

Shri Tejinder Singh, Advocate,
Civil Court Complex, Backside Sanjh Kender,
Tehsil Complex, Phillaur.

Versus

Public Information Officer, (Regd.)

O/o Food Safety Officer,

O/o Civil Surgeon, Patiala.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Designated Food Safety Officer

Patiala.

Appeal Case No. 2324 of 2020

Present:-

Tejinder Singh, Advocate, (appellant)

Ms. Gagandeep Kaur, (79733-63471), SPIO-cum- Food Safety Officer, Patiala (Respondent)

ORDER

(to be read in continuation from Orders dated 03.11.2020 and 16.12.2020.)

1. The above mentioned Case has been allocated to the Bench of ShriAvtar Singh Kaler, Hon'ble State Information Commissioner. Since Shri Avtar Singh Kaler, SIC is on medical leave, therefore, this case is being heard by the undersigned vide Office Order dated 08.02.2021.

2. Shri Tejinder Singh, Advocate, appellant filed RTI application dated 02.07.2019 and sought information from the SPIO, O/o Food Safety Officer, Patiala regarding registration and checking of canteens in central jails and academic institutions in the district for the period 2010 to 1st July, 2019.

3. Today the case is heard through CISCO Webex Meetings Software. Both the parties are present. The appellant stated that neither the information/reply nor the compensation of Rs.2,500.00 ordered by this Commission on 16.12.2020, has been provided to him by the SPIO till today. The SPIO, Ms. Gagandeep Kaur stated that the copy of the RTI request has not been received in her office.

4. A copy of the RTI application, First Appeal, Second Appeal and copies of the Orders from previous hearings in the Commission in this case, be sent to the office of the SPIO through registered post along with this Order. The SPIO is directed to furnish attested copies of the requested information with a written, point-wise reply. A demand draft of Rs.2,500.00, as ordered on 16.12.2020, also be paid to the appellant from the funds of this public authority (not to be deducted from the SPIO's salary or pensionary benefits). This must be sent to the appellant through registered post within a week, under intimation to this Commission.

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5. All documents/information supplies to appellants/complainants must mandatorily be attested as under:

Information supplied under the RTI Act, 2005
Signature of the PIO
Name of the PIO
Name of the Public Authority
Date

6. Next hearing on 28.04.2021 at 1:00 P.M. through Video Conference Facility in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Mohali.

(ASIT JOLLY)

State Information Commissioner

Chandigarh
22.2.2021

Encl.: Copy of RTI application, First Appeal, Second Appeal and Orders of the Commission.

Satwinder Singh Sandhu,
S/o Kuldeep Singh,
R/o Village Kohar Singh Wala,
Tehsil Guruaharsahai, District Ferozepur.

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Deputy Commissioner,
Ferozepur.

Complaint Case No. 498 of 2020

Present:-

Satwinder Singh Sandhu, (Complainant)
Shri Rashamdeep Singh, Clerk (for the respondent PIO-cum-Tehsildar Lakhwinder Singh (98147-50975)).

ORDER:-

(to be read in continuation from Orders dated 01.10.2020, 10.11.2020 and 16.12.2020)

1. The above mentioned Case has been allocated to the Bench of ShriAvtar Singh Kaler, Hon'ble State Information Commissioner. Since Shri Avtar Singh Kaler, SIC is on medical leave, therefore, this case is being heard by the undersigned vide Office Order dated 08.02.2021.

2. Shri Satwinder Singh Sandhu, complainant/applicant filed RTI application dated 04.03.2020 and **sought attested copies of complete file No. E706962G dated 29.01.2020** from the SPIO, O/o Deputy Commissioner, Ferozepur.

3. Today the case is heard through CISCO Webex Meetings Software. Both the parties are present today. The complainant/applicant stated that the sought for information has not been provided to him by the SPIO till today.

4. The respondent stated that the inquiry regarding the information sought by the complainant was pending before the ADC (G), Ferozepur, but that it. has now been completed and has been sent to the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Ferozepur.

