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**Bench: Sh. Sanjiv Garg, State Information Commissioner, Punjab.**



(Regd. Post) **Sh. Ravinder Kataria,**  
# 64, New Sant Fateh Singh Nagar,  
Dugri Road, Ludhiana (Punjab)

**Appellant**

V/s.

(Regd. Post) **Public Information Officer,**  
O/o The Secretary,  
Regional Transport Authority,  
Amritsar.

(Regd. Post) **First Appellate Authority,**  
O/o The State Transport Commissioner, Punjab,  
Sector 17, Chandigarh.

**Respondent**

**Appeal Case No. 1939 of 2019**

**{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software}**

**Present :** The Appellant, Sh. Ravinder Kataria is present.  
None is present from the Department.

**ORDER:**

On the previous hearing dated 05.10.2021, the PIO was directed to submit the copy of postal receipts to the Commission vide which the information would have been supplied to the Appellant.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Ravinder Kataria states that the status of the case is same as it was discussed on the hearing dated 20.07.2021 and he still doesnot have access to the attachments (i.e. information) which was sent to him earlier. He further mentions about his email dated 14.12.2021 which has been sent to the Commission and is taken on record.

On the other hand, none is present from the Department.

**Commission takes a serious view against the PIO as the information is still not supplied to the Appellant and moreover, nobody appears today from the Department for clarifying the facts of this case.**

**In view of the above, a show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act is issued to the 'concerned' Public Information Officer O/o The Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Amritsar, as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay in supplying the information to the RTI Appellant and as to why the compensation be not awarded to the information-seeker under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.**

**In addition, the PIO is also hereby given an opportunity under Section 20(1) provision thereto, for a personal hearing with the sought for information, before the imposition of such penalty on the next date of hearing. A copy of the RTI Application, previous order dated 20.07.2021 and another previous order dated 05.10.2021 be sent to the concerned PIO along with this order through registered post, so that the facts of this case would be clarified.**

The concerned PIO is directed to supply the requisite information to the Appellant by registered post or through email **within 3 weeks positively (along with a copy to the Commission)** and if the information is not available with them then the PIO is directed to file a proper reply in the form of an affidavit explaining the reason, why the information could not be supplied to the Appellant till date, failing which an action would be taken against the concerned PIO.

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The PIO is also directed to submit the copy of the postal receipts to the Commission vide which information would have been supplied to the Appellant, by the next date of hearing.

**The O/o State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, Sector 17, Chandigarh is directed to look into this matter and make sure that the PIO concerned should comply the above said order and PIO concerned should appear on the next date of hearing which is going to be heard through Cisco Webex Meeting Software. A copy of this order be sent to the O/o State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, Sector 17, Chandigarh through registered post.**

Also, the Appellant, Sh. Ravinder Kataria is directed to go through the supplied information, once he receives the same from the Respondent/PIO and point out deficiencies in written, if any, to the Respondent/PIO through registered post or through email, with a copy to the Commission.

**This case is adjourned to 22.03.2022 at 11:00 A.M. and both the parties are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. 22.03.2022 which is going to be heard through Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings. Joining Meeting Number of Cisco Webex is 1589136034.**

Copy of the order be sent to the parties through registered post.

Dated: 21.12.2021

Sd/-  
(Sanjiv Garg)  
State Information Commissioner  
Punjab

**Show Cause:**

**(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Secretary,  
Regional Transport Authority,  
Amritsar.  
(Encl. RTI Application)**

**CC:  
(Regd. Post) First Appellate Authority,  
O/o The State Transport Commissioner, Punjab,  
Sector 17, Chandigarh.**

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(Regd. Post) **Sh. Yogesh Mahajan, S/o Late Sh. Kuldip Raj Mahajan,**  
Opposite Water Tank, Municipal Market, Mission Road,  
Pathankot. M: 98143-54649

**Appellant**

V/s.

(Regd. Post) **Public Information Officer,**  
O/o The Executive Engineer,  
Water Supply and Sanitation, Division No. 02,  
Sri Muktsar Sahib.

(Regd. Post) **First Appellate Authority,**  
O/o The Superintending Engineer,  
Water Supply and Sanitation Circle,  
Sri Muktsar Sahib.

