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



(Regd. Post) Sh. Birchh Bhan, S/o Sh. Saroop Chand,  
R/o House No., 33, Kahangarh Road,  
Pataran, District Patiala (M: 9876101698)

Appellant

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Executive Officer,  
Nagar Panchayat, Khanauri, District Sangrur.

V/s.

(Regd. Post) First Appellate Authority,  
O/o The Executive Officer,  
Nagar Panchayat, Khanauri, District Sangrur.

Respondent

**Appeal Case No. 4342 of 2021**

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

**Present :** The Appellant, Sh. Birchh Bhan is present.  
None is present from the Department.

**ORDER:**

The date of RTI Application is 14.06.2021, the date of First Appeal is 21.07.2021 and the date of Appeal filed in the Commission is 23.09.2021.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Birchh Bhan states that partial information has been supplied to him and there are deficiencies in the supplied information.

On the other hand, Sh. Raj Kumar, Clerk from Nagar Panchayat, Khanauri is present without any authority letter due to which he is marked as absent today.

**Commission takes a serious view of the casual approach of the Respondent / PIO as information is still not fully supplied to the Appellant and the Sh. Raj Kumar appears today without any authority letter.**

**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 Executive Officer, Nagar Panchayat, Khanauri, District Sangrur, 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 be sent to the concerned PIO along with this order through registered post.**

The Appellant, Sh. Birchh Bhan 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 positively 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 **(as per RTI 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 **again**, by the next date of hearing.

**This case is adjourned to 12.07.2022 at 11:00 A.M. and both the parties are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. 12.07.2022 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: 22.03.2022**

Sd/-  
(Sanjiv Garg)  
State Information Commissioner  
Punjab

Show Cause: (Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Executive Officer,  
Nagar Panchayat, Khanauri, District Sangrur.  
**{Encl. RTI Application}**

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(Regd. Post) Sh. Tejinder Singh, Advocate,  
Civil Court, Tehsil Complex, Backside Sanjh Kender, Phillaur ( 144410)  
V/s.

**Appellant**

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Director,  
Local Govt. (Chief Engineer Municipal Corporation) Department Punjab,  
Sector 35-A, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o The Director,  
Local Govt., Department Punjab, Sector 35-A, Chandigarh.

**Respondent**

**Appeal Case No. 4387 of 2021**

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

**Present :** The Appellant, Sh. Tejinder Singh is present in the Commission.  
None is present from the Department.

**ORDER:**

The date of RTI Application is 10.05.2021, the date of First Appeal is 16.07.2021 and the date of Appeal filed in the Commission is 28.09.2021.

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

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

**Commission takes a serious view of the casual approach of the Respondent / PIO as information is still not supplied to the Appellant and nobody appears today from the department.**

**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 Director, Local Govt. (Chief Engineer Municipal Corporation) Department Punjab, Sector 35-A, Chandigarh, 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 be sent to the concerned PIO along with this order through registered post.**

The concerned PIO is directed to supply the requisite information (**as per RTI**) 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.

The Appellant, Sh. Tejinder Singh 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 positively failing which it would be presumed that he has nothing to say and the case would be decided on merits.

**This case is adjourned to 13.07.2022 at 11:00 A.M. and both the parties are directed to personally come present on the next date of hearing i.e. 13.07.2022 which is going to be heard in Court Room at Punjab State Information Commission, Sector- 16, Madhya Marg, Red Cross Building, Chandigarh.**

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**Dated: 22.03.2022**

Sd/-  
(Sanjiv Garg)  
State Information Commissioner  
Punjab

Show Cause: (Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Director,  
Local Govt. (Chief Engineer Municipal Corporation) Department Punjab,  
Sector 35-A, Chandigarh.  
**{Encl. RTI Application}**

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Sh. Ashok Kumar Joshi, (M: 98146-22755)  
S/o Sh. Hari Krishan Joshi,  
R/o Mohalla Sarafa, Near Baba Pura Ji Rahon,  
District Saheed Bhagat Singh Nagar.

Appellant

V/s.

Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Senior Superintendent of Police,  
Saheed Bahagat Singh Nagar.

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

Respondent

## Appeal Case No. 4379 of 2021

{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software}

**Present :** The Appellant, Sh. Ashok Kumar Joshi is present.  
ASI, Sh. Sobash Chand is present from the Department.

### **ORDER:**

The date of RTI Application is 19.07.2021, the date of First Appeal is 20.08.2021 and the date of Appeal filed in the Commission is 28.09.2021.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Ashok Kumar is unable to connect through Cisco Webex Meetings Software. Furthermore, a letter from the Appellant, Sh. Ashok Kumar has been received in the Commission vide diary number 4719 dated 08.03.2022 which is taken on record.