5. This Commission, vide its Order dated 16.12.2020, issued a Show Cause Notice to the SPIO, o/o Deputy Commissioner, Ferozepur and he was directed to file a reply to the Show Cause Notice. However, the SPIO has not deemed it fit to respond. The Commission takes a serious note of the SPIO's conduct and imposes a penalty of Rs.5,000.00 upon Shri Lakhwinder Singh, SPIO-cum-Tehsildar. The amount of penalty be deducted from his salary in two monthly installments and deposited under the following heads and intimation be sent to the Commission accordingly :

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| "Major Head | 0070-Other Administrative Services |
| Sub Major Head | 60-Other Services |
| Minor Head | 800-Other Receipts |
| Sub Head | 86-Right to Information Act, 2005." |



Complaint Case No. 498 of 2020

6. The SPIO, o/o Deputy Commissioner, Ferozepur is also directed to file reply to the complaint filed by the complainant-applicant and send the same to the Commission as well as to the complainant-applicant within 10 days. Any further non-compliance with this Commission's directions could invite stricter penalties as per the RTI Act.

7. All documents/information supplies to appellants/complainants must mandatorily be attested as under:

Information supplied under the RTI Act, 2005
Signature of the PIO
Name of the PIO
Name of the Public Authority
Date

8. Next hearing on 30.04.2021 at 1:00 P.M. through Video Conference Facility in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Sri Muktsar Sahib.

(ASIT JOLLY)

State Information Commissioner

Chandigarh
22.2.2021

Sukhbir Singh,
S/o Ravinder Singh,
R/o H.No. 386, Karol Bagh,
Ladhewali, Jalandhar.

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Municipal Corporation,
Jalandhar.
First Appellate Authority,
O/o Municipal Corporation,
Jalandhar.

Appeal Case No. 3610 of 2020

Present:
Sukhbir Singh, (Appellant).
Ajit Sharma, Building Inspector (Respondent)

ORDER

1. The above mentioned Case has been allocated to the Bench of ShriAvtar Singh Kaler, Hon'ble State Information Commissioner. Since ShriAvtar Singh Kaler, SIC is on medical leave, therefore, this case is being heard by the undersigned vide Office Order dated 08.02.2021.

2. Shri Sukhbir Singh, appellant filed this RTI application on 20.07.2020 and sought information **regarding the action taken on his complaint (No. 5862 dated 09.07.2020) pertaining to illegal construction in residential area** from the SPIO, O/o Municipal Corporation, Jalandhar. When no information was provided to him by the SPIO then he filed First Appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 20.08.2020. Then the appellant filed Second Appeal before the Punjab State Information Commission on 20.11.2020. The case was registered and allocated to the Bench. Notice of hearing was issued to both the parties for today **through CISCO Webex Meetings Software.**

3. Both the parties are present today. The respondent stated that a point-wise reply/information has been sent to the appellant vide letter No. MTP/776 dated 17.09.2020 and a copy of the same has also been sent to the Commission. The SPIO has sent letter No. MTP/3611/RTI dated 06.01.2021 to the Commission along with a copy of letter no.MTP/776 dated 17.09.2020 along with copies of the information.

4. The appellant stated that he has received the information sent by the SPIO on 20.01.2021, but the information is deficient. The appellant is requested to list the deficiencies, point-wise, in writing to the SPIO with a copy to the Commission. The respondent SPIO is directed to address the deficiencies listed by the appellant before the next date of hearing with a copy to the Commission.



Appeal Case No. 3610 of 2020

5. All documents/information supplies to appellants/complainants must mandatorily be attested as under :

Information supplied under the RTI Act, 2005
Signature of the PIO
Name of the PIO
Name of the Public Authority
Date

6. Next hearing on 07.05.2021 at 1:00 P.M. through Video Conference Facility in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Jalandhar.

(ASIT JOLLY)

State Information Commissioner

Chandigarh
22.2.2021

Manpreet Singh,
S/o Devinder Singh,
Village Naraina, Block Khera,
Tehsil Bassi Pathana, District Fatehgarh Sahib.

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o BDPO, Block Khera,
Distt.Fatehgarh Sahib.

