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Sh. Deepinder Singh, S/o Sh. Jaswinder Singh, Village Bhullerheri, Tehsil Dhuri, District Sangrur.

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o Block Development & Panchayat Officer, Dhuri, District Sangrur.

First Appellate Authority-cum-O/o Addl. Deputy Commissioner (Dev.), Sangrur.

Respondents

Appeal Case No.1443/2019

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
08.01.2019	Nil	16.02.2019	Nil	16.04.2019

Present: Sh.Deepinder Singh, Appellant is absent.

Shri Naresh Kumar, Panchayat Secretary- for Respondents.

ORDER:

The appellant is absent. The respondent says that he has provided the entire information to the appellant, but he has refused to give acknowledgement receipt. The appellant is desired to respond to the Commission to it.

The matter shall be re-heard on 06.08.2019 at 11.30 AM.

20.06.2019

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Sh. Gursewak Singh, S/o Sh. Amarjit Singh, R/o Village- Bhamba Landa, Tehsil & District-Ferozepur.

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o Distt. Development & Panchayat Officer, Ferozepur.

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

Respondents

Appeal Case No.1445/2019 and 1446/2019

	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
03.01.2019	Nil	14.01.2019	Nil	16.04.2019

Subject: Sh.Gursewak Singh, Appellant is present.

Sh.Gurpreet Singh, Steno O/o BDPO Ferozepur.

ORDER:

The appellant vide his application dated 03.01.2019 has sought information pertaining to the income having accrued to the Panchayat of village Bhamba Landa, Tehsil and District Ferozepur and the expenses incurred on various development works during the period 2013 to 2018.

Having failed to elicit any response from the PIO even after filing the appeal, he has been constrained to approach the Commission. The perusal of the record suggests that one Shri Kewal Singh, Panchayat Secretary was duly desired by BDPO to part with the information by way of transfer of the application under Section 6(3) of the Act. Shri Gurpreet Singh, Steno, office of BDPO Ferozepur submits that the Panchayat Secretary is defiant. Despite their express advice, he has refused to provide the information.

The appellant alleges serious irregularities as well as embezzlement of Panchayat funds. They have shown some documents which reflect overwriting in the receipts issued against the lease of Panchayat land. The matter seems serious. RTI Act has been enacted to bring about transparency and accountability in the conduct of public functionaries and as such, it is desirable that the issue is taken to logical ends.



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It transpires that Sh. Kewal Singh has never been in the custody of records as it was handed over to the Sarpanch by his predecessor. In the scenario, the conduct of the BDPO becomes dubious. When the record is not available with the Panchayat Secretary and it is already in his notice, then the exercise in transferring the application to him was meaningless. The BDPO as such, has failed to discharge his duty.

He is hereby issued 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 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.

To come up on 30.07.2019 at 11.30 AM.

20.06.2019

Sd/-(Yashvir Mahajan) State Information Commissioner

CC:

The DDPO, Ferozepur. He is directed to look into and have an enquiry conducted into the matter and in case, the official record is still not being parted with, the Sarpanch concerned should be criminally booked by lodging a complaint with the jurisdictional Police Station.

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Sh. Rajinder Kumar Gupta, Block Dev. & Panchayat Officer, Vikas Bhawan, SAS Nagar(Mohali)

Appellant

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

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

Respondents

Appeal Case No.1453/2019

Versus

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
21.07.2018	Nil	01.10.2018	Nil	18.04.2019

Present: Shri Rajinder Kumar, appellant is absent.

Shri Nishan Singh, Panchayat Secretary, O/o BDPO Guruharsahai.

ORDER:

The appellant, who is a public servant, has sought exemption as his presence is unavoidable in an another official engagement. Shri Nishan Singh, Panchayat Secretary appears and submits that the record has not been transferred to him by his predecessor Shri Rajvir Singh. Be that as it may be, BDPO Guruharsahai is hereby desired to ensure that the information sought is provided to the appellant, failing which, the Commission shall be constrained to hold him personally responsible and the necessary follow up, penal action shall be taken.

To come up for hearing on 01.08.2019 at 11.30 AM.

Sd/-(Yashvir Mahajan) State Information Commissioner

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Sh. Harnam Dass, H.No.3165-D, Sector-40, Chandigarh

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o District Development & Panchayat Officer, Kapurthala.

First Appellate Authority, O/o Deputy Commissioner, Kapurthala.

