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Sh. Amrit Pal Singh, (7710294404)
Village Hothian, Tehsil Kadhoor Sahib,
District TaranTaran.

..Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
o/o Director, Rural Development and Panchayat Deptt., Pb.
Punjab, Vikas Bhawan,
Sector 62, Mohali

Public Information Officer,
Cum-Panchayat Secreatary, Hothian
c/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer,
Block Khadoor Sahib,
Distt.TaranTaran.

First Appellate Authority,
o/o District Development and Panchayat Officer,
Mini Secretariat, TaranTaran.

..Respondent

Appeal Case No. 966 of 2020
(Cisco Webex Proceedings)

Present:- Sh Amrit Pal Singh, appellant.
Sh. Gurmeet Singh, Block Development and Panchayats Officer 9914412211
on behalf of the respondents.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 30.9.2020.

2. The appellant states that complete information has been supplied by the respondents but no compensation amount has been paid to him as has been awarded by the Commission amounting to Rs.5000/- (Rupees Five thousand only). Whereas, the representative of the respondents states that the compensation will be paid to the appellant before the next date of hearing and requested for the adjournment of the case.

3. According to the request of the representative of the respondents the case is adjourned with the directions that the compensation amount may be paid to the appellant before the next date of hearing and a confirmation in this regard be sent to the Commission.

4. To come up on 10.11.2020 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Taran Taran/cisco webex.

sd

Dated: 21.10.2020

(Suresh Arora)
Chief Information Commissioner,
Punjab.

cc

Director, (By name) (REGD)
Rural Development and Panchayat, Department, Punjab,
Vikas Bhawan, Sector 62,
Mohali

For information.

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District Development and Panchayat Officer,(Regd)
Mini Secretariat,
TaranTaran

Sh. Gurmeet Singh (Regd.)
Block Development and Panchayats Officer,
Block Khadoor Sahib,
District Taran Taran.

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Shri Gurmeet Singh s/o Shri Lal Singh
r/o Village Kikkar Khera,
Tehsil Abohar,
District Fazilka.

....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer
o/o Block Development and Panchayats Officer,
Block Munak at Andana,
Tehsil Khanauri,
District Sangrur.

First Appellate Authority
o/o Block Development and Panchayats Officer,
Munak,
District Sangrur.

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1393 of 2020
(Cisco Webex/phone proceedings)

Present:- Sh. Gurmeet Singh, appellant.
Sh. Gurjeet Singh, Accountant 9915482966 and Sh. Uttam Singh, Panchayat
Secretary on behalf of the respondents.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 9.9.2020.

2. The appellant states that the respondents are not providing the complete information. On the other hand the representative of the respondents states that the complete information whatever on record has been provided to the appellant pertaining to the RTI application of the appellant. The representative of the respondents further states that the appellant may come to the office for inspection and the documents will be supplied to him after identification, if any. The appellant agreed with the submissions of the respondents. With the mutual understanding the date of inspection has been fixed as 5.11.2020 at 11.00 AM in the office of the Block Development and Panchayats Officer.

3. Accordingly, the appellant is advised to visit the office of the respondents and get the record inspected pertaining to the RTI application. Also the respondents are directed to make available the record for inspection on the said date and time and supply the documents if so identified by the appellant.

4. To come up on 26.11.2020 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Sangrur/cisco webex.

sd

Dated: 21.10.2020

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Shri Gurmeet Singh s/o Shri Lal Singh
r/o Village Kikkar Khera,
Tehsil Abohar,
District Fazilka.

....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
Assistant program officer, MGNREGA,
c/o Block Development and Panchayats Officer,
Block Munak at Andana,
Tehsil Khanauri,
District Sangrur.

First Appellate Authority
o/o Block Development and Panchayats Officer,
Munak,
District Sangrur.

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1398 of 2020
(Cisco Webex/phone proceedings)

Present:- Sh. Gurmeet Singh, appellant.
Sh. Gurjeet Singh, Accountant 9915482966 and Sh. Uttam Singh, Panchayat
Secretary on behalf of the respondents.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 9.9.2020.