On the other hand, the ASI, Sh. Sobash Chand states that the complaint dated 27.08.2013 is not available in the official records of the Police Station Rahon.

**In view of above, the Appellant, Sh. Ashok Kumar is directed to produce the evidence to the department as well as to the Commission that the concerned complaint dated 27.08.2013 has been submitted to the concerned Police Station either by way of postal receipt or diary number or any other proof.**

If the Appellant, Sh. Ashok Kumar submits the proof and the complaint got traced by the department then the concerned PIO is directed to supply the information to the Appellant through registered post or through email till the date of RTI.

This case is adjourned to 12.07.2022 at 11:00 A.M. and both the parties are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. 12.07.2022 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: 22.03.2022

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Sh. Sukhdeep Singh Sekhon, (M: 98145-16516)

R/o House No. 4, Baba Nand Singh Nagar,

Backside B.C.M. School, Basant Aavenue, Dugri, Ludhiana (Pin: 141013)

V/s.

Appellant

Public Information Officer,

O/o The Head Teacher,

Govt. Primary School, Sukhdev Nagar, Urban Estate,

Jamalpur, Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o The District Education Officer (Elementary Education), Ludhiana.

Respondent

## **Appeal Case No. 4365 of 2021**

**(Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software)**

**Present :** The Appellant, Sh. Sukhdeep Singh is present.  
Ms. Asha Rani, Block Primary Education Officer, Mangat- 2  
Sh. Amandeep Singh, Head Teacher, Govt. Primary School, Sukhdev Nagar is present from the Department.

### **Order:**

The date of RTI Application is 05.04.2021, the date of First Appeal is 23.07.2021 and the date of Appeal filed in the Commission is 24.09.2021.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Sukhdeep Singh states that he has received the information relating to point number 1 and 2 and further requests for information relating to point number 3, 4, 5 and 6 as per RTI.

On the other hand, the Head Teacher, Sh. Amandeep Singh states that whatever information was available with them has already been supplied to the Appellant. The BPEO Managat-2, Ms. Asha Rani further mentions about an email dated 31.01.2022, 11.03.2022, 15.03.2022, 18.03.2022 and 22.03.2022 which has been sent to the Commission and is taken on record.

On further discussing with the parties, the Appellant, Sh. Sukhdeep Singh states that the information **relating to point number 3** is pending to which the Head Teacher, Sh. Amandeep Singh states that the information relating to point number 3 will be supplied to the Appellant soon. In **relating to point number 4**, the Appellant states that the department has not supplied the information relating to persons named as Sh. Inderjeet and Ms. Rani Devi to which the Head Teacher, Sh. Amandeep Singh states that it would be supplied to the Appellant soon. In **relating to point number 5**, the Appellant states that the information is pending to which Sh. Amandeep Singh states that the information is itself with the Appellant, Sh. Sukhdeep Singh as he not provided the records to them, to which the Head Teacher, Sh. Amandeep Singh is directed to explain the facts of point number 5 of the RTI, by writing on his Letter Pad and submit the same to the Commission as well as to the Appellant by the next date of hearing. In **relating to point number 6**, the Appellant states that no information is supplied in this, to which the Head Teacher, Sh. Amandeep Singh states that the information has already been sent to the Appellant; to which the Head Teacher, Sh. Amandeep Singh is directed to send the information again to the Appellant within a month from today.

Both the parties and the concerned persons relating to this present case are directed to appear personally in the Commission with all the requisite documents relating to this case positively, failing which a strict action would be taken respectively.

**Also, if the concerned PIO and the concerned persons from the department would not appear on the next date of hearing in the Court then a strict action would be taken against the concerned PIO and if the Appellant would not appear in the Court on the next date of hearing then it would be presumed that the Appellant has nothing to say and the case would be decided on merits.**

**Appeal Case No. 4365 of 2021**  
**(Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software)**  
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This case is adjourned to **13.07.2022 at 11:00 A.M.** and **both the parties** are directed to personally come present on the next date of hearing i.e. **13.07.2022** which is going to be heard in Court Room at Punjab State Information Commission, Sector- 16, Madhya Marg, Red Cross Building, Chandigarh.