**Respondent**

**Appeal Case No. 3137 of 2021**

**{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software}**

**Present :** The Appellant, Sh. Yogesh Mahajan is present.  
None is present from the Department.

**ORDER:**

This case was last heard on 05.10.2021 vide which a show cause notice was issued to the concerned PIO for non appearance and for not supplying the information to the Appellant and the PIO concerned was directed to appear before the Commission through Cisco Webex Meetings.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Yogesh Mahajan states that no information has been supplied to him till date.

The Respondent / PIO is absent without any intimation to the Commission.

After going through the case file, it has been observed that on the hearing dated 05.10.2021 a show cause notice was issued to the concerned department and now in today's hearing nobody appeared from the Department to represent this case.

This shows the negligence of the Department as the department has not responded not even a single time to the Commission, neither to the notice of the Commission which was issued to the concerned PIO for first hearing and nor responded even to the show cause notice. Moreover, the concerned PIO has also not complied the previous order dated 05.10.2021 of the Commission relating to this present case.

**After seeing the conduct of the concerned respondent PIO and holding him guilty of violation under Section 20 (1) as per provisions of the RTI Act and for making delay in supplying the requisite information to the information-seeker, a penalty of Rs. 10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand Only) is imposed upon the concerned Public Information Officer office of The Executive Engineer, Water Supply and Sanitation, Division No. 02, Sri Muktsar Sahib.**

**A copy of this order be sent to the concerned PIO through registered post.**

**The amount of penalty will be deposited in the treasury of Punjab Government under the head.....**

Major Head ..	0070 -Other Administrative Services
Sub-Major Head ..	60 - Other Services
Minor Head ..	800 - Other Receipts
Sub-Head ..	86 - Fee under the Right to Information Act, 2005
Detailed Head ..	0070 Other Administrative Services
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86- Fees under the Right to Information Act, 2005	

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And a copy of challan receipt be sent to the Commission by the next date of hearing.

Commission takes a serious view of the casual approach of the Respondent / PIO as neither the respondent PIO nor any of his representatives is present in today's hearing. He has also not sent any intimation regarding his non-availability. The respondent PIO has neither supplied the requisite information to the information seeker nor sent any reply to the Appellant of his RTI request even after the directions were given by the Commission.

Final opportunity is given to the Respondent/ PIO concerned either to supply the certified copies of the requisite information through registered post or e-mail to the Appellant or file a point wise reply, in an affidavit, to each and every query, raised by the Appellant through his RTI request as per official record by the next date of hearing with a copy to the Commission by the next date of hearing, failing which disciplinary action would be recommended against the concerned PIO for willful delay in supplying the information to the RTI Applicant.

**The Chief Engineer, Water Supply and Sanitation, Patiala is directed to look into this matter and make sure that the orders of the Commission should be complied by the PIO concerned well in time and the PIO should appear on the next date of hearing which is going to be heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software. A copy of this order be sent to the O/o The Chief Engineer, Water Supply and Sanitation, Patiala through registered post.**

The Appellant is directed to confirm whether he has received the information/reply or not. Also, the Appellant is directed to go through the supplied information, once he receives the same from the Respondent/PIO and point out deficiencies in written, if any, to the Respondent/PIO through registered post or through email, with a copy to the Commission.

**This case is adjourned to 22.03.2022 at 11:00 A.M. and all the parties are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. 22.03.2022 which is going to be heard through Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings. Joining Meeting Number of Cisco Webex is 1589136034.**

**Copy of the order be sent to the parties through registered post.**

Dated: 21.12.2021

Sd/-  
(Sanjiv Garg)  
State Information Commissioner  
Punjab

CC:

- (Regd. Post) **Public Information Officer,**  
O/o The Executive Engineer,  
Water Supply and Sanitation, Division No. 02,  
Sri Muktsar Sahib.
- (Regd. Post) **First Appellate Authority,**  
O/o The Superintending Engineer,  
Water Supply and Sanitation Circle,  
Sri Muktsar Sahib.
- (Regd. Post ) **O/o The Chief Engineer,**  
Water Supply and Sanitation,  
Patiala.