Respondents

Appeal Case No.1454/2019

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
04.01.2019	Nil	05.02.2019	Nil	18.04.2019

Present: Shri Harnam Dass, appellant is absent.

None is present on behalf of respondents.

ORDER:

None is present. The appellant has enclosed a copy of the letter addressed to him by the BDPO Nadala. It seems that the BDPO Nadala who is a senior public functionary, is ignorant about the provisions of the RTI Act. He has advised the information seeker to contact the Panchayat Secretary on telephone and obtain the information by furnishing identity card. Legally, he should have transferred the application under Section 6(3) of the Act to the concerned Panchayat Secretary to provide information to the appellant. He is desired to do it now and ensure that the sought information is provided within a fortnight from the date of receipt of order positively and also explain the delay and show cause as to why a penalty as envisaged in Section 20(1) for the violation of Section 7(i) of the RTI Act should not be imposed.

The matter shall be reconsidered on 08.08.2019 at 11.30 AM.

Sd/-(Yashvir Mahajan) State Information Commissioner

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Sh.Harbhajan Singh, S/o Sh.Mohan Singh, R/o Vill.Giganwal, PO Bheram Sarishta, Tehsil & District Jalandhar.

Appellant

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

First Appellate Authority-cum-District Development & Panchayat Officer, Jalandhar

Respondents

Appeal Case No.1489/2019

Versus

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
18.10.2019	Nil	04.02.2019	Nil	23.04.2019

Present:

Sh.Harbhajan Singh, Appellant is present. None is present on behalf of respondents.

ORDER:

The appellant vide his application dated 18.10.2018 has sought information about various development activities having been undertaken and the record pertaining thereto during the period from 01.04.2014 to 30.09.2018. The appeal filed on 04.02.2019 has also not elicited any response from the appellate authority. Being constrained, the appellant has filed the second appeal with the Commission.

The respondents have demanded an amount of Rs.9850/- for providing the information without annexing any calculation on the basis of which the aforesaid amount has been arrived at. To common sense, the amount seems inflated and exorbitant. The Commission takes serious view of the fact that the BDPO who is respondent has not filed any reply despite the notice of the Commission. While desiring him to explain as to why he should not be penalized, he is directed to arrange inspection of the record relating to the information on 16.07.2019 at 11.00 AM. After inspection, he shall provide certified copies of the documents to the appellant to an extent of 200 pages only free of cost.

The matter shall be reheard on 01.08.2019 at 11.30 AM.

Sd/-(Yashvir Mahajan) State Information Commissioner

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Sh. Kashmir Singh Bhinder, S/o Sh. Kartar Singh, H.No.2414, Phase-XI, Sector–65, S.A.S Nagar.

Appellant

Public Information Officer, O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Kot Isse Khan, Tehsil Dharamkot, Distt. Moga.

First Appellate Authority, O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Kot Isse Khan, Tehsil Dharamkot, Distt. Moga.

Respondents

Appeal Case No.2282/2018

Versus

Date of RTI	Date of Reply, if	Date of First Appeal	Date of order,	Date of Second Appeal/
Application	any of SPIO	made, if any	if any of FAA	Complaint
05.02.2018	Nil	30.042018	Nil	09.07.2019

Present: Sh. Kashmir Singh Bhinder, Appellant is absent.

None on behalf of the Respondents.

ORDER

None is present.

The matter is adjourned to 08.08.2019 at 11.30 AM.

20.06.2019

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Sh. Jasbir Singh, S/o Sh. Harbans Singh R/o Village Jalal Khera, PO Sular, District Patiala.

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o Deputy Commissioner, Fatehgarh Sahib.

First Appellate Authority, O/o Deputy Commissioner, Fatehgarh Sahib.

Respondents

Appeal Case No.903/2019

Date of RTI	Date of Reply, if	Date of First Appeal	Date of order, if	Date of
Application	any of SPIO	made, if any	any of FAA	Complaint
25.10.2017	Nil	04.01.2019	Nil	06.03.2018

Present: Sh. Jasbir Singh, Appellant is absent.

Sh. Sukhwinder Singh, Inspector, O/o Assistant Registrar, Coop. Societies,

Fatehgarh Sahib - for the Respondents.

ORDER

is acceded to.

The following order was passed on 02.05.2019:-

"The appellant has requested to excuse his absence, as he is busy. His request

The Appellant is seeking information with regard to the resolutions passed by the Cooperative Society and the details of the loan waived by the State Govt. for the year 2017-18, of the farmers owning less than 5 acres of land.

