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Sh. Gurdeep Singh 9779508115
c/o Kahlon Association Opposite Gurudwara,
Sri Kutia Sahib Jamalpur
District Ludhiana

....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer
o/o Punjab Public Service Commission,
Patiala

Ms Priya Uppal, Registered
Public Information Officer
-cum-Superintendent,
Department of Personnel,
Personnel Policy 3 Branch,
Punjab Civil Sectt.-1,
Chandigarh. 9888303906

Public Information Officer
o/o Financial Commissioner
Revenue, Reh. & Disaster Management,
(Disaster Management 3 Branch)
Punjab Civil Secretariat-1,
Chandigarh.

....Respondent

Complaint Case No. 650 of 2020
(Cisco Webex proceedings)

Present:- None on behalf of the complainant.
Sh. Leo Pal, Supdt and Ms Sangeeta, D.M. 3 branch, Punjab Civil Secretariat-1,
Chandigarh on behalf of the respondents. 9888303906 9814255505

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 21.1.2021.

2. The representative of the respondents o/o the Financial Commissioner Revenue, Reh. & Disaster Management (Disaster Management 3 Branch) states that the information pertaining to the office has already been supplied but the complainant has not pointed out any deficiency.

3. The complainant is absent without intimation.

4. It is a fact on record that the sought information regarding Sports Quota relates to the Sports Department and the information pertaining to Red light atop the official vehicles of P.C.S officers relates to the Transport Department.

5. As per the instructions issued by the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions, Department of Personnel & Training vide No. 10/2/2008-IR dated 12.6.2008 the public authority has to transfer the RTI application to the public authority and not to the public authorities. A copy of the instructions are sent along with this order.

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6. The respondent-Public Information Officer o/o the Financial Commissioner Revenue, Reh. & Disaster Management (Disaster Management 3 Branch) is exempted from further appearance in this case as he has already supplied the information related to the office and no deficiency has been pointed out by the complainant.

7. Since, the complainant is absent, therefore, the case is adjourned. The complainant is also advised to file the submissions, if any, failing which the ex-parte decision will be taken, on merit, on the next date of hearing.

8. To come up on 1.4.2021 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, District Ludhiana/Cisco Webex 913122670.

Sd/

Dated: 23.2.2021

(Suresh Arora)
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Punjab.

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Sh. Nanak Singh Nishtar 9848353105 **(Registered)**

15-3-137, Gowliguda Chaman,
Hydrabad.

....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer

o/o Principal Secretary to H.E. Governor of Punjab,
Punjab Raj Bhawan,
Chandigarh.

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 972 of 2020

(Video Conference/Cisco Webex Proceedings)

Present:- None on behalf of the parties.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 11.11.2020 vide which the complainant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. Complaint was filed in the Commission on 9.12.2020 under Section 18 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter called RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today.

2. Due to technical problem of connectivity, the case could not be heard. Therefore, the case is adjourned and the parties have been informed accordingly. Also a reply has been received from the respondent-Public Information Officer vide No. 673 dated 15.2.2021, which is **sent** along with this order to the appellant.

3. To come up on 1.4.2021 at 12.30 PM at Chandigarh/Cisco Webex 913122670.

Sd/

Dated: 23.2.2021

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Shri Kulwant Singh M 9878973610

VPO Pohir,

Tehsil and District Ludhiana

Complainant

Vs

Sh. Umesh Goyal,

Registered

Public Information Officer,

Block Development and Panchayat Officer,

Delhon, District Ludhiana.

Respondent

Complaint Case No. 455 of 2020

(Video Conference/phone Proceedings)

Present:- Sh. Kulwant Singh, complainant

None on behalf of the respondents. 8872300876.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 2.2.2021.

2. The complainant states that the respondent-Public Information Officer has not made the compliance of last order as he has not supplied the information pertaining to point no. 13 of his RTI application. He has sent an email in this regard, which is taken on record.

3 The respondent Public Information Officer or his representative is absent today without intimation to the Commission and the respondent Public Information Officer has not complied with the previous order. Viewing the attitude of the respondent-Public Information Officer in dealing with the RTI application seriously, Sh. Umesh Goyal, Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Dehlon 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 wilful delay/denial of the information to the RTI application.

In addition to the written reply, the PIO 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.

4. The copy so received from complainant is **sent to the respondent**. The respondent-Public Information Officer is hereby, directed to file the reply /supply the information in accordance with the RTI application before the next date of hearing.

5. To come up on 25.3.2021 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, District Ludhiana/Cisco Webex 913122670.