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**Sh. Prem Kumar Rattan,**  
R/o H. No. 78 / 8, Park Road, New Mandi,  
Dhuri, District Sangrur.  
**M: 85095-80002**

**Appellant**

V/s.

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o The Sub Divisional Magistrate,  
Tehsil Complex, Dhuri, District Sangrur.

**First Appellate Authority,**  
O/o The Deputy Commissioner,  
Sangrur, Distt. Sangrur.

**Respondent**

**Appeal Case No. 3196 of 2021**  
**{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software}**

**Present :** The Appellant, Sh. Prem Kumar Rattan is present.  
Ms. Manjeet Kaur, Superintendent from SDM Office is present from the Department.

**ORDER:**

This case was last heard on 12.10.2021 vide which a show cause notice was issued to the concerned PIO and further PIO was directed to supply the information to the Appellant well in time.

In today's hearing, the Superintendent, Ms. Manjeet Kaur states that the information has been sent to the Appellant vide 16.12.2021 and a copy of the same has been sent to the Commission as well vide email dated 20.12.2021, which is taken on record.

On this, the Appellant, Sh. Prem Kumar states that no information has been received by him of mentioned letter dated 16.12.2021.

In view of above, the concerned PIO is directed to send the requisite information 'again' to the Appellant through registered post within two days and submit the copy of the postal receipts through email to the Commission vide which information would have been supplied to the Appellant.

Also, the Appellant, Sh. Prem Kumar Rattan is directed to go through the supplied information, once he receives the same from the Respondent/PIO and point out deficiencies in written, if any, to the Respondent/PIO through registered post or through email, with a copy to the Commission.

This case is adjourned to 22.03.2022 at 11:00 A.M. and both the parties are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. 22.03.2022 which is going to be heard through Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings. Joining Meeting Number of Cisco Webex is 1589136034.

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Dated: 21.12.2021

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**Sh. Prem Kumar Rattan,**  
R/o H. No. 78 / 8, Park Road, New Mandi,  
Dhuri, District Sangrur.  
**M: 85095-80002**

**Appellant**

V/s.

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o The Tehsildar,  
Tehsil Office, Dhuri, District Sangrur.

**First Appellate Authority,**  
O/o The Sub Divisional Magistrate,  
Dhuri, Distt. Sangrur.

**Respondent**

**Appeal Case No. 3197 of 2021**

**{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software}**

**Present :** The Appellant, Sh. Prem Kumar Rattan is present.  
Sh. Loveleen Kumar, Clerk is present from the Department.

**ORDER:**

This case was last heard on 12.10.2021 vide which the Appellant was directed to collect the information from the PIO concerned by visiting at their office on 13.10.2021 at 11.00 am.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Prem Kumar Rattan states that incomplete information has been supplied to him and further states that no satisfactory answer has been received by him at his visit.

On the other hand, Sh. Loveleen Kumar, Clerk states that the inspection has been done by the Appellant but he is not satisfied with the same.

Furthermore, the Appellant requests the Respondent / PIO that on what basis the registry of Vasika has been done and on this, the Clerk, Sh. Loveleen Kumar states that it has been done by registration act and further requests the Appellant to requests about the specific ones which they could supply the same to the Appellant as per his RTI Application.

In view of above, the Appellant is directed to mention 10 specific vasika number and dates of whom he wants to gather the information as per the RTI Application. The 10 specific vasika number along with dates must be given to the concerned PIO through registered post as well as through email within 3 days along with a copy to the Commission.

**The Appellant is also directed to visit the concerned office on 24.01.2022 at 11.00 A.M. at the office of Sh. Loveleen Kumar and meet him personally for collecting the requisite information after identifying the same as per the RTI Application.**

If the information is not available with the concerned department, then the concerned PIO is directed to submit the same in writing in the form of an affidavit explaining with the reason, why the information could not be supplied to the Appellant till date.

If the Appellant does not visit the concerned office for collecting the information then it will be presumed that he does not require the information anymore and the case will be decided on merits.

If the inspection could not take place from the Department's end then a strict action would be taken against the PIO concerned as well as against the Dealing Clerk, Sh. Loveleen Kumar.