Complaint Case No. 861 of 2020

Present:
Absent (Complainant)
Rajinder Kumar, Panchayat Secretary (Respondent)

ORDER

1. The above mentioned Case has been allocated to the Bench of Shri Avtar Singh Kaler, Hon'ble State Information Commissioner. Since ShriAvtar Singh Kaler, SIC is on medical leave, therefore, this case is being heard by the undersigned vide Office Order dated 08.02.2021.

2. Shri Manpreet Singh, applicant filed this RTI application on 26.08.2020 and sought information from the SPIO, O/o BDPO, Block Khera, Distt. Fatehgarh Sahib **regarding the Gram Panchayat Naraina for the period 1.1.2013 to 21.12.2018, by way of the Works Register, Staff Register, Bills etc.,** as enumerated in his RTI application. When no information was provided to him by the SPIO, he filed this complaint before the Punjab State Information Commission on 17.11.2020. The case was registered and allocated to the Bench. Notice of hearing was issued to both the parties for today **through CISCO Webex Meetings Software.**

3. Both the parties are absent today. In an e-mail to the Commission on 19.02.2021, the respondent represented by Shri Rajinder Kumar, Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panchayat Naraina, stated that the requisite information is in the custody of the Executive Engineer, Rural Development & Panchayats Department at Mohali.

4. The respondent is directed to retrieve the requested record at the earliest and supply it to the complainant at the earliest instance. The applicant is requested to apprise this Commission as and when he receives the information.

5. All documents/information supplies to appellants/complainants must mandatorily be attested as under :

Information supplied under the RTI Act, 2005
Signature of the PIO
Name of the PIO
Name of the Public Authority
Date



Complaint Case No. 861 of 2020

6. Next hearing on 28.04.2021 at 1:00 P.M. through Video Conference Facility in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Mohali.

(ASIT JOLLY)
State Information Commissioner

Chandigarh
22.2.2021

Sukhdev Kumar,
S/o Sucha Singh,
R/o Nafari Colony, Village Durgapur,
District Nawan Shahar.

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o BDPO,
Nawan Shahar.
First Appellate Authority,
O/o Deputy Commissioner,
SBS Nagar.

Appeal Case No. 3622 of 2020

Present:
Sukhdev Kumar (Appellant)
Absent (Respondent)

ORDER

1. The above mentioned Case has been allocated to the Bench of ShriAvtar Singh Kaler, Hon'ble State Information Commissioner. Since ShriAvtar Singh Kaler, SIC is on medical leave, therefore, this case is being heard by the undersigned vide Office Order dated 08.02.2021.

2. Shri Sukhdev Kumar, appellant filed this RTI application on 16.07.2020 before the Deputy Commissioner, SBS Nagar and sought information **regarding MNREGA grants etc. in Village Durgapur, PO Kulam.** The RTI application was transferred U/s 6(3) of the RTI Act, 2005 to the SPIO, o/o BDPO, Nawanshehar vide letter No. 151 dated 23.07.2020. When no information was provided to him by the SPIO then the appellant filed First Appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 08.09.2020. Then the appellant filed this Second Appeal before the Punjab State Information Commission on 20.11.2020. The case was registered and allocated to the Bench. Notice of hearing was issued to both the parties for today **through CISCO Webex Meetings Software.**

3. The respondent SPIO is absent, but he has informed this Commission vide Letter No. 334 dated 03.02.2021 that the requisite information, comprising of 114 pages, has been supplied to the appellant. The appellant insisted that the information is deficient. So, the appellant is requested to list the deficiencies in writing to respondent with a copy to the Commission.

4. The respondent SPIO is directed to supply the deficient information to the appellant or site specific provisions of the RTI Act, 2005, for specific information he seeks exemption from disclosing.

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Appeal Case No. 3622 of 2020

5. All documents/information supplies to appellants/complainants must mandatorily be attested as under :

Information supplied under the RTI Act, 2005
Signature of the PIO
Name of the PIO
Name of the Public Authority
Date

6. Next hearing on 07.05.2021 at 1:00 P.M. through Video Conference Facility in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Jalandhar.

(ASIT JOLLY)

State Information Commissioner

Chandigarh
22.2.2021

Amarjit Singh Dhamotia,
H.No. 60-35-P-330,
Street No. 8, Maha Singh Nagar,
P.O. Dhandari Kalan, Ludhiana.