**Copy of the order be sent to the parties.**

**Dated: 22.03.2022**

**Sd/-**  
**(Sanjiv Garg)**  
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Backside B.C.M. School, Basant Aavenue, Dugri, Ludhiana (Pin: 141013)

V/s.

Appellant

Public Information Officer,

O/o The Head Teacher,

Govt. Primary School, Sukhdev Nagar, Urban Estate,

Jamalpur, Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o The District Education Officer (Elementary Education), Ludhiana.

Respondent

## **Appeal Case No. 4364 of 2021**

**(Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software)**

**Present :** The Appellant, Sh. Sukhdhir Singh is present.  
Ms. Asha Rani, Block Primary Education Officer, Mangat- 2  
Sh. Amandeep Singh, Head Teacher, Govt. Primary School, Sukhdev Nagar is present from the Department.

### **Order:**

The date of RTI Application is 05.04.2021, the date of First Appeal is 23.07.2021 and the date of Appeal filed in the Commission is 24.09.2021.

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

On the other hand, the Head Teacher, Sh. Amandeep Singh states that whatever information was available with them has already been supplied to the Appellant. The BPEO Managat-2, Ms. Asha Rani further mentions about an email dated 31.01.2022, 11.03.2022, 15.03.2022, 18.03.2022 and 22.03.2022 which has been sent to the Commission and is taken on record.

On further discussing with the parties, I am of the view that both the parties and the concerned persons relating to this present case are directed to appear personally in the Commission with all the requisite documents relating to this case positively, failing which a strict action would be taken respectively.

**Also, if the concerned PIO and the concerned persons from the department would not appear on the next date of hearing in the Court then a strict action would be taken against the concerned PIO and if the Appellant would not appear in the Court on the next date of hearing then it would be presumed that the Appellant has nothing to say and the case would be decided on merits.**

This case is adjourned to 13.07.2022 at 11:00 A.M. and both the parties are directed to personally come present on the next date of hearing i.e. 13.07.2022 which is going to be heard in Court Room at Punjab State Information Commission, Sector- 16, Madhya Marg, Red Cross Building, Chandigarh.

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Dated: 22.03.2022

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(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 in the Commission.  
None is present from the Department.

**ORDER:**

**This order may be read with the reference of the previous order dated 21.12.2021.**

On the previous hearing dated 21.12.2021, a show cause notice was issued to the concerned PIO and moreover, the O/o State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, Sector 17, Chandigarh was also directed to make sure that PIO O/o The Secretary, RTA, Amritsar should comply the previous order of the Commission but still none appears from the O/o The Secretary, RTA, Amritsar and neither the reply has been filed by the Appellant relating to previous hearing.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Ravinder Kataria states that still the status of this present case is same as it was on the previous hearing as he is unable to access the attached file which has been sent to him by the department at his email and the same has been discussed vide order of the Commission dated 20.07.2021.

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

A letter dated 16.03.2022 from the department has been received in the Commission and is taken on record.

Commission takes a serious view against the PIO and this shows the negligence of the Department as the department has not responded to the show cause notice of the Commission and was absent in between many hearings. Moreover, the concerned PIO has also not complied the previous order dated 21.12.2021 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 Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Amritsar.**

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



**Appeal Case No. 1939 of 2019**  
{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software}

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60 Other Services- 800- Other Receipts-

86- Fees under the Right to Information Act, 2005



**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 State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, Chandigarh is directed to look into this matter and deduct the penalty amount of Rs. 10,000/- from the salary of the concerned PIO of office of The Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Amritsar. The PIO O/o State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, Chandigarh is also directed to submit the proof of the same to the Commission through email. A copy of this order be sent to the office of FAA 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.

Both the parties and the concerned persons relating to this present case are directed to appear personally in the Commission with all the requisite documents relating to this case positively, failing which a strict action would be taken respectively.

**Also, if the concerned PIO and the concerned persons from the department would not appear on the next date of hearing in the Court then a strict action would be taken against the concerned PIO and if the Appellant would not appear in the Court on the next date of hearing then it would be presumed that the Appellant has nothing to say and the case would be decided on merits.**

**This case is adjourned to 13.07.2022 at 11:00 A.M. and both the parties are directed to personally come present on the next date of hearing i.e. 13.07.2022 which is going to be heard in Court Room at Punjab State Information Commission, Sector- 16, Madhya Marg, Red Cross Building, Chandigarh.**

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

**Dated: 22.03.2022**

**CC: (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,  
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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.  
Sh. Jagdish Singh, Clerk is present from the Department.