2. The appellant states that the respondents are not providing the complete information. On the other hand the representative of the respondents states that the complete information whatever on record has been provided to the appellant pertaining to the RTI application of the appellant. The representative of the respondents further states that the appellant may come to the office for inspection and the documents will be supplied to him after identification, if any. The appellant agreed with the submissions of the respondents. With the mutual understanding the date of inspection has been fixed as 5.11.2020 at 11.00 AM in the office of the Block Development and Panchayats Officer.

3. Accordingly, the appellant is advised to visit the office of the respondents and get the record inspected pertaining to the RTI application. Also the respondents are directed to make available the record for inspection on the said date and time and supply the documents if so identified by the appellant.

4. To come up on 26.11.2020 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Sangrur/cisco webex.

sd

Dated: 21.10.2020

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Punjab.

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Shri Gurmeet Singh s/o Shri Lal Singh
r/o Village Kikkar Khera,
Tehsil Abohar,
District Fazilka.

....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer
o/o Panchayat Secretary, Gram panchayat Bhulan,
c/o Block Development and Panchayats Officer,
Block Munak at Andana,
Tehsil Khanauri,
District Sangrur.

First Appellate Authority
o/o Block Development and Panchayats Officer,
Munak,
District Sangrur.

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1400 of 2020
(Cisco Webex/phone proceedings)

Present:- Sh. Gurmeet Singh, appellant.
Sh. Gurjeet Singh, Accountant 9915482966 and Sh. Uttam Singh, Panchayat Secretary on behalf of the respondents.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 9.9.2020.

2. The appellant states that the respondents are not providing the complete information pertaining to Point No. 3,5,6 and 7 but he is satisfied with the information so supplied by the respondents pertaining to Point No. 1,2 and 4 of the RTI application. However, the representative of the respondents states that the complete information whatever on record has been provided to the appellant pertaining to the RTI application of the appellant. The representative of the respondents further states that the appellant may come to the office for inspection and the documents will be supplied to him after identification, if any. The appellant agreed with the submissions of the respondents. With the mutual understanding the date of inspection has been fixed as 5.11.2020 at 11.00 AM in the office of the Block Development and Panchayats Officer.

3. Accordingly, the appellant is advised to visit the office of the respondents and get the record inspected pertaining to the RTI application. Also the respondents are directed to make available the record for inspection on the said date and time and supply the documents if so identified by the appellant.

4. To come up on 26.11.2020 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Sangrur/cisco webex.

sd

Dated: 21.10.2020

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Sh. Ramesh Kumar s/o Sh. Sukhdev Singh 7015576550
r/o Village Bhulan,
Tehsil Munak,
District Sangrur.

....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer
o/o Block Development and Panchayats Officer,
Block Munak,
District Sangrur.

First Appellate Authority
o/o District Development and Panchayats Officer,
Mini Secretariat,
Sangrur.

Prithvi Singh, Panchayat Secretary,
Gram Panchayat, Bhulan
c/o Block Development and Panchayats Officer,
Block Munak,
District Sangrur.

Public Information Officer
o/o the Director,
Rural Development and Panchayat, Punjab,
Vikas Bhawan, Sector 62,
Mohali

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1911 of 2020
(Cisco Webex Proceedings)

Present:- Sh. Ramesh Kumar, appellant.
Sh. Gurjeet Singh, Block Development and Panchayats Officer on behalf of the respondents.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 9.9.2020.

2. The representative of the respondents states that the information has been supplied to the appellant vide letter dated 13.10.2020 with a copy to the Commission. The same has been received in the Commission, which is taken on record. Whereas the appellant states that the respondents have supplied/replied regarding Point No. 3,6,7 & 8 with which he is satisfied. But he is not satisfied with the reply of the respondents that the panchayat record from January 2015 to December, 2016 is in the custody of Sh. Rampal Gram Sewak and the letters have been issued to him to handover the record so no information can be supplied.

3. According to the case file it appears that the respondent-Public Information Officer-cum-Block Development and Panchayats Officer, Andana at Munak (Sangrur) has not taken any action on the RTI application of the appellant dated 21.1.2020 to 13.10.2020 (the date on which the reply given to the appellant with a copy to the Commission) so the Public Information Officer-cum-Block Development and Panchayats Officer is directed to place on record any communication made in this case failing which the penalty provisions will be invoked on the next date of hearing.