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o SHO, Police Station,
Division No.5, Ludhiana.
First Appellate Authority,
O/o SHO, Police Station,
Division No.5, Ludhiana.

Appeal Case No. 3592 of 2020

Present:

Amarjit Singh Dhamotia (Appellant)

Absent (Respondent)

ORDER

1. The above mentioned Case has been allocated to the Bench of Shri Avtar Singh Kaler, Hon'ble State Information Commissioner. Since Shri Avtar Singh Kaler, SIC is on medical leave, therefore, this case is being heard by the undersigned vide Office Order dated 08.02.2021.

2. Shri Amarjit Singh Dhamotia, appellant filed this RTI application on 28.08.2020 and sought information **regarding FIR No. 143 dated 30.06.2020** from the SPIO-cum-SHO, Police Station, Division No. 5, Ludhiana. When no information was provided to him by the SPIO then he filed First Appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 28.09.2020. Then the appellant filed Second Appeal before the Punjab State Information Commission on 19.11.2020. The case was registered and allocated to the Bench. Notice of hearing was issued to both the parties for today **through CISCO Webex Meetings Software.**

3. The SPIO is absent, but he has requested (email) an adjournment owing to his preoccupation with some official duty. The respondent SPIO is given a final opportunity to submit a written, point-wise, reply to this RTI application. Failure to comply with this Order will invite penal action as per the RTI Act, 2005.

4. All documents/information supplies to appellants/complainants must mandatorily be attested as under :

Information supplied under the RTI Act, 2005
Signature of the PIO
Name of the PIO
Name of the Public Authority
Date

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Appeal Case No. 3592 of 2020

5. Next hearing on 07.05.2021 at 1:00 P.M. through Video Conference Facility in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Jalandhar.

(ASIT JOLLY)
State Information Commissioner

Chandigarh
22.2.2021

Jasveer Singh,
S/o Joginder Singh,
R/o Village Megha Panjarain Hithad,
Tehsil Guruharsahai, District Ferozepur.

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Director, Rural Development & Panchayat Department, Punjab,
Mohali.
First Appellate Authority,
O/o Director, Rural Development & Panchayat Department, Punjab,
Mohali.

Appeal Case No. 3576 of 2020

Present:
Absent (Appellant)
Absent (Respondent)

ORDER

1. The above mentioned Case has been allocated to the Bench of Shri Avtar Singh Kaler, Hon'ble State Information Commissioner. Since Shri Avtar Singh Kaler, SIC is on medical leave, therefore, this case is being heard by the undersigned vide Office Order dated 08.02.2021.

2. Shri Jasveer Singh, appellant filed this RTI application on 21.07.2020 and sought information **regarding action taken on his application dated 19.06.2020** from the SPIO, O/o Director, Rural Development & Panchayats Department, Punjab, Mohali. When no information was provided to him by the SPIO then he filed First Appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 26.08.2020. Then the appellant filed Second Appeal before the Punjab State Information Commission on 18.11.2020. The case was registered and allocated to the Bench. Notice of hearing was issued to both the parties for today **through CISCO Webex Meetings Software.**

3. Both the parties are absent. In reply to this Commission, vide Letter No. 376 dated 21.01.2021, the respondent SPIO has contended that the requested information was handed over to the appellant on four separate occasions i.e. on 30.09.2019, 03.11.2020, 27.11.2020 and 23.12.2020. Despite this, the appellant has filed his Second Appeal before the Punjab State Information Commission.

4. The Commission directs the respondent SPIO to submit duly attested copies of the reply and information that was sent to the appellant. This must be done before the next date of hearing.

5. All documents/information supplies to appellants/complainants must mandatorily be attested as under :

Information supplied under the RTI Act, 2005
Signature of the PIO
Name of the PIO
Name of the Public Authority
Date



Appeal Case No. 3576 of 2020

6. Next hearing on 28.04.2021 at 1:00 P.M. through Video Conference Facility in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Mohali.