This case is adjourned to 22.03.2022 at 11:00 A.M. and both the parties are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. 22.03.2022 which is going to be heard through **Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings. Joining Meeting Number of Cisco Webex is 1589136034.**

Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

**Dated: 21.12.2021**

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**Sh. Prem Kumar Rattan, (M: 85095-80002)**

H. No. 78 / 8, Park Road, New Mandi,  
Dhuri, Tehsil Dhuri, District Sangrur.

**Appellant**

V/s.

**Public Information Officer,**

O/o The Executive Officer,  
Municipal Council, Dhuri, District Sangrur.

**First Appellate Authority,**

O/o The Additional Deputy Commissioner (Development),  
Sangrur.

**Respondent**

**Appeal Case No. 3261 of 2021**

**{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software}**

**Present :** The Appellant, Sh. Prem Kumar Rattan is present.  
None is present from the Department.

**ORDER:**

This case was last heard on 12.10.2021 vide which a show cause notice was issued to the concerned PIO for non appearance and for not supplying the information to the Appellant and the PIO concerned was directed to appear before the Commission through Cisco Webex Meetings.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Prem Kumar states that no information has been supplied to him till date.

The Respondent / PIO is absent without any intimation to the Commission.

After going through the case file, it has been observed that on the hearing dated 12.10.2021 a show cause notice was issued to the concerned department and now in today's hearing nobody appeared from the Department to represent this case.

This shows the negligence of the Department as the department has not responded not even a single time to the Commission, neither to the notice of the Commission which was issued to the concerned PIO for first hearing and nor responded even to the show cause notice. Moreover, the concerned PIO has also not complied the previous order dated 12.10.2021 of the Commission relating to this present case.

**After seeing the conduct of the concerned respondent PIO and holding him guilty of violation under Section 20 (1) as per provisions of the RTI Act and for making delay in supplying the requisite information to the information-seeker, a penalty of Rs. 10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand Only) is imposed upon the concerned Public Information Officer office of The Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Dhuri, District Sangrur. A copy of this order be sent to the concerned PIO through registered post.**

The amount of penalty will be deposited in the treasury of Punjab Government under the head.....

Major Head ..	0070 -Other Administrative Services
Sub-Major Head ..	60 - Other Services
Minor Head ..	800 - Other Receipts
Sub-Head ..	86 - Fee under the Right to Information Act, 2005
Detailed Head ..	0070 Other Administrative Services
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**Appeal Case No. 3261 of 2021**  
**{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software}**

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**And a copy of challan receipt be sent to the Commission by the next date of hearing.**

Final opportunity is given to the Respondent/ PIO concerned either to supply the certified copies of the requisite information through registered post or e-mail to the Appellant or file a point wise reply, in an affidavit, to each and every query, raised by the Appellant through his RTI request as per official record with a copy to the Commission by the next date of hearing, failing which disciplinary action would be recommended against him for willful delay in supplying the information to the RTI Applicant.

**The Previous order of the Commission dated 12.10.2021 from the FAA has been returned back to the Commission by the postal service. To which, it has been brought to the notice of the undersigned that instead of “FAA O/o The Regional Deputy Director, Local Govt., Patiala”, it is now the “ FAA O/o “The Additional Deputy Commissioner (Development), Sangrur” and the FAA be also directed to look into this matter and make assure that the orders of the Commission should be complied well in time. A copy of this order be sent to the FAA: O/o The Additional Deputy Commissioner (Development), Sangrur through registered post.**

An opportunity is also given to the Appellant to confirm whether he has received the information/reply or not. Also, the Appellant, Sh. Prem Kumar Rattan is directed to go through the supplied information, once he receives the same from the Respondent/PIO and point out deficiencies in written, if any, to the Respondent/PIO through registered post or through email, with a copy to the Commission.

**This case is adjourned to 22.03.2022 at 11:00 A.M. and both the parties are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. 22.03.2022 which is going to be heard through Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings. The Meeting Joining Number of Cisco Webex is 1589136034.**

Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 21.12.2021

Sd/-  
(Sanjiv Garg)  
State Information Commissioner  
Punjab

CC:

(Regd. Post) **Public Information Officer,**  
O/o The Executive Officer,  
Municipal Council, Dhuri, District Sangrur.