**ORDER:**

This case was last heard on 21.12.2021 vide which penalty of Rs. 10,000/- was imposed on the concerned PIO and the concerned PIO was further directed to supply the information to the Appellant by the next date of hearing.

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

On asking from the Clerk, Sh. Jagdish Singh about the information as well as about the penalty amount, to which he states that due to election duty XEN was busy and he was unable to deposit the penalty amount Rs. 10,000/- and it will be deposited by tomorrow.

The reply given by the department is **unacceptable.**

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

In view of above, 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 PIO concerned is also directed to supply the copy of challan receipt to the Commission which proves that the penalty amount of Rs. 10,000/- (imposed on 21.12.2021) has been deposited to the Government Treasury.**

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 12.07.2022 at 11:00 A.M. and both the parties are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. 12.07.2022 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. Prem Kumar Rattan,**  
R/o H. No. 78 / 8, Park Road, New Mandi,  
Dhuri, District Sangrur.  
**M: 85095-80002**

**Appellant**

V/s.

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

(Regd. Post) **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. Jaswinder Singh, Clerk is present from the Department.

**ORDER:**

This order may be read with the reference of the previous order dated 21.12.2021 vide which the Appellant was directed to visit the concerned office on 24.01.2022 at 11 am at the office of Sh. Loveleen Kumar and collect the inspected information as per RTI.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Prem Kumar Rattan states at the time of his visit nothing was given to him.

On the other hand, the Clerk, Sh. Jaswinder Singh states that Sh. Loveleen Kumar, Clerk is dealing with this case and today he has to visit the Judicial Court, Sangrur for Court case hearing. Later, it has also been found that Sh. Jaswinder Singh, Clerk has no knowledge about this case.

On further asking the Appellant, Sh. Prem Kumar Rattan as on hearing dated 21.12.2021 he was directed to point out 10 specific vasika number along with dates to which the Appellant, Sh. Prem Kumar states that he has already provided the same to the concerned department.

**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 Tehsildar, Tehsil Office, Dhuri, District Sangrur, 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.

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

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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.

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.

**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 **13.07.2022 at 11:00 A.M.** and **both the parties** are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. **13.07.2022** 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: 22.03.2022**

Sd/-  
(Sanjiv Garg)  
State Information Commissioner  
Punjab

**Show Cause:**

(Regd. Post) **Public Information Officer,**  
**O/o The Tehsildar,**  
**Tehsil Office, Dhuri, District Sangrur.**  
**{Encl. RTI Application}**

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

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

**Appellant**

V/s.

(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.

**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 21.12.2021 vide which penalty of Rs. 10,000/- was imposed on the concerned PIO and the concerned PIO was further directed to supply the information to the Appellant by the next date of hearing.

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

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

A letter vide endorsement number 1663 dated 08.02.2022 has also been received in the Commission vide which The Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Dhuri has directed the Junior Engineer, Sh. Jatinder Kumar and Inspector, Sh. Praveen Kumar to represent this case but nobody still appears from the Department.

**Commission takes a serious view of the casual approach of the Respondent / PIO, this shows the negligence of the Department as the department has not responded to the show cause notice of the Commission and neither submitted any documents which clarifies that information has been supplied as well as penalty amount has been deposited to the Government Treasury. Nobody appears from the department on previous hearings of the Commission dated 21.12.2021 and 12.10.2021. Moreover, the concerned PIO has also not complied the previous order dated 21.12.2021 of the Commission relating to this present case.**

In view of above, 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 PIO concerned is also directed to supply the copy of challan receipt to the Commission which proves that the penalty amount of Rs. 10,000/- (imposed on 21.12.2021) has been deposited to the Government Treasury.**

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.

**Appeal Case No. 3261 of 2021**  
**{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software}**



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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 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.

Both the parties and the concerned persons relating to this present case are directed to appear personally in the Commission with all the requisite documents relating to this case positively, failing which a strict action would be taken respectively.