The respondents have taken the plea that the Appellant is not entitled to the information in terms of the law laid down in the judgment of Hon'ble Supreme Court on 15.10.2013. Seemingly, they are referring to the judgment passed by the Apex Court in matter of Thalappalam Service Coop. Bank Ltd. & ors. Vs. State of Kerala & ors. 2013(4) RCR(Civil) 912 (SC) in Civil appeal No.912. While partially agreeing with the submission made by the respondents, the Commission observes that the Appellant has sought to know the details of the loans waived by the State Government which entails outlay of public funds. The respondents are directed to provide the information in this regard as it shall not attract the dictate of the Supreme Court Judgment".



Appeal Case No.903/2019

Shri Sukhwinder Singh, Inspector, O/o A.R.C.S. Fatehgarh Sahib is present. He

states that he is acting as a Proxy of Inspector Gurpreet Singh. He has produced before the

Commission a letter signed by Gurpreet Singh which is un dated and un numbered and does not

lead us anywhere. The Commission takes it as a willful attempt to obstruct the information in

violation of Section 7(1) of the RTI Act, 2005. He does not seem to have gone through the order

passed by the Commission on 02.05.2019.

ARCS is hereby desired to show cause as to why penalty be not imposed under

Section 20(1) of RTI Act, 2005 on them for causing willful delay / denial of the information to the

RTI applicant and why the compensation be not awarded to the Complainant 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.

To come up on 06.08.2019 at 11.30 AM.

20.06.2019

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Sh. Sher Singh S/o Sh.Babu Ram R/o Village Jainti Majri Tehsil Kharar, District Mohali.

Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o Tehsildar, Kharar, Distt. Mohali.

Respondent

Complaint Case No.237 & 238/2019

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

Present: Sh. Sher Singh, Complainant is present.

None is present for the Respondent.

ORDER

The following order was passed on 02.05.2019:-

"Since the Appellant and the Respondent in both the above appeals is the same, these shall be disposed by a single order.

The Complainant has sought a copy each of Mutation No.9889 and 26370 sanctioning the transfer of land situated in Village Karoran, Tehsil Kharar, District Mohali following a compromise arrived between the interested parties.

The respondents are absent. The Commission takes serious note as the Respondents have neither given any reply to the notice of the Commission nor have arranged to provide information to the Complainant. The respondents are advised to do the needful forthwith, failing which, penal consequences shall follow".

The case has come up today. The respondents have neither filed reply to the complaint nor have complied with the order reproduced above. Apparently, the Tehsildar, Kharar has rendered himself liable for imposition of penalty. He is hereby desired to show cause as to why penalty be not imposed under Section 20(1) of RTI Act, 2005 on him for causing willful delay / denial of the information to the complainant.

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Complaint Case No.237 & 238 /2019



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 a 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.

To come up on 06.08.2019 at 11.30 AM.

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Sh. Jarnail Singh, S/o Late Sh. Gurdial Singh, R/o 2738-A, !st Floor, MIG Super, Sector – 70, S.A.S Nagar(Mohali)

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o Sr. Superintendent of Police, S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali).

First Appellate Authority, O/o Sr. Superintendent of Police, S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali).

Respondents

Appeal Case No.980/2019

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
06.08.2018	Nil	13.09.2018	Nil	28.02.2019

Present: Sh. Jarnail Singh, Appellant along with Sh. Sumeet Singh Brar, Advocate.

HC Sehajpreet Singh, PS Mataur, Distt. Mohali

on behalf of the Respondents.

ORDER

The following order was passed on 07.05.2019:-

"Having failed to receive any response from the respondents on their application dated 03.09.2018, the complainant has been constrained to approach the Commission. It transpires that the issue was earlier adjudicated by Commission vide order dated 30.08.2019. Though it is not desirable to reopen or review the matter, yet, as an additional information with regard to Narco test of the accused in FIR No.213 of 2015 has been made, the same is being entertained. The respondents are advised to make good the same. The respondents are advised to provide them the certified copies of the documents along with the 'untraced report' sent by them to the judicial court".

The case has come up today. On the request of the parties, the matter is adjourned.

To come up on 06.08.2019 at 11.30 AM.

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Ms. Yachika D/o Sh.Jodhbir Sharma R/o #615/15, Sharma Cottage, Guru Nanak Colony, Patti, District- Tarn Taran..