(Regd. Post) **First Appellate Authority,**  
O/o The Additional Deputy Commissioner (Development),  
Sangrur.



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**Sh. Surjit Singh Aujla, (98767-57790)**

Village Aujla Dak, PO Liddar Kalan,  
Tehsil Phillaur, District Jalandhar (144502)

**Appellant**

V/s.

**Public Information Officer,**

O/o The Superintending Engineer,  
Water Supply and Sanitation Division, Amritsar.

**First Appellate Authority,**

O/o The Superintending Engineer,  
Water Supply and Sanitation Division, Amritsar.

**Respondent**

**Appeal Case No. 3220 of 2021**

**{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software}**

**Present :** The Appellant, Sh. Surjit Singh Aujla is absent.  
None is present from the Department.

**ORDER:**

This case was last heard on 12.10.2021 vide which the Respondent / PIO was directed to supply the information to the Appellant by the next date of hearing.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Surjit Singh Aujla is absent but a letter has been received by hand in the Commission today i.e. 21.12.2021 to the bench of undersigned vide which he has requested for an adjournment and further mentions that he is not satisfied with the supplied information.

On the other hand, none is present from the Department. An email dated 30.11.2021 from the department has been sent to the Commission and is taken on record.

After going through the case file and the letter of the Appellant dated 21.12.2021 and along with letter dated 22.11.2021, the Appellant is directed to point out deficiencies (properly and pointwise) in written, if any, to the Respondent/PIO through registered post or through email, with a copy to the Commission within 2 weeks from today, failing which it would be presumed that he has nothing to say and the case would be decided on merits.

The concerned PIO is directed to supply the requisite information (**point wise reply after removing the deficiencies**) to the Appellant by registered post or email before the next date of hearing positively and if the information is not available with them then the PIO is directed to file a proper reply in the form of an affidavit explaining the reason, why the information could not be supplied to the Appellant till date, failing which an action would be taken against the concerned PIO.

The PIO is also directed to submit the copy of the postal receipts to the Commission vide which information would have been supplied to the Appellant, by the next date of hearing.

Also, the Appellant, Sh. Surjit Singh Aujla is directed to go through the supplied information, once he receives the same from the Respondent/PIO and point out deficiencies in written, if any, to the Respondent/PIO through registered post or through email, with a copy to the Commission.

This case is adjourned to **22.03.2022 at 11:00 A.M.** and **both the parties** are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. **22.03.2022** which is going to be heard through **Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings. Joining Meeting Number of Cisco Webex is 1589136034.**

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(Regd. Post) **Sh. Vinay Singla,**  
S/o Sh. Pawan Kumar,  
Street Number 01, Thalesh Bagh,  
Khanjur Wali Gali, Sangrur, District Sangrur.(Pin: 148001)  
V/s.

**Appellant**

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o The SHO,  
Police Station City, Sunam,  
District Sangrur.

**First Appellate Authority,**  
O/o The Deputy Superintendent of Police,  
Sunam, District Sangrur.

**Respondent**

**Appeal Case No. 3250 of 2021**

**{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software}**

**Present :** The Appellant, Sh. Vinay Singla is absent.  
ASI, Sh. Kuldeep Singh, RTI Incharge is present from the Department.

**ORDER:**

This case was last heard on 12.10.2021 vide which an opportunity was given to the Appellant, Sh. Vinay to go through the supplied information and point out deficiencies if any.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Vinay is again absent.

On the other hand, the ASI, Sh. Kuldeep Singh states that whatever information is available has already been supplied to the Appellant and a copy of the same has been sent to the Commission again vide email dated 20.12.2021.

After going through the case file, it has been observed that the notice of hearing which was sent to the Appellant has been returned back to the Commission by the postal services with the comments on the envelope 'No Such Person at this address' also, the copy of the previous order dated 12.10.2021 which was sent to the Appellant has also been returned back by the postal services with the Comments 'Address not Located'.

After comparing the address from the present case file and from the copy of Aadhaar card which is attached in the file, a copy of this order be sent to the Appellant's address (as mentioned above) through registered post.

Also, the RTI Incharge, Sh. Kuldeep Singh is directed to send the information to the Appellant through one of their employees by hand and collect an acknowledgement receipt of the same.