**Also, if the concerned PIO and the concerned persons from the department would not appear on the next date of hearing in the Court then a strict action would be taken against the concerned PIO and if the Appellant would not appear in the Court on the next date of hearing then it would be presumed that the Appellant has nothing to say and the case would be decided on merits.**

**This case is adjourned to 13.07.2022 at 11:00 A.M. and both the parties are directed to personally come present on the next date of hearing i.e. 13.07.2022 which is going to be heard in Court Room at Punjab State Information Commission, Sector- 16, Madhya Marg, Red Cross Building, Chandigarh.**

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

**Dated: 22.03.2022**

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

**CC:**

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

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(Regd. Post) Sh. Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia,  
Ward No. 18, Street No. 02,  
Kartar Nagar, Amloh Road, Khanna (141401)  
District Ludhiana (Punjab)

Appellant

V/s.

- (i) (Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Secretary  
to Govt. of Punjab,  
Deptt. of Local Govt. Municipal Bhawan, Sector 35-A,  
Plot No. 03, Chandigarh.
- (ii) (Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Director,  
Local Govt. Punjab (Establishment Branch),  
Municipal Bhawan, Sector 35-A, Chandigarh.
- (iii) (Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Director,  
Local Government, Punjab,  
(LG -III Branch), Municipal Bhawan, Sector 35-A,  
Plot No. 03, Chandigarh.
- (iv) (Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Director,  
Local Government, Punjab,  
(LG -IV Branch), Municipal Bhawan, Sector 35-A,  
Plot No. 03, Chandigarh.

(Regd. Post) First Appellate Authority,  
O/o The Secretary  
to Govt. of Punjab,  
Deptt. of Local Govt. Municipal Bhawan, Sector 35-A,  
Plot No. 03, Chandigarh.

Respondent

## **Appeal Case No. 3319 of 2021**

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

**Present :** The Appellant, Sh. Ramandeep Singh is present.  
Sh. Jasbir Singh, PIO -cum- Superintendent from LG -3 Branch is present from the Department.

### **ORDER:**

This case may be read with the reference of the previous order dated 22.12.2021.

In today's hearing, the PIO from LG-3 Branch, Sh. Jasbir Singh states that the information which relates to them has already been supplied to the Appellant and further states that other information has to be supplied by LG -4 Branch.

On the other hand, the Appellant, Sh. Ramandeep Singh states that no information has been supplied and further mentions that at the time of his visit at the concerned Local Government office, the concerned persons of LG -4 Branch stated that the information relates with LG-3 Branch and the concerned persons of LG-3 Branch stated that information relates with LG -4 Branch. He further mentions about an email dated 22.03.2022 which has been sent to the Commission and is taken on record.

### **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 Director, Local Government, Punjab, (LG -IV Branch), Municipal Bhawan, Sector 35-A, Plot No. 03, Chandigarh, 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.**

**Appeal Case No. 3319 of 2021**  
**{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software}**

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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.

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.

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. Ramandeep 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.

**Also, 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 **13.07.2022 at 11:00 A.M.** and **both the parties** are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. **13.07.2022** 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: 22.03.2022**

Sd/-  
(Sanjiv Garg)  
State Information Commissioner  
Punjab

**Show Cause:**

**(Regd. Post)**

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o The Director,  
Local Government, Punjab,  
(LG -IV Branch), Municipal Bhawan, Sector 35-A,  
Plot No. 03, Chandigarh.  
**{Encl. RTI Application}**



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(Regd. Post) Sh. Vinay Singla, (8699128742)  
S/o Sh. Pawan Kumar,  
Thalesh Bagh, Street Number 01,  
Khanjur Wali Gali, Near Petrol Pump,  
Sangrur, District Sangrur. (Pin: 148001)

Appellant

V/s.

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 21.12.2021 vide which the ASI, Sh. Kuldeep Singh was directed to supply the information to the Appellant by hand.

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 been personally handed over to the Ms. Sheela Devi, mother of Appellant, Sh. Vinay at his house and she has given acknowledgement receipt on the same as well. A copy of the same has been sent to the Commission vide email dated 21.03.2022, which is taken on record.

Last order of the Commission dated 21.12.2021 of the Appellant has been received back to the Commission by the postal services with the Comments 'Not Located'.

The ASI, Sh. Kuldeep Singh shared above mentioned mobile number through which the above mentioned address has been confirmed by Ms. Sheela Devi and the status of this present case has also been informed to Ms. Sheela Devi through phone along with the next date of hearing as well by the undersigned bench.

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.

**A copy of this order be sent to the Appellant, Sh. Vinay Singla through registered post.**

**This case is adjourned to 12.07.2022 at 11:00 A.M. and both the parties are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. 12.07.2022 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: 22.03.2022

Sd/-  
(Sanjiv Garg)  
State Information Commissioner  
Punjab

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(Regd. Post) **Sh. Surjit Singh Aujla, (98767-57790)**  
Village Aujla Dak, PO Liddar Kalan,  
Tehsil Phillaur, District Jalandhar (144502)

**Appellant**

V/s.

