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Appellant

Vs

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

First Appellate Authority  
O/o Deputy Commissioner,  
Ludhiana.

Public Information Officer,  
O/o Tehsildar(West),  
Ludhiana.

Respondents

## Appeal Case No. 4094/2021

(Video Conference/Telephone Proceedings)

Present:- Shri Amarjit Singh Dhamotia, appellant.

Sh. Jaskaran, Clerk 7009051936 on behalf of the respondents.

### ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 2.11.2021.

2. The representative of the respondents requested for the adjournment of the case and assured that the complete information will be supplied to the appellant before the next date of hearing.

3. Accordingly the request of the appellant is accepted and the case is adjourned.

4. To come up on 13<sup>th</sup> December 2021 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, District Ludhiana.

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Dated: 22.11.2021

(Suresh Arora)

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Sh. Harpal Singh Sirohi, S/o Sh. Pritam Singh, Advocate,  
House No 239, Sector 21 A,  
Chandigarh.M : 9417317700

....Appellant

Vs

Sh Gurjinder Bainipal, **Reigstered**  
Distt Revenue Officer-cum-Public Information Officer ,  
O/o Deputy Commissioner,  
Ludhiana.

Sh. Rahul Chabba, IAS **Regd.**  
First Appellate Authority –cum-  
Addl. Deputy Commissioner (Gen.)  
Mini Secretariat, Ludhiana.

Respondents

Public Information Officer **Registered**  
o/o Joint Sub Registrar,  
Sahnewal, District Ludhiana

...Respondents

## Appeal Case No. 990/2021

Present:- Sh. Harpal Singh Sirohi, appellant on phone.  
None on behalf of the respondents. 9888466876, 8360648048, 7986659178.

### ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 2.11.2021.

2. The order dated 5.10.2021 are reproduced below:-

“2. No compliance report regarding order of the Commission dated 9.9.2021 has been received from the respondent-Public Information Officer o/o Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana. Also the respondent-Public Information Officer is absent without intimation. Video Conference Facility was introduced for convenience of general public and for government officials. Viewing the absence of the respondent seriously, the Sh. Pardeep Bains, Distt. Revenue Officer-cum-Public Information Officer o/o Deputy Commissioner, is, thus, issued a show cause notice to explain in a self-attested affidavit as to why a penalty @ Rs.250/- per day of delay subject to a maximum of Rs.25000/- till the complete information is furnished, be not imposed under Section 20(1) of RTI Act, 2005 on him for causing willful delay/denial of the information to the RTI applicant. In addition to the written reply, the Public Information Officer is also given an opportunity under Section 20(1) proviso thereto, for a personal hearing before the imposition of such penalty on the next date of hearing. He may take a note that in case he does not file his written reply and does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the next date, it will be presumed that he has nothing to say and the Commission will proceed ex-parte.

The respondent-Public Information Officer is also directed to send the compliance report as per the order of the Commission dated 9.9.2021 reproduced below before the next date of hearing:-

“The appellant state that he has filed the complaints to the Deputy Commissioner, Financial Commissioner as well as to the Sub Registrar Sahnewal (where the sale deed was registered) to release the sale deed and to sanction the

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mutation. Furthermore the appellant states that the copy of sale deed has already been supplied to the appellant on 17.4.2021 after filing the RTI application but till date he has not been supplied the action taken on the complaints filed by him. He also states that one copy of the legal notice was sent by the Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana to the Joint Sub Registrar Sahnewal but no action was taken by the Kanugo/Patwari halqa to sanction mutation on the basis of sale deed. He also requested that a stern action be taken against the respondent-Public Information Officer.

3. The representative of the respondents on behalf of the Public Information Officer o/o Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana and the representative of the respondents on behalf of the Joint Sub Registrar Sahnewal, Ludhiana did not given any satisfactory reply.

4. The perusal of the file shows that in this case, application for information was filed by the appellant on 13.02.2020 but after lapse of more than one and a half year, incomplete information has been given to the appellant so far. It is, thus apparent from the response of the respondent-Public Information Officer that there has been delay in providing the information. Appellant had also suffered financial loss in getting the information. There are systemic deficiencies in the manner of receiving and disposing of applications. The department still does not appear to be properly tuned to the performance of its obligations enshrined under the RTI Act.

5. I am, therefore, of the view that ends of justice would be met by awarding a sum of Rs. 10000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only) by way of compensation to the Appellant. This amount shall be payable from the State Exchequer and has to be paid by the Public Information Officer o/o Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana before the next date of hearing as the RTI application was addressed to him and the action has to be taken by the Deputy Commissioner office on the legal notices as well as on the reference sent by the Financial Commissioner, Revenue, Punjab which is being sought by him.