Dated: 23.2.2021

Sd/

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Sh. Gulshan Kumar,
1525/1, Street No. 33,
Preet Nagar, Shimlapuri
District Ludhiana 9888482109

....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer –cum-
Distt Revenue Officer,
o/o Deputy Commissioner
District Ludhiana

Registered

First Appellate Authority
o/o Deputy Commissioner
District Ludhiana

Sh. Arun Saggat,
Administrator,
SA Jain School,
Daresi, District Ludhiana.

Public Information Officer
o/o the District Education Officer(S)
Ludhiana.

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2713 of 2020
(Video Conference Proceedings)

Present:- Sh. Gulshan Kumar, appellant.
None on behalf of the respondents.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 2.2.2021.

2. None is present on behalf of the respondents. Therefore, the case is adjourned with the directions to the respondent-Public Information Officer-cum-District Revenue Officer, District Ludhiana to file his reply as per the last orders dated 2.2.2021 before the next date of hearing.

3. To come up on 25.3.2021 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, District Ludhiana/Cisco Webex 913122670.

Sd/

Dated: 23.2.2021

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Sh. Satpal Sharma 9463292433

H.No. 3623 Street No. 1, Durga Puri,

Haibowal Kalan, District Ludhiana

....Appellant

Vs

Sh. Amrinder Singh Malhi, PCS

Public Information Officer (By name) **Registered**

o/o Sub Divisional Magistrate (West),

District Ludhiana

First Appellate Authority

o/o Sub Divisional Magistrate (West),

District Ludhiana

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2943 of 2020

(Cisco Webex/Telephone proceedings)

Present:- Sh. Satpal Sharma, appellant, on phone.

Sh. Paramjeet Singh 7355280016, Sr. Asstt. on behalf of the respondents, on phone.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 12.1.2021.

2. The representative of the respondents states that the information as available on record has already been supplied to the appellant. Whereas, the appellant states that the respondents are not supplying the complete information pertaining to his RTI application. He has also referred to letter No. 714 dated 13.5.2019 written by Tehsildar Ludhiana West to the Sub Divisional Magistrate West, Ludhiana and states that no action taken is being supplied by the office of the Sub Divisional Magistrate. He also states that no copy of order passed by the Sub Divisional Magistrate Ludhiana West under Cr.PC Section 133 has been supplied. The appellant also states that the penalty may be imposed upon the respondent-Public Information Officer as the delay in providing the information is more than 150 days.

3. Viewing the attitude in dealing with the RTI application of the appellant seriously, Sh. Sh. Amrinder Singh Malhi, PCS, Sub Divisional Magistrate West, Ludhiana 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 wilful delay/denial of the information to the RTI applicant.

In addition to the written reply, the PIO 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 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.

4. The respondent-Public Information Officer-cum-Sub Divisional Magistrate West, Ludhiana is also directed to file the specific reply/supply the complete information to the appellant before the next date of hearing.

5. To come up on 25.3.2021 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, District Ludhiana/Cisco Webex 913122670.

Sd/

Dated: 23.2.2021

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Sh. Kamaljit Singh 9417169655

Ro Village Bora, Block Khera,

Tehsil & Distt. Fatehgarh Sahib

..Complainant

Vs

Sh Labh Singh **Registered**

Public Information Officer

o/o Panchayat Secretary,. Gram Panchayat, Bora,

c/o Block Development and Panchayats Officer,

Block Khera,

Tehsil & Distt. Fatehgarh Sahib

....Respondent

Complaint Case No. 703 of 2020

(Video Conference Proceedings)

Present:- Sh. Kamaljit Singh, complainant.

None on behalf of the respondent. 9592231939, 9877098859.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 2.2.2021.

2. The complainant states that no information has been provided by the respondents so far. Neither the respondent-Public Information Officer is present nor any submissions have been received from him. He was also absent during the last hearing dated 2.2.2021. Video Conference Facility was introduced for convenience of general public and for government officials. Viewing the absence of the respondent seriously, the Sh. Labh Singh, Panchayat Secretary, 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 wilful delay/denial of the information to the RTI applicant.

In addition to the written reply, the PIO 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 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.

3. The respondent-Public Information Officer is also directed to file the reply/supply the sought information to the appellant before the next date of hearing under intimation to the Commission.

4. To come up on 1.4.2021 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Fatehgarh Sahib/Cisco Webex 913122670.

Sd/

Dated: 23.2.2021

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Chief Information Commissioner, Punjab.

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Sh. Paramjit Singh s/o Sh. Ram Singh 9592086158

Village Majra Manna Singh Wala

Tehsil Amloh,

Fatehgarh Sahib

....Appellant

Vs

Sh. Narpinder Singh **Registered**

Public Information Officer

o/o District Development and Panchayats Officer,

Fatehgarh Sahib

First Appellate Authority

o/o District Development and Panchayats Officer,

Fatehgarh Sahib

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2965 of 2020

(Video Conference Proceedings)

Present:- Sh. Paramjit Singh, appellant.