To which, the ASI, Sh. Kuldeep Singh assures that he would send one of his employees with the present information to the mentioned address within 4 weeks.

In view of above, last and final opportunity is given to the Appellant, Sh. Vinay and he is directed to go through the supplied information and point out deficiencies in written, **if any**, to the Respondent/PIO through registered post or through email, with a copy to the Commission, failing which it would be presumed that has nothing to say and the case would be decided on merits.

The PIO is also directed to appear on the next date of hearing which is going to be heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software for clarifying the facts of this case whether the Appellant has received the information or not.

This case is adjourned to **22.03.2022 at 11:00 A.M.** and **both the parties** are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. **22.03.2022** which is going to be heard through **Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings. Joining Meeting Number of Cisco Webex is 1589136034.**

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**Sh. Surjit Singh Aujla, (98767- 57799 )**

Village Aujla Dak, PO Lidar Kalan, District Jalandhar.

**Appellant**

V/s.

**Public Information Officer,**

O/o The Executive Engineer,  
Water Supply and Sanitation,  
Division No. 1, Jalandhar.

**First Appellate Authority,**

O/o The Superintending Engineer,  
Water Supply and Sanitation Division,  
Jalandhar.

**Respondent**

**Appeal Case No. 3469 of 2021**

**{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software}**

**Present :** The Appellant, Sh. Surjit Singh Aujla is absent.  
Sh. Surjit Soni, Superintendent is present from the Department.

**ORDER:**

This case was last heard on 12.10.2021 vide which the Respondent / PIO was directed to supply the information to the Appellant by the next date of hearing.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Surjit Singh Aujla is absent but a letter has been received by hand in the Commission today i.e. 21.12.2021 to the bench of undersigned vide which he has requested for an adjournment and further mentions that he is not satisfied with the supplied information.

On the other hand, Sh. Surjit Soni, Superintendent states that the information comprising of 521 pages have already been sent to the Appellant.

After going through the case file and the letter of the Appellant dated 21.12.2021 and along with letter dated 22.11.2021, the Appellant is directed to point out deficiencies (properly and pointwise) in written, if any, to the Respondent/PIO through registered post or through email, with a copy to the Commission within 2 weeks from today, failing which it would be presumed that he has nothing to say and the case would be decided on merits.

The concerned PIO is directed to supply the requisite information (**point wise reply after removing the deficiencies**) to the Appellant by registered post or email before the next date of hearing positively and if the information is not available with them then the PIO is directed to file a proper reply in the form of an affidavit explaining the reason, why the information could not be supplied to the Appellant till date, failing which an action would be taken against the concerned PIO.

The PIO is also directed to submit the copy of the postal receipts to the Commission vide which information would have been supplied to the Appellant, by the next date of hearing.

Also, the Appellant, Sh. Surjit Singh Aujla is directed to go through the supplied information, once he receives the same from the Respondent/PIO and point out deficiencies in written, if any, to the Respondent/PIO through registered post or through email, with a copy to the Commission.

This case is adjourned to 22.03.2022 at 11:00 A.M. and both the parties are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. 22.03.2022 which is going to be heard through Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings. Joining Meeting Number of Cisco Webex is 1589136034.

Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

**Dated: 21.12.2021**

Sd/-  
(Sanjiv Garg)  
State Information Commissioner  
Punjab

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Bench: **Sh. Sanjiv Garg, State Information Commissioner, Punjab.**



(Regd. Post) **Sh. Surjit Singh, S/o Sh. Gokal Singh,**  
VPO Jarg, Tehsil Payal, District Ludhiana (141415)  
M: 98559-00321

**Appellant**

V/s.

(Regd. Post) **Public Information Officer,**  
O/o The District Education Officer (Elementary Education),  
Fatehgarh Sahib.

(Regd. Post) **First Appellate Authority,**  
O/o The Director Education Department, (Elementary Education),  
Punjab, S.A.S Nagar (Mohali).