4. After hearing the parties and going through the reply given by the respondent-Public Information Officer-cum-Block Development and Panchayats Officer, vide letter No. 134 dated 13.10.2020, the Public Information Officer o/o the Director, Rural Development and Panchayat

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Appeal Case No. 1911 of 2020

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Punjab is impleaded as necessary party in this case and the directions are issued to direct Sh. Rampal Gram Sewak to hand over the record of Gram Panchayat, Bhulan to the present incumbent and also a disciplinary action be taken to fix the responsibility regarding the handing over the old record of Gram Panchayat from January 2015 to December, 2016. He is also directed to ensure that the complete information is provided to the appellant before the next date of hearing.

5. To come up on 4.12.2020 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Sangrur/cisco webex.

Dated: 21.10.2020

sd
(Suresh Arora)
Chief Information Commissioner,
Punjab.

CC

Financial Commissioner (by name) Registered
Government of Punjab,
Rural Development & Panchayat Deptt.,
Vikas Bhawan, Sector 62,
Mohali

To look into the matter personally and
ensure compliance of this order.

The Director (By name) Registered
Rural Development & Panchayat Deptt.,
Vikas Bhawan, Sector 62,
Mohali

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Shri Baljit Singh S/o Shri Harjeet Singh, 98148-9955

R/o H. No. 4882 - B,

Guru Arjan Dev Nagar,

PO - Khalsa Collale, Amrisar.

..Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,

O/o Chief Engineer,

Panchayati Raj, P.W., Works, Punjab,

Vikas Bhawan, Sector -62,

SAS Nagar(Mohali).

First Appellate Authority-cum-

Financial Commissioner,

Rural Development and Panchayat Department,

Vikas Bhawan,

Punjab, Mohali.

Public Information Officer

o/o the Executive Engineer,

Panchayati Raj Division,

Vikas Bhawan, Mohali.

..Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1713 of 2020

(Cisco Webex Proceedings)

Present:- Sh. Harjit Singh father of Sh. Baljit Singh on behalf of the appellant.

Sh. Maheshwar Sharda, Executive Engineer, P.R. Divn., Mohali-6239159583
on behalf of the respondents.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 28.8.2020 vide which the case was adjourned to 12.10.2020 but could not be heard due to administrative reasons and further adjourned for today i.e. 21.10.2020.

2. The representative of the respondents states that the reply has already been sent to the appellant vide no. 704 dated 28.9.2020 and a copy of the same has been sent to the Commission for information, which is taken on record. He further states that the appellant has sought the information pertaining to the RTI application, along with the concerned record, filed by Sh. Balwinder Singh from 15.8.2017 to 10.5.2018. The representative of the respondents further states that according to the official record no such information has been supplied by the office pertaining to Point No. 1 & 2 of the RTI application. Regarding Point No.3 and 4 of the RTI application, the representative of the respondents states that it is in the question form so nothing has been supplied by the office.

3. However, the appellant contended that the office has made the wrong statement pertaining to Point No. 1 & 2 of the RTI application as Sh. Balwinder Singh has filed the CRM-M 23826 of 2018 in the Hon'ble Punjab and Haryana High Court and attached the documents pertaining to M/s Creative Builders as annexures that has been submitted by M/s Creative Builders to the Panchayati Raj Department. The appellant has sent the copies of the same through email, which are taken on record.

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4. The respondent-Public Information Officer states that he will look into the matter personally and will fix responsibility in case the statement of the appellant is based on facts.

5. After hearing both the parties and going through the record placed on file, the Commission observes that it is a serious matter that the official documents of Panchayati Raj Department are in public domain when it relates to the 3rd party and not supplied under the RTI Act, 2005 as per the submissions of the respondent. Hence, the respondent-Public Information Officer is directed to initiate the enquiry and fix responsibility in this case. Also the respondent-Public Information Officer is directed to submit that from 15.8.2017 to 10.5.2018, no RTI application of Sh. Balwinder Singh has been received/dealt with by the office relating to the appellant before the next date of hearing.

6. To come up on 10.11.2020 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Amritsar/cisco webex.

Sd/

Dated: 21.10.2020

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R/o H. No. 4882 - B,

Guru Arjan Dev Nagar,

PO - Khalsa Collale, Amrisar.

..Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,

O/o Chief Engineer,

Panchayati Raj, P.W., Works, Punjab,

Vikas Bhawan, Sector -62,

SAS Nagar (Mohali).