(Regd. Post) **Public Information Officer,**  
O/o The Superintending Engineer,  
Water Supply and Sanitation Division, Amritsar.

(Regd. Post) **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 present.  
None is present from the Department.

**ORDER:**

This order may be read with the reference of the previous order of the Commission dated 21.12.2021.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Surjit Singh states that he was provided incomplete information and he further mentions about his deficiencies letter dated 22.11.2021 and another letter dated 19.03.2022 which has been sent to the Department as well as to the Commission which is taken on record.

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

**Commission takes a serious view of the casual approach of the Respondent / PIO as information is still not fully supplied to the Appellant and nobody appears from the department relating to today's hearing.**

**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 Superintending Engineer, Water Supply and Sanitation Division, 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 be sent to the concerned PIO along with this order through registered post.**

The concerned PIO is directed to supply the requisite information **(as per RTI 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 **again**, by the next date of hearing.

The Appellant, Sh. Surjit Singh 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 positively failing which it would be presumed that he has nothing to say and the case would be decided on merits.

Both the parties and the concerned persons relating to this present case are directed to appear personally in the Commission with all the requisite documents relating to this case positively, failing which a strict action would be taken respectively.

**Also, if the concerned PIO and the concerned persons from the department would not appear on the next date of hearing in the Court then a strict action would be taken against the concerned PIO and if the Appellant would not appear in the Court on the next date of hearing then it would be presumed that the Appellant has nothing to say and the case would be decided on merits.**

**Appeal Case No. 3220 of 2021**  
**{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software}**

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This case is adjourned to **13.07.2022 at 11:00 A.M.** and **both the parties** are directed to personally come present on the next date of hearing i.e. **13.07.2022** which is going to be heard in Court Room at Punjab State Information Commission, Sector- 16, Madhya Marg, Red Cross Building, Chandigarh.

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

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

**Dated: 22.03.2022**

**Show Cause:**

**(Regd. Post)**

**Public Information Officer,**  
**O/o The Superintending Engineer,**  
**Water Supply and Sanitation Division, Amritsar.**  
**{Encl. RTI Application}**

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(Regd. Post) Sh. Surjit Singh, S/o SH. Gokul Singh,  
VPO Jarg, Tehsil Payal, District Ludhiana.

V/s.

Appellant

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Director,  
Public Instructions (Elementary), Punjab,  
Vidhya Bhawan, PSEB Complex, Sector 62, SAS Nagar, Mohali(Punjab)

(Regd. Post) First Appellate Authority,  
O/o The Secretary to Govt. of Punjab,  
Department of Education, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, E- Block, Vidhya Bhawan,  
PSEB Complex, Phase -8, Sector 62, SAS Nagar (Mohali)

Respondent

**Appeal Case No. 3332 of 2021**

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

**Present :** The Appellant, Sh. Surjit Singh is absent.  
Ms. Sukhvinder Kaur, Superintendent;  
Sh. Kapil Kumar, Senior Asstt. from DPI (EE) is present from the Department.

**ORDER:**

This order may be read with the reference of the previous order of the Commission dated 22.12.2021.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Surjit Singh is absent.

On the other hand, the Senior Assistant, Sh. Kapil Kumar states that the information could not be supplied as the RTI is in question form.

**In view of above, the Appellant is directed to appear in person on the next date of hearing for clarifying the facts of this case.**

Also, the concerned PIO and concerned persons from the department relating to this present case are directed to appear personally in the Commission with all the requisite documents relating to this case positively, failing which a strict action would be taken.

**If the concerned PIO and the concerned persons from the department would not appear on the next date of hearing in the Court then a strict action would be taken against the concerned PIO and if the Appellant would not appear in the Court on the next date of hearing then it would be presumed that the Appellant has nothing to say and the case would be decided on merits.**

This case is adjourned to 13.07.2022 at 11:00 A.M. and both the parties are directed to personally come present on the next date of hearing i.e. 13.07.2022 which is going to be heard in Court Room at Punjab State Information Commission, Sector- 16, Madhya Marg, Red Cross Building, Chandigarh.

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

Dated: 22.03.2022

Sd/-  
(Sanjiv Garg)  
State Information Commissioner  
Punjab