**Respondent**

**Appeal Case No. 3477 of 2021**

**{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software}**

**Present :** The Appellant, Sh. Surjit Singh is present.  
None is present from the Department.

**ORDER:**

This case was last heard on 12.10.2021 vide which the Appellant was directed to visit the concerned office on 15.11.2021 at 11.00 am for collecting the information after inspecting the same as per RTI.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Surjit Singh states that no information has been supplied to him. He further mentions about his emails which have been sent to the Commission vide email dated 23.11.2021 and 06.12.2021, which is taken on record.

On the other hand, none is present from the department but a letter from the department has been received in the Commission vide dairy number 28424 dated 20.12.2021 in which it has been written by Senior Assistant that due to death of one of their dealing clerk information could not be provided to the Appellant.

**In view of above all the concerned parties / persons are directed to appear in the Commission on the next date of hearing for clarifying the facts of this case.**

The concerned PIO is directed to appear in the Commission with all the requisite documents relating to the RTI on the next date of hearing, failing which a strict action would be taken against the concerned PIO.

The Appellant is also directed to appear in the Commission with all the requisite documents relating to this RTI on the next date of hearing, failing which it would be presumed that the Appellant does not require the information anymore and the case will be decided on merits.

This case is adjourned to **09.03.2022 at 11:30 A.M.** and **both the parties** are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. **09.03.2022** which is going to be heard in the Court Room at Punjab State Information Commission, Madhya Marg, Sector -16, Chandigarh.

**Copy of the order be sent to the parties through registered post.**

**Dated: 21.12.2021**

Sd/-  
**(Sanjiv Garg)**  
State Information Commissioner  
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(Regd. Post) **Sh. Jagjit Singh,**  
R/o Aman Nagar, Street Number 03,  
Backside Green Land School, Near Jalandhar Bypass,  
Ludhiana. **M: 99142-48131**

**Appellant**

V/s.

(Regd. Post) **Public Information Officer,**  
O/o The District Education Officer (Elementary Education),  
Ludhiana. (Punjab)

(Regd. Post) **First Appellate Authority,**  
O/o The Director Education Department, (Elementary Education),  
Ludhiana. (Punjab)

**Respondent**

**Appeal Case No. 3483 of 2021**

**{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software}**

**Present :** The Appellant, Sh. Jagjit Singh is present.  
Sh. Swaran Singh, Senior Assistant is present from the Department.

**ORDER:**

**This case was last heard on 12.10.2021 vide which the Respondent / PIO was directed to file a proper reply in the form of an affidavit to the Appellant by the next date of hearing.**

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Jagjit Singh states that no information has been supplied to him.

On the other hand, the Senior Assistant, Sh. Swaran Singh states that they have information relating to two persons i.e. under group A and B.

After going through the case file, it has been observed that the statement given by Senior Assistant, Sh. Swaran Singh on previous hearing dated 12.10.2021 is different from the today's i.e. 21.12.2021. As they have to supply an affidavit but now he is saying something else.

On further discussion with the parties, it has been found that the Senior Assistant, Sh. Swaran Singh doesnot know anything about this case as he is just giving different replies.

**Commission takes a serious view of the casual approach of the concerned PIO.**

**In view of the above, a show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act is issued to the 'concerned' Public Information Officer O/o The District Education Officer (Elementary Education), Ludhiana (Punjab), as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay in supplying the information to the RTI Appellant and as to why the compensation be not awarded to the information-seeker under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.**

**In addition, the PIO is also hereby given an opportunity under Section 20(1) provision thereto, for a personal hearing with the sought for information, before the imposition of such penalty on the next date of hearing. A copy of the RTI Application dated 28.04.2021 be sent to the concerned PIO along with this order through registered post, so that the facts of this case would be clarified.**

The concerned PIO is directed to supply the requisite information to the Appellant by registered post or through email **within 4 weeks positively (along with a copy to the Commission)** and if the information is not available with them then the PIO is directed to file a proper reply in the form of an affidavit explaining the reason, why the information could not be supplied to the Appellant till date, failing which an action would be taken against the concerned PIO.

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The PIO is also directed to submit the copy of the postal receipts to the Commission vide which information would have been supplied to the Appellant, by the next date of hearing.