First Appellate Authority-cum-

Financial Commissioner,

Rural Development and Panchayat Department, Pb.

Vikas Bhawan, Mohali.

..Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1728 of 2020

(Cisco Webex Proceedings)

Present:- Sh. Harjeet Singh father of Sh. Baljeet Singh on behalf of the appellant.

Sh. Sanjay Kumar Ghai, Executive Engineer on behalf of the respondents.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 28.8.2020 vide which the case was adjourned to 12.10.2020 but could not be heard due to administrative reasons and further adjourned for today i.e. 21.10.2020.

2. The appellant states that the respondents be directed to supply the copy of letter dated 11.3.2016 along with the information i.e. Point No. 1 of the RTI application as the document supplied is illegible. He further states that no information is being supplied by the respondents pertaining to Point No. 2 of the RTI application. However, the representative of the respondents states that the information pertaining to Point No.1 has already been sent but again the legible copy of the same will be sent to the appellant. He further states that the copy of the said letter was also sent to the Commission through whatsapp. Regarding Point No. 2 of the RTI application the representative of the respondents states that the information is not clear as to what is being sought. Whereas, the appellant clarified that as per his RTI application he has just requested that any correspondence inter-se between the office of the respondents and Superintending Engineer, Panchayati Raj PW Circle, Punjab during the period from 1.1.2016 to 14.3.2016 regarding the enlistment of M/s Creative Builders as Class I Contractors, if any. Accordingly, the representative of the respondents assured that the same will be supplied to the appellant before the next date of hearing and requested for the adjournment of the case. Copy of letter dated 3.9.2020 written by the respondent-Public Information Officer is taken on record.

3. Since the legible copy of the letter dated 11.3.2016 is available in the record of the Commission, the same is appended with this order. Regarding Point No.2 the directions are issued to the respondent-Public Information Officer to file the reply/supply the information to the appellant as has been clarified by the appellant, in Para 2 above, before the next date of hearing.

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4. To come up on 10.11.2020 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Amritsar/cisco webex.

sd

Dated: 21.10.2020

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Chief Information Commissioner,
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Shri Harjeet Singh S/o Shri Balbir Singh, 98148-09717

R/o H. No. 4882 - B,

Guru Arjan Dev Nagar,

PO - Khalsa Collage, Amrisar.

..Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,

O/o Chief Engineer,

Panchayti Raj, P.W.D, Punjab,

Vikas Bhawan, Sector -62,

SAS Nagar(Mohali).

First Appellate Authority-cum-

Financial Commissioner,

Rural Development and Panchayat Department,

Vikas Bhawan,

Punjab, Mohali.

Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1716 of 2020

(Cisco Webex Proceedings)

Present:- Sh. Harjeet Singh appellant.

Sh. Sanjay Kumar Ghai, Executive Engineer 9417440404 on behalf of the respondents.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 28.8.2020 vide which the case was adjourned to 12.10.2020 but could not be heard due to administrative reasons and further adjourned to today i.e. 21.10.2020.

2. The appellant has made the submissions which has been diarized in the Commission vide No. 13582 dated 7.10.2020. The appellant made the submissions that the respondents be directed to supply the information as per the RTI Act, 2005. However, the representative of the respondents states that the information relates to the 3rd party who has refused to share his personal information with anybody so his RTI request has been rejected. Regarding the attendance register, the representative of the respondents states that it is not maintained in the office regarding the gazetted officers.

3. A copy of the submissions has also been received from the 3rd party Sh. Subhash Gill, information of whom has been sought, is taken on record.

4. After hearing both the parties and going through the record available on the case file, the Commission accepts the plea taken by the respondents regarding attendance register i.e. Point No. 5 of the RTI application and also the copy of Joining Report should not be supplied to the appellant. As per the observation of the Commission the rest of the information should have been in the public domain provided the same is available in the office record. Accordingly the respondent-Public Information Officer is directed to file the reply/supply the remaining information which is as follows, to the appellant before the next date of hearing under intimation to the Commission.

1. Post of his first appointment in the department
2. Date of his joining.
3. Name of divisions/sub divisions/offices where he has served till date.

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4. Certified copies of appointment letter and all transfer orders issued from time to time till date.
5. Certified copy/s of promotion orders of promotions given to him till date, if any.
5. To come up on 10.11.2020 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Amritsar/cisco webex.