None on behalf of the respondents.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 11.1.2021 vide which the Public Information Officer o/o the District Development and Panchayats Officer was directed to file the reply/supply the information before the next date of hearing.

2. The appellant states that no information has been provided by the respondents so far. Viewing the attitude in dealing with the RTI application of the appellant Sh. Narpinder Singh, Public Information Officer-cum-District Development and Panchayats Officer 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.

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.

3. One last opportunity is also 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.

4. To come up on 1.4.2021 at 12.30 PM on to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Fatehgarh Sahib/Cisco Webex 913122670.

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Dated: 23.2.2021

(Suresh Arora)

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Punjab.

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Sh. Nikhil Saraf 9872632670
H.No. 51-52, Kansal Enclave,
Kansal village,
Mohali.

..Complainant

Vs

Public Information Officer
o/o Chief Secretary, Punjab,
Punjab Civil Secretariat-1,
Chandigarh.

Public Information Officer (**Registered**)
o/o the Principal Secretary to Govt. of Punjab,
Department of Sports & Youth Services Deptt.,
Punjab Civil Secretariat-2,
Chandigarh.

....Respondent

Complaint Case No. 948 of 2020
(Video Conference Proceedings)

Present:- Sh. Nikhil Saraf, complainant.
None on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 12.10.2020 vide which the complainant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. Complaint was filed in the Commission on 10.12.2020 under Section 18 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter called RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today.

2. The appellant states that no information has been provided by the respondents so far. However, a reference has been received from the Coordination Branch, Punjab Civil Secretariat-1, Chandigarh vide which it has been informed that the appellant has not deposited the requisite fee demanded by the Sports Branch as the same case is going on in the said branch.

3. Accordingly, the Public Information Officer o/o the Principal Secretary, Sports and Youth Services Department, Punjab is impleaded as necessary party in this case with the directions to place on record regarding the demand raised to deposit the fee viz a viz RTI application to take the matter to its logical end as has been informed by the Coordination branch, copy of the letter sent by the Coordination branch is also **sent** along with this order.

4. To come up on 25.3.2021 at 12.30 PM at Chandigarh/Cisco Webex 913122670.

Sd/
Dated: 23.2.2021

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Sh. Nikhil Saraf 9872632670
H.No. 51-52, Kansal Enclave,
Kansal village,
Mohali.

..Complainant

Vs

Public Information Officer
o/o Chief Secretary, Punjab,
Punjab Civil Secretariat-1,
Chandigarh.

....Respondents

Complaint Case No. 949 of 2020
(Video Conference Proceedings)

Present:- Sh. Nikhil Saraf, complainant.
None on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 12.10.2020 vide which the complainant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. Complaint was filed in the Commission on 10.12.2020 under Section 18 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter called RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today.

2. The appellant states that no information has been provided by the respondents so far. However, a reference has been received from the Coordination Branch, Punjab Civil Secretariat-1, Chandigarh. vide which the RTI application of the appellant has been transferred under Section 6(3) of the RTI Act, 2005 to the Public Information Officer o/o the Chief Minister, Punjab (General Branch). Accordingly, the Public Information Officer o/o the Chief Minister, Punjab (General Branch) is impleaded as necessary party in this case. He is also directed to file the reply/supply the information in this case. A copy of the RTI application is also **sent** along with this order.

3. To come up on 25.3.2021 at 12.30 PM at Chandigarh/Cisco Webex 913122670.

Sd/

Dated: 23.2.2021

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Punjab.

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Sh. Yash Pal Shori 9041008200

H.No. 851, Shori Gali, Adrash Nagar,

Islamabad, District Amritsar

....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer (**By name**) (**Registered**)

o/o Block Development and Panchayats Officer

Tarsika, District Amritsar

....Respondent

Appeal Case No. 2936 of 2020 & Complaint Case No. 657 of 2020
(Video Conference/Cisco Webex Proceedings)

Present:- None on behalf of the parties. 8198012292

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 11.1.2021.

2. Due to technical problem of connectivity, the cases could not be heard, therefore, the cases are adjourned and the parties have been informed accordingly. However, the deficiencies pointed out by the appellant are **sent** along with this order to the respondent-Public Information Officer to file the rejoinder, if any. A copy of the letter bearing Endst. No. 6 dated 27.1.2021 sent by the respondent-Public Information Officer, is taken on record.