(ASIT JOLLY)
State Information Commissioner

Chandigarh
22.2.2021

Paramjit Singh,
S/o Balvir Singh,
R/o Village GurusarJodha,
Tehsil Malout, District Sri Muktsar Sahib.

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Block Development & Panchayat Officer,
Malout, District Sri Muktsar Sahib.
First Appellate Authority,
O/o District Development and Panchayat Officer,
Sri Muktsar Sahib.

Appeal Case No. 3575 of 2020

Present:

Paramjit Singh, (Appellant)
Harjinder Singh, Superintendent (on behalf of Jaswant Singh, SPIO-cum- Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Malout, District Sri Muktsar Sahib).

ORDER

1. The above mentioned Case has been allocated to the Bench of ShriAvtar Singh Kaler, Hon'ble State Information Commissioner. Since ShriAvtar Singh Kaler, SIC is on medical leave, therefore, this case is being heard by the undersigned vide Office Order dated 08.02.2021.

2. Shri Paramjit Singh, appellant filed this RTI application **dated NIL** and sought information **regarding Gram Panchayat Gurusar Jodha for the period (2013-17) when Sikander Singh remained the Panchayat Secretary** from the SPIO, O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Malout, District Sri Muktsar Sahib. When no information was provided to him by the SPIO then he filed First Appeal before the First Appellate Authority. Then the appellant filed Second Appeal before the Punjab State Information Commission on 18.11.2020. The case was registered and allocated to the Bench. Notice of hearing was issued to both the parties for today **through CISCO Webex Meetings Software.**

3. Both the parties are present today. The respondent SPIO, represented by Harjinder Singh, Superintendent, stated that the requested record is in the custody of ADC office at Bathinda. He further stated that partial information regarding the MNREGA Scheme was sent to the appellant.

4. The respondent SPIO is directed to submit copies of the reply sent to the appellant along with attested copies of information, to the Commission. The respondent is also given a final opportunity to retrieve the remaining record and furnish duly attested copies of information to the appellant with a copy to the Commission, before the next date of hearing.

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Appeal Case No. 3575 of 2020

5. All documents/information supplies to appellants/complainants must mandatorily be attested as under :

Information supplied under the RTI Act, 2005
Signature of the PIO
Name of the PIO
Name of the Public Authority
Date

6. Next hearing on 30.04.2021 at 1:00 P.M. through Video Conference Facility in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Sri Muktsar Sahib.

(ASIT JOLLY)

State Information Commissioner

Chandigarh
22.2.2021

Mohinder Singh, S/o Late Joginder Singh,
VPO Munak Kalan,
District Hoshiarpur.

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o DEO (SE),
Hoshiarpur.
First Appellate Authority,
O/o DPI (SE), Punjab School Education Board,
Block-E, 4th Floor, Phase-VIII,
Mohali.

Appeal Case No. 3562 of 2020

Present:

Mohinder Singh, (Appellant)

Anita Rani, SPIO-cum-Lecturer, Punjabi, O/o Govt. Senior Secondary School, Sagan, Tehsil Dasuha (Respondent)

ORDER

1. The above mentioned Case has been allocated to the Bench of Shri Avtar Singh Kaler, Hon'ble State Information Commissioner. Since Shri Avtar Singh Kaler, SIC is on medical leave, therefore, this case is being heard by the undersigned vide Office Order dated 08.02.2021.

2. Mohinder Singh, appellant filed this RTI application on 29.07.2020 and sought information **regarding the ACP cases of lecturers promoted on 03.07.2016 and put under reversion stayed by Hon'ble High Court on 20.09.2020** from the SPIO, o/o DEO (SE), Hoshiarpur. When no information was provided to him by the SPIO then he filed First Appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 30.08.2020. Then the appellant filed Second Appeal before the Punjab State Information Commission on 17.11.2020. The case was registered and allocated to the Bench. Notice of hearing was issued to both the parties for today **through CISCO Webex Meetings Software.**

3. Both the parties are present today. The respondent SPIO, Anita Rani accompanied by Poonam Pandhi, Principal, Govt. Senior Secondary School, Sagan, Tehsil Dasuha stated that a reply was sent to the appellant, but he has refused to receive it.