**The O/o Director Education Department, (Elementary Education), S.A.S Nagar Mohali (Punjab) is directed to look into this matter and make sure that the PIO concerned should comply the above said order and PIO concerned should appear on the next date of hearing. A copy of this order be sent to the O/o The Director Education Department, (Elementary Education), S.A.S Nagar Mohali (Punjab) through registered post.**

Also, the Appellant, Sh. Jagjit Singh is directed to go through the supplied information, once he receives the same from the Respondent/PIO and point out deficiencies in written, if any, to the Respondent/PIO through registered post or through email, with a copy to the Commission.

**In view of above all the concerned parties / persons are directed to appear in the Commission on the next date of hearing for clarifying the facts of this case.**

The concerned PIO is directed to appear in the Commission with all the requisite documents relating to the RTI on the next date of hearing, failing which a strict action would be taken against the concerned PIO.

The Appellant is also directed to appear in the Commission with all the requisite documents relating to this RTI on the next date of hearing, failing which it would be presumed that the Appellant does not require the information anymore and the case will be decided on merits.

This case is adjourned to **09.03.2022 at 11:30 A.M.** and **both the parties** are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. **09.03.2022** which is going to be heard in the Court Room at Punjab State Information Commission, Madhya Marg, Sector -16, Chandigarh.

**Copy of the order be sent to the parties through registered post.**

Sd/-  
(Sanjiv Garg)  
State Information Commissioner  
Punjab

Dated: 21.12.2021

Show Cause:

(Regd. Post) **Public Information Officer,**  
**O/o The District Education Officer (Elementary Education),**  
**Ludhiana. (Punjab)**  
**Encl. RTI Application**

CC:

(Regd. Post) **First Appellate Authority,**  
**O/o The Director Education Department, (Elementary Education),**  
**SAS Nagar, Mohali. (Punjab)**



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(Regd. Post) **Sh. Harjinder Singh, S/o Sh. Ram Kishan,**  
R/o Main Road, Surjit Colony, Raho Road, Basti Jhodhewal,  
District Ludhiana. (M: 9988410011)

**Complainant**

V/s.

(Regd. Post) **Public Information Officer,**  
O/o The Executive Engineer,  
Water Supply and Sanitation Department,  
Division No. 02,  
Metro Road, Partap Chowk, Ludhiana.

**Respondent**

**Complaint Case No. 1016 of 2021**

**{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software}**

**Present :** The Complainant, Sh. Harjinder Singh is present.  
Sh. Sanjay Chand, Clerk is present from the Department.

**ORDER:**

This case was last heard on 12.10.2021 vide which the concerned PIO was advised to supply the information to the Complainant by the next date of hearing.

In today's hearing, the Complainant, Sh. Harjinder Singh states that no information has been supplied to him.

On the other hand, Sh. Sanjay Chand, Clerk states that bill voucher is not attested from the Panchayat Office.

After going through the case file, the SDE, Sh. Sarabjeet Singh (i.e. current PIO as informed by Sh. Sanjay Chand) is directed to collect the requisite information from the concerned office and bring the attested copies of information personally to the Commission on the next date of hearing.

**A copy of this order be sent to SDE, Sh. Sarabjeet Singh through registered post.**

**In view of above all the concerned parties / persons are directed to appear in the Commission on the next date of hearing for clarifying the facts of this case.**

The concerned PIO is directed to appear in the Commission with all the requisite documents relating to the RTI on the next date of hearing, failing which a strict action would be taken against the concerned PIO.

The Appellant is also directed to appear in the Commission with all the requisite documents relating to this RTI on the next date of hearing, failing which it would be presumed that the Appellant does not require the information anymore and the case will be decided on merits.

This case is adjourned to **09.03.2022 at 11:30 A.M.** and **both the parties** are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. **09.03.2022** which is going to be heard in the Court Room at Punjab State Information Commission, Madhya Marg, Sector -16, Chandigarh.

**Copy of the order be sent to the parties through registered post.**

**Dated: 21.12.2021**

Sd/-  
**(Sanjiv Garg)**  
State Information Commissioner  
Punjab

CC: (Regd. Post) **Public Information Officer,**  
**Sh. Sarabjeet Singh, SDE**  
O/o The Executive Engineer,  
Water Supply and Sanitation Department,  
Division No. 02,  
Metro Road, Partap Chowk, Ludhiana.