Complainant

Public Information Officer, O/o Station House Officer, Police Station, Daba,

District Ludhiana.

Respondent

Complaint Case No.197/2019

Versus

	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
Ī	31.12.2018	Nil	Nil	Nil	20.02.2019

Present: Shri Jodhbir Sharma, father of complainant Ms. Yachika is present

None is present on behalf of the respondents.

ORDER:

The case has been committed to this Bench on demission of office by the Chief Information Commissioner. On the last date of hearing on 03.04.2019, the respondents had neither submitted any reply nor were present. The Commission takes very strong exception to the dismal conduct of the respondents towards ignoring the application and couple of orders of the Commission as well. Apparently, it is a willful defiant and suppression of information. The Station House Officer, Police Station, Daba, Ludhiana is hereby issued show cause notice to show cause as to why penalty be not imposed under Section 20(1) of RTI Act, 2005 on them for causing willful delay / denial of the information to the RTI applicant.

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.

To come up on 06.08.2019 at 11.30 AM.

Sd/-(Yashvir Mahajan) State Information Commissioner

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Ms. Yachika D/o Sh.Jodhbir Sharma R/o #615/15, Sharma Cottage, Guru Nanak Colony, Patti, District- Tarn Taran..

Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o Marriage Registrar, Ludhiana.

Superintendent-cum-PIO O/o Sub Divisional Magistrate(West)

Respondent

Complaint Case No.202/2019

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO		Date of order, if any of FAA	Date of Second Appeal/ Complaint
14.12.2018	Nil	Nil	Nil	21.02.2019

Present:

Ludhiana.

Shri Jodhbir Sharma, father of complainant Ms. Yachika is present

None is present on behalf of the respondents.

ORDER:

The case has been committed to this Bench on demission of office by the Chief Information Commissioner. On the last date of hearing on 03.04.2019, the respondents had neither submitted any reply nor were present. The Commission takes very strong exception to the dismal conduct of the respondents towards ignoring the application and couple of orders of the Commission as well. Apparently, it is a willful defiant and suppression of information. The PIO, Marriage Registrar, Ludhiana is hereby issued show cause notice to show cause as to why penalty be not imposed under Section 20(1) of RTI Act, 2005 on them for causing willful delay / denial of the information to the RTI applicant.

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.

To come up on 06.08.2019 at 11.30 AM.

Sd/-(Yashvir Mahajan) State Information Commissioner

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Sh. Jasbir Singh, Vill.Bolapur Jhabewal PO Ramgarh, Ludhiana, District Ludhiana

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o Commissioner of Police, Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority-cum-Commissioner of Police, Ludhiana

Respondent

Appeal Case No.777/2019

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of First Appeal made, if any	· ·	Date of Second Appeal/ Complaint
28.11.2018	Nil	01.01.2019	Nil	21.02.2019

Present: Sh.Jasbir Singh, Appellant is absent.

Sh.Pawandev Singh, SI, I/c RTI, O/o Commissioner of Police, Ludhiana.

ORDER:

The case has been committed to this Bench on the demission of office by the former Chief Information Commissioner. The following order was passed by the former Commissioner on 03.04.2019:-

"In this case, Shri Jasbir Singh, Appellant vide his RTI application dated 28.11.2018, addressed to the PIO, sought certain information regarding FIR No.0347 dated 23.10.2018. On receiving no information, he filed first appeal with the First Appellate Authority vide application dated 01.01.2019 and subsequently, approached the Commission in Second Appeal vide his application dated 16.02.2019 which was received in the Commission on 21.02.2019. Accordingly, a notice of hearing was sent to the concerned parties for today.

2. Today, the representative of the respondents submits a letter No.AC-777/RTI, dated 29.03.2019 enclosing a copy of provided information from PIO-cum-DCP, Commissionerate, Ludhiana vide which it has been informed that the requisite information has been sent to the appellant by registered post on 26.03.2019.



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Accordingly, the appellant is directed to send his observations, if any, on the provided information to the PIO, with a copy to the Commission.

3. Since my term is expiring on 04.05.2019, I am not in a position to fix next date for hearing in this case. Therefore, this case file is sent to Registry for taking further necessary action to get it re-allocated to some other Bench of the Commission".