4. The respondents are directed to send the reply to the appellant by registered post with a copy to this Commission. The appellant, Mohinder Singh is advised to accept the SPIO's reply. The Commission will take a decision after examining the reply of the respondent.

5. Next hearing on 07.05.2021 at 1:00 P.M. through Video Conference Facility in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Jalandhar.

(ASIT JOLLY)

State Information Commissioner

Chandigarh
22.2.2021

Rawinder Sharma,
H.No. 919, Street No.4,
Harkishan Nagar,
Chhehrata, Amritsar.

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Director, Education Recruitment Board, PB.
Govt. Model Sr. Sec. School,
(Microsoft Building), Phase 3B-1, Mohali.
First Appellate Authority,
O/o Director, Education Recruitment Board, PB.
Govt. Model Sr. Sec. School,
(Microsoft Building), Phase 3B-1, Mohali.

Appeal Case No. 3560 of 2020

Present:
Rawinder Sharma, (Appellant)
Ashish Jain, Senior Assistant (for the Respondent)

ORDER

1. The above mentioned Case has been allocated to the Bench of Shri Avtar Singh Kaler, Hon'ble State Information Commissioner. Since Shri Avtar Singh Kaler, SIC is on medical leave, therefore, this case is being heard by the undersigned vide Office Order dated 08.02.2021.

2. Rawinder Sharma, appellant filed this RTI application on 13.03.2020 and sought information **regarding the candidates appointed as Vocational Master Mechanical under 7654 posts** from the SPIO, o/o Director, Education Recruitment Board, PB. Mohali. When no information was provided to him by the SPIO then he filed First Appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 25.08.2020. Then the appellant filed Second Appeal before the Punjab State Information Commission on 17.11.2020. The case was registered and allocated to the Bench. Notice of hearing was issued to both the parties for today **through CISCO Webex Meetings Software.**

3. Both the parties are present today. The respondent SPIO, represented by Ashish Jain, SA, in a reply sent to the appellant vide Letter No. 202117478 dated 15.01.2021, claimed exemption from disclosure contending that the information requested pertained to "third parties". The reply of the respondent is however not satisfactory.

4. This Commission directs the SPIO to submit a written, point-wise reply to the RTI application wherein he should site specific provisions of the RTI Act, 2005 if he seeks exemption from disclosure of any information. The reply must be sent to the appellant within 10 days with a copy to the Commission.

5. Next hearing on 28.04.2021 at 1:00 P.M. through Video Conference Facility in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Mohali.

(ASIT JOLLY)
State Information Commissioner

Chandigarh
22.2.2021

REGISTERED
SHOW CAUSE NOTICE

Gurdeep Singh,
S/o Makhan Singh,
R/o Village Ojhawali,
Tehsil & District Fazilka.

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Divisional Deputy Director, Rural Development & Panchayats Department,
Ferozepur.
First Appellate Authority,
O/o Director, Rural Development & Panchayats Department,
Vikas Bhawan, Mohali.

Appeal Case No. 3559 of 2020

Present:
Gurdeep Singh (Appellant)
Absent (Respondent)

ORDER

1. The above mentioned Case has been allocated to the Bench of ShriAvtar Singh Kaler, Hon'ble State Information Commissioner. Since ShriAvtar Singh Kaler, SIC is on medical leave, therefore, this case is being heard by the undersigned vide Office Order dated 08.02.2021.

2. Shri Gurdeep Singh, appellant filed this RTI application on 27.07.2020 and sought information **regarding distribution of panchayati lands in Gram Panchayat Ojhan Wali and Nawan Ojhan** from the SPIO, O/o Divisional Deputy Director, Rural Development and Panchayat, Ferozepur. When no information was provided to him by the SPIO then he filed First Appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 29.09.2020. Then the appellant filed Second Appeal before the Punjab State Information Commission on 17.11.2020. The case was registered and allocated to the Bench. Notice of hearing was issued to both the parties for today **through CISCO Webex Meetings Software.**

3. The respondent SPIO is absent without any intimation to the Commission. This is despite the directions from the Office of Rural Development & Panchayats Department at Mohali (letter No.121 dated 06.01.2021 sent to the Commission) directing him to attend this hearing. Notably, this RTI application was filed on 27.07.2020 and the respondent SPIO has not bothered to file any reply to date.