6. Also the respondent-Public Information Officer o/o Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana is directed to file the reply/supply the specific information as has been sought by the appellant before the next date of hearing. Also the Public Information Officer o/o the Joint Sub Registrar, Sahnewal is directed to file the reply/supply the information on the legal notice sent to him by the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana before the next date of hearing failing which the punitive action will be initiated on the next date of hearing."

3. The case was adjourned for 2.11.2021 but on the said date none was present on behalf of the respondent due to strike by the officials of the respondent authority and the case was adjourned for today i.e. 22.11.2021.

4. During the hearing the appellant brought to the notice that neither the information nor the compensation has been paid to him by the respondent-Public Information Officer

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o/o the Deputy Commissioner, District Ludhiana. Also none is present on behalf of the respondent-Public Information Officer o/o the Deputy Commissioner, District Ludhiana. The appellant has sought the information from the Public Information Officer o/o the Deputy Commissioner, District Ludhiana vide his RTI application dated 13.2.2020 but till date incomplete information has been supplied to him. It is, thus apparent from the response of the respondent-PIO that there has been delay in providing the information. Appellant had also suffered financial loss in getting the information.

5. I am, therefore, of the view that ends of justice would be met by enhancing a sum of Rs. 15000/- (Rupees fifteen thousands only) as compensation to the Appellant. Thus the total amount shall be payable from the State Exchequer before the next date of hearing i.e. Rs.25,000/- (Rupees twenty five thousands only) as compensation in this case failing which penalty proceedings will be initiated against the Public Information Officer and disciplinary proceedings would also be recommended against Sh. Rahul Chabba, PCS, First Appellate Authority-cum-Addl. Deputy Commissioner (Gen.) Ludhiana. The Public Information Officer o/o the Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana is also directed to file the status of the mutation and the action taken on four representations sent by him. The respondent-Public Information Officer o/o the Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana is also directed to place on record the documentary evidence/noting regarding the dealing of the 2<sup>nd</sup> appeal of the RTI application of the appellant along with the name of the officers and officials concerned in this case.

6. To come up on 15.12.2021 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana.

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Dated: 22.11.2021

(Suresh Arora)

Chief Information Commissioner,  
Punjab.

CC

Sh. Varinder Kumar, IAS  
Deputy Commissioner,  
District Ludhiana

**Registered**

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Sh. Narinderpal,  
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Ludhiana-141007. M : 9988500162

Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer, **Registered**  
O/o Deputy Commissioner,  
Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority  
O/o Deputy Commissioner,  
Ludhiana.

Public Information Officer  
o/o S.D.M.  
Ludhiana (East),  
District Ludhiana.

Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2187/2021  
(Video Conference Proceedings)

Present:- Sh. Narinderpal and Sh. Bikramjit, on behalf of the appellant.  
Sh. Jaspreet Singh and Smt. Rajni Bala(SA) 6280186509 on behalf of the respondents.

## ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 19.10.2021.

2. After hearing both the parties directions are issued to them to remain present on the next date of hearing in person at Chandigarh along with the original record/ information supplied to take the matter to its logical end.

3. To come up on 13<sup>th</sup> December 2021 at 12.30 PM at Chandigarh.

Dated: 22.11.2021

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Sh. Bharat Bhushan Mattu 9779928472  
# 153 Akash Nagar, Near Green Land School,  
Central post Office, District Ludhiana

....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer  
o/o Deputy Commissioner,  
District Ludhiana

First Appellate Authority  
o/o Commissioner,  
Patiala Division, Patiala.

Public Information Officer(By name)  
o/o the Municipal Corporation,  
District Ludhiana

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1462 of 2021  
(Video Conference Proceedings)

Present:- Sh. Bharat Bhushan Mattu, appellant & Sh. Kuldeep Kumar Kaura.  
Sh. Pardeep Kumar, M.A. Branch 9988110640 on behalf of the respondents.

## ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 10.11.2021.

2. The representative of the respondents handed over the compensation amounting to Rs.5000/- vide cheque bearing number 240893 dated 18<sup>th</sup> November 2021 to the appellant, copy of which is taken on record. After receipt of the compensation amount the representative of the appellant, Sh. Kuldeep Kumar Kaura made oral submissions on behalf of the appellant. He was requested to submit the written submissions, if any, for the consideration of the Commission.

3. Accordingly, the order in this case is 'RESERVED' and will be pronounced later on.

sd

Dated: 22.11.2021

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Sh. Satnam Singh Dhawan

House No 7, G.K. Vihar,

Manakwal, Ludhiana.

M : 9501513137

Complainant

Vs

Sh. Gurjinder Bainipal,

**Registered**

Distt. Revenue Officer-cum-

Public Information Officer,

O/o Deputy Commissioner,

Ludhiana.

