary to Govt., Punjab,
Department of Rur. Dev. & Panchayats, Punjab,
Vikas Bhawan, Sector – 62,
Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Additional Chief Secretary to Govt., Punjab,
Department of Rur. Dev. & Panchayats, Punjab,
Vikas Bhawan, Sector – 62,
Chandigarh.

Respondents

Appeal Case No.2390/2018

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of First Appeal made, if any	Date of order, if any of FAA	Date of Second Appeal
30.01.2018	Nil	02.05.2018	Nil	07.07.2018

Present: None on behalf of the Appellant.
Sh. Jatinder Singh, Sr. Assistant, O/o Director, Rural Dev. & Panchayats, Punjab at Commission's office, Chd. – for Respondents.

ORDER

The following order was passed by this forum on 02.01.2019:

"The appellant smells some foul play in leasing out eight acres of land of Village Chhunni Kalan, Distt. Hoshiarpur, for the establishment of a distillery.

Smt. Ranjit Kaur, Superintendent, Grade II, appearing on behalf of the respondents submits that due process has been followed as per policy of the government and its approval has been granted by the Director, Rural Dev. & Panchayats, Punjab. On receipt of an endorsement from the office of the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, a Committee was constituted to look into the same and the appellant was suitably informed.

The Commission is given to understand that the matter has now been taken up with the Hon'ble Punjab & Haryana High Court, Chandigarh, as well. At the face of it, there does not seem any instance where the information has been withheld by the respondents. Executive action if any shall obviously follow the decision of the Hon'ble Punjab & Haryana High Court.

Since the appellant is absent, an opportunity is afforded to him to advert on the aforesaid facts and submissions."



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Appeal Case No.2390/2018

None is present on behalf of the Appellant. Nothing has been heard in writing as well. Having failed to respond to the observations of the Commission as mentioned above, the Commission feels that he has been adequately informed. No action is called for.

Disposed.

20.03.2019

**Sd/-
(Yashvir Mahajan)
State Information Commissioner**



Sh. Ajay Kumar,
S/o Sh. Santokh Ram,
R/o VPO-Khaira,
Tehsil-Phillaur, Distt. Jalandhar,

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Panchayat Secretary,
Gram Panchayat, Khaira,
Block-Phillaur, Distt. Jalandhar.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Director,
Rural Development and Panchayat Department,
Sector-62, S.A.S Nagar.

Respondents

Appeal Case No.2394/2018

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of First Appeal made, if any	Date of order, if any of FAA	Date of Second Appeal
14.11.2017	Nil	19.03.2018	Nil	16.07.2018

Present: Sh. Ajay Kumar, Appellant in person.
Sh. Gurchetan Ram, Panchayat Secretary – for Respondents.

ORDER

The case has been heard through video conferencing.

The following order was passed by this forum on 02.01.2019”

“The appellant had sought information about the various development works having been executed by the gram panchayat of Village Khehra and some allied information.

The appellant has sent various communications to the respondents without any response from them. Apparently the respondents have violated the provisions of Section 7(1) of the RTI Act and have rendered themselves liable for penal consequences.

The BDPO concerned has duly forwarded his application to the Panchayat Secretary under Section 6(3) of the RTI Act. Treating him as deemed PIO, the Panchayat Secretary is issued a show cause notice to explain in a self- attested affidavit as to why a penalty @ Rs.250/- per day of delay subject to maximum of Rs.25,000/- till the complete information is furnished, be not imposed

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under Section 20(1) of RTI Act, 2005 on him for causing willful delay / denial of the information to the RTI applicant and why the compensation be not awarded to the Appellant under Section 19 (8) (b) of the Act for the detriment suffered by him.

In addition to the written reply, the PIO is also given an opportunity under Section 20(1) proviso thereto, for a personal hearing before the imposition of such penalty on the next date of hearing. He may take note that in case he does not file his written reply and does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the 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."

The case has come up for hearing today. Sh. Gurchetan Ram, Panchayat Secretary has not come up with suitable reply to the show cause notice. However, in video conference he says that the information has been provided to the appellant who denies it vociferously.

Sh. Gurchetan Ram, Panchayat Secretary is directed to file a written reply to the show cause notice and come present on the next date of hearing along with original record **at Chandigarh on 18.04.2019 at 11.30 AM.**

Sd/-

20.03.2019

**(Yashvir Mahajan)
State Information Commissioner**



Sh. Malkiat Singh, Advocate,
 S/o Sh. Surinder Singh,
 Civil Court Complex,
 Dasuya, Hoshiarpur.

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
 O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer,
 Block Hajipur, Tehsil Mukerian,
 Distt. Hoshiarpur.

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

Respondents

Appeal Case Nos.2133 and 2135 of 2018

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of First Appeal made, if any	Date of order, if any of FAA	Date of Second Appeal
22.12.2017	24.01.2018	27.03.2018	Nil	16.05.2018

Present: **None on behalf of the Appellant.**
Sh. Sukhpreet Pal Singh, BDPO, Hazipur – for Respondents.

ORDER

The case has been heard through video conferencing.

The following order was made by the Commission on 02.01.2019:

“The appellant seeks to know the action having been taken by the respondents on a memo addressed to him by the Deputy Commissioner, Hoshiarpur. Consequent upon the directions passed by the Hon’ble Punjab & Haryana High Court, Chandigarh, in Civil Writ Petition the appellant is approaching the authorities for the construction of a pucca road leading to their habitations. The Block Development & Panchayat Officer, Block Hazipur has replied that the land is under encroachment and the proceedings for its eviction are pending with the District Development and Panchayat Officer, Hoshiarpur.

The appellant may like to advert on the above submissions in writing. The case shall be taken up for next hearing on 20.03.2019 at 11.30 AM through video conference at Hoshiarpur.”