4. The respondent SPIO, o/o Divisional Deputy Director, Rural Development and Panchayat, Ferozepur is herewith ordered to **SHOW CAUSE** as to why a penalty should not be imposed upon him under Section 20 (1) of RTI Act, 2005, for causing willful delay/denial of the information requested by the appellant as far back as on 27.07.2020.

Appeal Case No. 3559 of 2020

“In addition to the written reply, the respondent PIO is also given an opportunity under Section 20 (1) proviso there to, 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*.”

5. All documents/information supplies to appellants/complainants must mandatorily be attested as under :

Information supplied under the RTI Act, 2005
Signature of the PIO
Name of the PIO
Name of the Public Authority
Date

6. Next hearing on 30.04.2021 at 1:00 P.M. through Video Conference Facility in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Muktsar Sahib.

(ASIT JOLLY)

State Information Commissioner

Chandigarh
22.2.2021

Kul Bhushan,
S/o Banwari Lal,
377, PUDA Colony,
Malout.

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Block Development & Panchayat Officer,
Bhunarheri, District Patiala.
First Appellate Authority,
O/o Block Development & Panchayat Officer,
Bhunarheri, District Patiala.

Appeal Case No. 3558 of 2020

Present:

Kul Bhushan (Appellant)
Balwinder Singh, Gram Rozgar Sahaik, O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer,
Bhunarheri (Respondent).

ORDER

1. The above mentioned Case has been allocated to the Bench of Shri Avtar Singh Kaler, Hon'ble State Information Commissioner. Since Shri Avtar Singh Kaler, SIC is on medical leave, therefore, this case is being heard by the undersigned vide Office Order dated 08.02.2021.

2. Kul Bhushan, appellant filed this RTI application on 21.05.2020 and sought information **regarding MNREGA for the period January 2017 to May 2020 in Gram Panchayat Khaktan Kalan, Block Bhunarheri** from the SPIO, O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Bhunarheri, Distt. Patiala. When no information was provided to him by the SPIO then he filed First Appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 14.07.2020. Then the appellant filed Second Appeal before the Punjab State Information Commission on 17.11.2020. The case was registered and allocated to the Bench. Notice of hearing was issued to both the parties for today **through CISCO Webex Meetings Software.**

3. The respondent SPIO, represented by Balwinder Singh, Gram Rozgar Sahaik, claimed that the appellant has informed him that he would personally appear to collect the information by visiting Patiala. This Commission however, notes that this RTI application has been pending since 21.05.2020. The respondent SPIO is directed to submit a written, point-wise reply to the RTI application along with duly attested copies of requested information. This must be done before the next date of hearing, failing which, penalties, as per the RTI Act, 2005, will be imposed upon the SPIO.

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Appeal Case No. 3558 of 2020

5. All documents/information supplies to appellants/complainants must mandatorily be attested as under :

Information supplied under the RTI Act, 2005
Signature of the PIO
Name of the PIO
Name of the Public Authority
Date

6. Next hearing on 28.04.2021 at 1:00 P.M. through Video Conference Facility in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Mohali.

(ASIT JOLLY)

State Information Commissioner

Chandigarh
22.2.2021

REGISTERED
SHOW CAUSE NOTICE

Rani Devi,
W/o Raghvir Singh,
VPO Mahabadhar,
Tehsil & District Sri Muktsar Sahib.

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Block Development & Panchayat Officer,
Sri Muktsar Sahib.
First Appellate Authority,
O/o District Development & Panchayat Officer,
Sri Muktsar Sahib.

Appeal Case No. 3557 of 2020

Present:

Rani Devi, appellant along with her husband Shri Raghbir Singh (Appellant)

Absent (Respondent)

ORDER

1. The above mentioned Case has been allocated to the Bench of Shri Avtar Singh Kaler, Hon'ble State Information Commissioner. Since Shri Avtar Singh Kaler, SIC is on medical leave, therefore, this case is being heard by the undersigned vide Office Order dated 08.02.2021.