Respondents

Complaint Case No. 489/2021

(Video Conference Proceedings)

Present:- None on behalf of complainant.

Sh. Kulwant Singh, Sr. Asstt. DRA Branch 7888400041 on behalf of the respondents.

## ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 19.10.2021.

2. The representative of the respondent requested that the case may be adjourned as the new District Revenue Officer has taken over the charge. None is present on behalf of the appellant. Accordingly, the case is adjourned.

3. To come up on 15.12.2021 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, District Ludhiana.

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Dated: 22.11.2021

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Sh. Resham Singh, S/o Sh. Sukhdev Singh,  
R/o Village Swaddi Khurd, PO Bodhalwala,  
Tehsil Jagraon, Distt Ludhiana.  
M : 9877797182

Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,  
O/o DC, Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority  
O/o DC, Ludhiana.

Public Information Officer  
o/o Tehsildar,  
Jagraon.

Respondents

Appeal Case No. 4275/2021

(Video Conference Proceedings)

Present:- Shri Resham Singh on behalf of the appellant.

None on behalf of the respondents.

## ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 8.11.2021.

2. The respondent is absent without intimation. However, the appellant states that he has not supplied the complete information in this case. He further states that he has already received the letter dated 9<sup>th</sup> November 2021 from the respondent with which he is not satisfied. The appellant further states that he will send the copies of his complaints for the consideration of the Commission and requested for the adjournment of the case.

3. Accordingly the appellant is directed to place on record the copies of the said complaints action taken of which has been sought to take the matter to its logical end.

4. To come up on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2021 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, District Ludhiana.

Dated: 22.11.2021

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Sh. Narinder Singh s/o Sh. Malkiat Singh  
r/o Village Chotta Buda Theh,  
Tehsil Baba Bakala Sahib  
Amritsar 9592398776

....Appellant

vs

Sh. Ranbir Singh Mudhal,  
Public Information Officer  
o/o Addl. Deputy Commissioner (D)  
Amritsar

**Registered**

First Appellate Authority  
o/o Deputy Commissioner  
Amritsar

Public Information Officer  
o/o the Sub Divisional Magistrate,  
Baba Bakala, Amritsar

**Registered**

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3847 of 2021  
(Video Conference Proceedings)

Present:- None on behalf of appellant.

Smt. Sukhwinder Kaur, Supdt. o/o SDM, Baba Bakala, 8288934554 on behalf  
of the respondents.

## ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 10.11.2021.

2. The appellant is absent without intimation. However, the Public Information Officer o/o the Sub Divisional Magistrate, Baba Bakala Sahib sent the written submissions in this case, which are taken on record. She also reiterated the same during the hearing.

3. Since the appellant has sought the information from the Public Information Officer o/o the Addl. Deputy Commissioner (Dev.), District Amritsar vide RTI application dated 17.2.2021 and 1<sup>st</sup> appeal on 21.6.2021, and the 2<sup>nd</sup> appeal filed by the appellant on 26.8.2021 in the Commission for which the notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 11.10.2021.

4. During the hearing on 11.10.2021, the representative of the respondents on behalf of the Addl. Deputy Commissioner (Dev.) District Amritsar Sh. Narinder Pal Singh, Election Clerk brought to the notice of the Commission that the information has to be supplied by the Sub Divisional Magistrate, Baba Bakala Sahib and the RTI application of the appellant was transferred to the said authority under Section 6(3) of the RTI Act, 2005.

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5. Now the Public Information Officer o/o the SDM Baba Bakala Sahib sent the written submissions that the information has to be supplied by the Addl. Deputy Commissioner (Dev.) office.

6. Viewing the attitude in dealing with the RTI application of the appellant Sh Ranbir Singh Mudhal, Public Information Officer o/o the Addl. Deputy Commissioner (Dev.) is thus issued a show cause notice to explain in a self-attested affidavit as to why a compensation to the appellant for detriment suffered by him under section 19(8) of the RTI Act, 2005 may not be awarded.

7. In addition to the written reply, the Public Information Officer is also given an opportunity under Section 20(1) proviso thereto, for a personal hearing before awarding the compensation on the next date of hearing. He may take a note that in case he does not file his written reply and do not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the next date, it will be presumed that he has nothing to say and the Commission will proceed ex-parte.

8. One last opportunity is granted to the respondent-Public Information Officer to supply the complete information to the appellant before the next date of hearing under intimation to the Commission failing which the case will be recommended for disciplinary proceedings as well as the penalty provisions will be invoked on the next date of hearing.

9. To come up 15.12.2021 at 12.30 PM on to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, District Amritsar.

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Dated: 22.11.2021

(Suresh Arora)  
Chief Information Commissioner,  
Punjab.