The appellant is not present. Nothing has been heard in writing from him as well. As can be made out from the aforementioned order the appellant is seeking redressal of his grievance.



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Appeal Case Nos.2133 and 2135 of 2018

It is not within the domain of this forum to take executive decision. The application/appeal as such does not lie. Nonetheless the authority in the Rural Development & Panchayats Department, Punjab, shall take due action towards redressal of the same.

Disposed.

Sd/-

20.03.2019

**(Yashvir Mahajan)
State Information Commissioner**

**Cc: The Director, Rural Dev. & Panchayats, Punjab, Vikas Bhawan, Sector – 62,
SAS Nagar (Mohali) for n/a.**



Sh. Baljeet Singh Gill,
S/o Sh. Gurcharan Singh,
R/o Village- Kokari Kalan,
Patti Nangal, Distt. Moga.

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer,
Block-1, Moga.

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

Respondents

Appeal Case No.2/2019

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of First Appeal made, if any	Date of order, if any of FAA	Date of Second Appeal/ Complaint
13.09.2018	Nil	25.10.2018	Nil	12.12.2018

Present: None.

ORDER

Due to technical glitch the video conferencing could not mature.

The case is adjourned to be heard on **03.07.2019 at 11.30 AM through video conference at Moga.**

Sd/-

20.03.2019

**(Yashvir Mahajan)
State Information Commissioner**



Sh. Hakam Singh,
S/o Sh. Darshan Singh,
R/o Sadhir, Tehsil-Giderbaha,
Distt. Sri Muktsar Sahib.

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer,
Malout. Distt. Sri Muktsar Sahib.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o District Development and Panchayat Officer,
Sri Muktsar Sahib.

Respondents

Appeal Case No.88/2019

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of First Appeal made, if any	Date of order, if any of FAA	Date of Second Appeal/ Complaint
01.08.2018	13.09.2018	23.08.2018	Nil	05.12.2018

Present: Sh. Hakam Singh, Appellant in person.
1. Sh. Harjinder Singh, Superintendent, BDPO office,
2. Sh. Raja Singh, Panchayat Secretary, and
3. Sh. Gurcharan Singh, Panchayat Secretary – for Respondents.

ORDER

The case has been heard through video conferencing.

The appellant has sought information pertaining to virtually all the activities of seven villages of the block. He admits having received the record of four villages. The Commission feels that dispensing such an information shall disproportionately erode the resources of the public authority for sure. The respondents should allow him the inspection of the record of the rest of the villages and part with the certified copies of the documents identified by him not beyond 150 pages in all. The respondents shall inform him about the definite date, time and place for inspection well in advance.

To come up on **19.06.2019 at 11.30 AM through video conference at Sri Muktsar Sahib.**

Sd/-

20.03.2019

**(Yashvir Mahajan)
State Information Commissioner**



Sh. Amrinder Singh Sidhu,
R/o House No. 2, Street No. 19,
Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar,
Near Leo House, Dhandra Road,
Ludhiana.

Appellant

Versus

Public information Officer,
O/o District Development and Panchayat Officer,
Ludhiana.

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

Respondents

Appeal Case No.99/2019

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of First Appeal made, if any	Date of order, if any of FAA	Date of Second Appeal/ Complaint
20.08.2018	13.09.2018	24.09.2018	Nil	05.11.2018

Present: None.

ORDER

None is present on behalf of the Parties.

The matter shall be reheard on **19.06.2019 at 11.30 AM through video conference**
at Ludhiana.

20.03.2019

Sd/-
(Yashvir Mahajan)
State Information Commissioner

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Sh. P.K Malhan,
R/o #111, New Deol Nagar,
Jalandhar.

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Assistant Excise and Taxation Commissioner,
Jalandhar-II, Distt. Jalandhar.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Deputy Excise and Taxation Commissioner,
Jalandhar Division, Jalandhar.

Respondents

Appeal Case No.101/2019

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of First Appeal made, if any	Date of order, if any of FAA	Date of Second Appeal/ Complaint
01.06.2018	Nil	13.07.2018	04.09.2018	12.11.2018

Present: None on behalf of the Appellant.
Sh. Yash Gill, ETO, O/o AETC, Jalandhar – for Respondents.

ORDER

The case has been heard through video conferencing.

Sh. Yash Gill, ETO appearing on behalf of the respondents says that the information sought is very voluminous and shall entail herculean efforts to provide it. The Commission agrees with them. However, it directs them to provide the summarized information as is available with them in terms of number of assesses registered and the total revenue generated from the defaulters or outstanding etc. under intimation to the Commission.

To come up on **26.06.2019 at 11.30 AM through video conference at Jalandhar.**

20.03.2019

**Sd/-
(Yashvir Mahajan)
State Information Commissioner**



Sh. Surjit Singh Ahuja,
Village-Aujla Dhak, PO-Lidhar Kalan,
Distt. Jalandhar.

Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o District Development and Panchayat Officer,
Jalandhar.

Respondent

Complaint Case No.7/2019

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of First Appeal made, if any	Date of order, if any of FAA	Date of Second Appeal/ Complaint
11.10.2018	Nil	Nil	Nil	11.12.2018

Present: None on behalf of the Complainant.
 Sh. Nachhtar Singh, Panchayat Secretary – for Respondent.

ORDER

The case has been heard through video conferencing.

The complainant is absent. Sh. Nachhtar Singh appearing on behalf of the respondents says that the complainant has been duly informed and he has given in writing that he is not interested to pursue the case. The respondents are directed to file a written reply along with communication sent to them by the complainant before the next date of hearing.

To come up on **19.06.2019 at 11.30 AM through video conference at Jalandhar.**

20.03.2019

**Sd/-
(Yashvir Mahajan)
State Information Commissioner**