2. Smt. Rani Devi, appellant filed this RTI application on 29.05.2020 and sought information **regarding Gram Panchayat Mahabadhar, Tehsil & District Sri Muktsar Sahib** from the SPIO, O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Sri Muktsar Sahib. When no information was provided to her by the SPIO then she filed First Appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 17.08.2020. Then the appellant filed Second Appeal before the Punjab State Information Commission on 17.11.2020. The case was registered and allocated to the Bench. Notice of hearing was issued to both the parties for today **through CISCO Webex Meetings Software.**

3. The respondent SPIO is absent without any intimation to the Commission. This RTI application has been pending since 29.05.2020 and the respondent SPIO has not bothered to file any reply or to furnish the requested information.

4. Under these circumstances, the respondent SPIO, O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Sri Muktsar Sahib is herewith ordered to **SHOW CAUSE** as to why a penalty should not be imposed upon him under Section 20 (1) of RTI Act, 2005, for causing willful delay/denial of the information requested by the appellant as far back as on 29.05.2020.

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Appeal Case No. 3557 of 2020

“In addition to the written reply, the respondent PIO is also given an opportunity under Section 20 (1) proviso there to, 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*.”

5. All documents/information supplies to appellants/complainants must mandatorily be attested as under :

Information supplied under the RTI Act, 2005
Signature of the PIO
Name of the PIO
Name of the Public Authority
Date

6. Next hearing on 30.04.2021 at 1:00 P.M. through Video Conference Facility in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Sri Muktsar Sahib.

(ASIT JOLLY)

State Information Commissioner

Chandigarh
22.2.2021

REGISTERED
SHOW CAUSE NOTICE

Mohit Bansal,
C/o Bansal Provision Store,
Village Adial, PO Shahkot Township,
Tehsil and District Pathankot.

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Senior Superintendent of Police
Mohali.
First Appellate Authority,
O/o Inspector General of Police
Roopnagar.

Appeal Case No. 2716 of 2020

Present:
Advocate Varun Bansal (for the Appellant)
Absent (Respondent)

ORDER:

(to be read in continuation from Orders dated 25.11.2020 and 19.01.2021)

1. The above mentioned Case has been allocated to the Bench of Shri Avtar Singh Kaler, Hon'ble State Information Commissioner. Since Shri Avtar Singh Kaler, SIC is on medical leave, therefore, this case is being heard by the undersigned vide Office Order dated 08.02.2021.
2. Mohit Bansal, appellant filed this RTI application on 15.02.2020 and sought information **regarding the police report sent by the Emergency doctor of CHS Dhakoli to the Police Chowki, Baltana in his matter on 11.05.2017** from the SPIO, O/o SSP, Mohali.
3. **Today the case is heard through CISCO Webex Meetings Software.** Advocate Varun Bansal is present on behalf of Shri Mohit Bansal, appellant. The respondent is absent without any intimation to the Commission.
4. On the last date of hearing i.e. 19.01.2021, the respondent SPIO was directed that in case the appellant submits the list of deficiencies to his notice then he should supply attested copies of information pertaining to these. The counsel for the appellant stated that that a list of deficiencies has been sent to the SPIO on 08.02.2021 with a copy to the Commission.
5. The SPIO has failed to comply with the Order of this Commission. Under these circumstances, the respondent SPIO, O/o SSP, Mohali is herewith ordered to **SHOW CAUSE** as to why a penalty should not be imposed upon him under Section 20 (1) of RTI Act, 2005, for causing willful delay/denial of the information requested by the appellant as far back as on 15.02.2020.

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Appeal Case No. 2716 of 2020

“In addition to the written reply, the respondent PIO is also given an opportunity under Section 20 (1) proviso there to, 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*.”

6. All documents/information supplies to appellants/complainants must mandatorily be attested as under :

Information supplied under the RTI Act, 2005
Signature of the PIO
Name of the PIO
Name of the Public Authority
Date

7. Next hearing on 28.04.2021 at 1:00 P.M. through Video Conference Facility in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Mohali.

(ASIT JOLLY)

State Information Commissioner

Chandigarh
22.2.2021