Dated: 21.10.2020

sd
(Suresh Arora)
Chief Information Commissioner,
Punjab.

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Shri Harjeet Singh S/o Shri Balbir Singh, 98148-09717

R/o H. No. 4882 - B,

Guru Arjan Dev Nagar,

PO - Khalsa Collale, Amrisar.

..Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,

O/o Executive Engineer,

Panchayti Raj Division, Tarn Taran,

Zila Pendu, Vikas Bhawan,

Tarn Taran.

First Appellate Authority-cum-

Superintending Engineer,

Panchayti Raj, P.W. Circle,

Jalandhar.

..Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1714 of 2020

(Cisco Webex Proceedings)

Present:- Sh. Harjeet Singh, appellant.

Sh. Vishal Sharma, Advocate, Sh. Paramjeet Singh, Executive Engineer and Sh.

Parminder Singh, SDE on behalf of the respondents.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 28.8.2020.

2. The respondents states that the matter has been stayed by the Hon'ble Punjab and Haryana High Court till 25.11.2020 and submits the copy of the Court order dated 14.10.2020, which is taken on record. The appellant also submitted the same.

3. Accordingly, the case is adjourned and will be heard on 4.12.2020 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Amritsar/cisco webex.

sd

Dated: 21.10.2020

(Suresh Arora)

Chief Information Commissioner,
Punjab.

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Sh. Amrik Singh M 7626002932
Village Sheikhuwas,
PO Ghoerenab, Tehsil Lehra Gaga,
District Sangrur.

....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer
o/o Panchayat Secretary, Sheikhuwas,
c/o Block Development and Panchayats Officer,
Block Lehra Gaga,
District Sangrur

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

..Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2354 of 2020
(Cisco Webex Proceedings)

Present:- Sh. Amrik Singh, appellant.
Sh. Hardeep Singh, Panchayat Secretary on behalf of the respondents.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 6.6.2020 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter called FAA) on 11.7.2020 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 28.8.2020 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter called RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today.

2. The appellant states that he is satisfied with the information supplied by the respondents pertaining to Point No. 5,6 and 7 of the RTI application but no information has been supplied by the respondents pertaining to Point No. 1,2,3 & 4 of the RTI application. The representative of the respondents assured that the same will be sent to the appellant within a week and requested for the adjournment of the case.

3. Accordingly, the case is adjourned with the directions to send the same through registered post to the appellant and the appellant is advised to go through the same on its receipt and point out deficiency, if any, before the next date of hearing.

4. To come up on 10.11.2020 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Sangrur/cisco webex.

sd

Dated: 21.10.2020

(Suresh Arora)
Chief Information Commissioner,
Punjab.

CC

Block Development and Panchayats Officer (By name) Registered
Block Lehragaga,
Sangrur

To comply with
the orders of the
Commission.

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Sh. Gurpreet Singh 9711612053
VPO Bhadharpur,
Tehsil & Distt. Sangrur.

....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer
o/o the Block Development and Panchayats Officer,
Sangrur.

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

..Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2337 of 2020
(Cisco Webex Proceedings)

Present:- Sh. Gurpreet Singh, appellant.
Sh. Lenin Garg, Block Development and Panchayats Officer on behalf of the respondents.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 17.7.2019 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter called FAA) on 22.8.2019 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 27.8.2020 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter called RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today.

2. The appellant states that no information has been provided by the respondents so far. However, the respondent-Public Information Officer-cum-Block Development and Panchayats Officer states that the appellant may come to the office for inspection of the concerned record and after identification by the appellant the same will be supplied to him with which the appellant agreed to. With the mutual understanding the date of inspection has been fixed as 26.10.2020 at 10.00 AM in the office of the Block Development and Panchayats Officer.

3. Accordingly, the appellant is advised to visit the office of the respondents and get the record inspected pertaining to the RTI application. Also the respondents are directed to make available the record for inspection on the said date and time and supply the documents if so identified by the appellant. The respondent-Public Information Officer is also directed that in case the complete information has not provided to the appellant, the punitive action will be initiated against him.

4. To come up on 26.11.2020 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Sangrur/cisco webex.

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Dated: 21.10.2020

(Suresh Arora)
Chief Information Commissioner,
Punjab.