In the order passed on 03.04.2019, the former Commissioner had desired the response of the appellant on the statement of the respondents vide which they have reportedly sent information to the appellant. The Commission has seen the information sent to the appellant. On the face of it, it seems to be in order. The appellant has failed to make any observation as was desired from him. He has sought adjournment in the case. The Commission feels that he has been sufficiently informed. Any further adjournment will erode the public resources. **The appeal is disposed.**

20.06.2019

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Sh. Jaspal Singh, S/o Sh. Ramesh Arora, R/o 319/3, Gurdeep Nagar, Jagraon, District Ludhiana

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o Incharge, Police Post, Bus Stand, Jagraon, District Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority O/o Deputy Inspector General of Police, Ludhiana Range, Ludhiana

Respondent

Appeal Case No.817/2019

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
06.12.2018	Nil	07.01.2019	Nil	22.02.2019

Present: Sh.Jaspal Singh, Appellant is absent.

ASI Gurmeet Singh, Police Post, Bus Stand, Jagraon, Distt. Ludhiana

- For respondents.

ORDER:

The following order was passed by the former Commissioner on 03.04.2019:-

"In this case, Shri Jaspal Singh, appellant vide his RTI application dated 06.12.2018, addressed to the PIO, sought certain information on 4 points in respect of Shri Sukhbeg Singh, ASI along with copy of joint statement. On receiving no information, he filed first appeal with the First Appellate Authority vide application dated 07.01.2019 and subsequently, approached the Commission in Second Appeal vide his application dated 20.02.2019, which was received in the Commission on 22.02.2019. Accordingly, a notice of hearing was sent to the concerned parties for today.

- 2. Today, the appellant is not present. However, a letter dated 02.04.2019 has been received from him informing that he is unable to attend the hearing due to ill health. He has further informed that no information has been provided to him as yet.
- 3. After going through the sought for information and hearing the respondent, it is directed that point-wise reply on all the 4 points along with admissible information be supplied to the appellant, before the next date of hearing, with a copy to the Commission.



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4. Since my term is expiring on 04.05.2019, I am not in a position to fix next date for hearing in this case. Therefore, this case file is sent to Registry for taking further necessary action to get it re-allocated to some other Bench of the Commission".

The case has been committed to this Bench which has come up for hearing today. The appellant is absent. The respondent, represented by Shri Gurmeet Singh, is present. He submits that the information has been sent to the appellant in a registered cover dated 19.06.2019. The Commission has seen its copy. Seemingly, it is in order. No further intervention of the Commission is called for. **The appeal is disposed.**

20.06.2019

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Ms. Amritpal Kaur, D/o Sh. Surjan Singh, R/o New Atam Nagar, St. No. 6/3, Jagraon, Distt:Ludhiana.

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o Senior Superintendent of Police, Ludhiana (Rural) at Jagraon.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Deputy Inspector General of Police,
Ludhiana Range, Ludhiana.

Respondents

Appeal Case No.3956/2018 &

Appeal Case No.758/2019

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
11.06.2018	Nil	24.08.2018	Nil	29.08.2018

Present: Smt. Amritpal Kaur, Appellant in person.

Sh.Sharanjit Singh, ASI & Sh.Paramjit singh, HC, PS City, Jagraon

For the respondents.

ORDER

The appellant and the respondents are the same and the nature of the information is also identical. Both the appeals are disposed of with the similar order.

This case was heard by the former CIC till the completion of his term. From the perusal of the interim order passed by him, it transpires that the appellant is seeking the particulars of the officials who carried the file pertaining to FIR No. 244/07, Police Station, Jagraon back and forth to the Hon'ble Punjab and Haryana High Court in connection with the hearing of a writ petition. As the respondent failed to comply with the directions passed by the former CIC, they were penalized and were ordered to pay a compensation of Rs. 2000/- to the appellant.

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The matter came up for hearing today. The respondent tendered a bank draft for

an amount of Rs. 2000/- to be handed over to the appellant. However, she refused to accept

stating that she requires it to be issued from the State Treasury only. The respondents submit

that the file in question was handed over on the verbal orders of the Government pleader. It is

also submitted that despite their best efforts, they could not lay hand to the file. The matter is still

under consideration of the Hon'ble High Court. The tangible information in this file under

consideration as admitted is already available with the appellant.

The Commission is at a loss to understand as to how the information sought shall further

the ends of justice. It appears to be only intended to cause harassment. The Commission cannot

be used as a forum to satisfy fanciful demands of a whimsical litigant. No further intervention of

the Commission is called for.

The respondents are directed to send bank draft pertaining to the compensation within

seven days from the receipt of this order to the appellant by a registered post. The appeal is

disposed.

20.06.2019