3. Also no reply has been received from the respondent-Public Information Officer regarding show cause notice issued to him on 11.1.2021 and one opportunity is granted to file the reply failing which the ex-parte decision will be taken on the next date of hearing.

4. To come up on 5.3.2021 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, District Amritsar/Cisco Webex 913122670.

sd

Dated: 23.2.2021

(Suresh Arora)

Chief Information Commissioner,
Punjab.

CC

Director,

Rural Development & Panchayat Deptt., Pb.

Vikas Bhawan, Sector 62, Mohali

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Sh. Prem Kumar 9815591032

B 11, 261 karta Niwas,

Gurdaspur road, Sri Hargobindpur,

Tehsil Batala, Gurdaspur

....Appellant

Vs

Sh. Shavinder Singh,

Registered

Public Information Officer

o/o Block Development and Panchayats Officer,

Andana at Munak,

Sangrur.

Ms. Paramjit Kaur,

Block Development and Panchayats Officer,

Patran,

District Patiala

....Respondent

Complaint Case No. 660 of 2020

(Video Conference Proceedings)

Present:- Sh. Prem Kumar, complainant.

None on behalf of the respondents. 9878450290.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 19.1.2021.

2. The complainant states that no information has been provided by the respondents so far. However, Ms Paramjit Kaur, Block Development and Panchayats Officer, Patran has sent a letter vide which she has requested for the adjournment of the case due to her illness i.e. pertaining to Point No. 3 & 4 of the RTI application. None is present on behalf of the Public Information Officer-cum-Block Development and Panchayats Officer, Andana and Munak but a letter bearing No. 248 dated 11.2.2021 has been received from him which has been addressed to the complainant with a copy to the Commission, which is taken on record.

3. The respondent-PIO 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. Shavinder Singh, Public Information Officer-cum-Block Development and Panchayats Officer, 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 wilful delay/denial of the information to the RTI applicant.

In addition to the written reply, the PIO 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 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.

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4. The respondent-Public Information Officer is also directed to place on record the complete information said to be supplied to the complainant before the next date of hearing. Also the complainant is advised to go through the information, in case of receipt, and point out deficiency to the respondent-Public Information Officer with a copy to the Commission before the next date of hearing.

5. To come up on 1.4.2021 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Sangrur/Cisco Webex 913122670.

Dated: 23.2.2021

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Sh. Happy 9780322100

H.No. ES 615, Mohalli Abadpura,

Near New Model Town,

Jalandhar

....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer

o/o Financial Commissioner, Revenue,

Punjab Civil Secretariat-1,

Chandigarh.

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 952 of 2020

(Video Conference/Cisco Webex Proceedings)

Present:- Sh. Happy, appellant on phone.

None on behalf of the respondents..

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 22.9.2020 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter called FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 14.12.2020 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter called RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today.

2. The appellant states that he is satisfied with the information pertaining to Point No. 1 and 6 of the RTI application. He further states that regarding the remaining points he has sent a letter mentioning the deficiencies, which is taken on record. Furthermore, the appellant states that the respondent-Public Information Officer has denied the information being 3rd party whereas it does not contain any confidential information of the 3rd party so he requested to supply the information.

3. After deliberations with the appellant viz a viz reply sent by the respondents, the directions are issued to the respondent-Public Information Officer to supply the information pertaining to Point No. 3 and 4 of the RTI application. However, in case any information that part of the information is exempted under Section 8(1)(j) then the same may be dealt with under Section 10(1) of the RTI Act, 2005 which are reproduced below:-

“10. (1) Where a request for access to information is rejected on the ground that it is in relation to information which is exempt from disclosure, then, notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, access may be provided to that part of the record which does not contain any information which is exempt from disclosure under this Act and which can reasonably be severed from any part that contains exempt information. “

Regarding Point No. 2, the deficiency pointed out by the appellant is reproduced

“ਪੀ.ਆਈ.ਓ. ਵੱਲੋਂ ਭੇਜੇ ਗਏ ਪੱਤਰ ਤੇ ਤਹਿਸੀਲਦਾਰ ਪੱਤਰ ਉਨਤ ਹੋਣ ਉਪਰੰਤ ਕਿੰਨੇ ਸਮੇਂ ਅੰਦਰ ਤਹਿਸੀਲਦਾਰਾਂ ਦੀ ਵਿਭਾਗੀ ਪ੍ਰੀਖਿਆ ਪਾਸ, ਦਾ ਸਮਾਂ ਡੇਡ ਸਾਲ ਦੱਸਿਆ ਗਿਆ ਹੈ ਜਦਕਿ ਨਾਲ ਨੱਥੀ ਰੂਲਾਂ/ਹਦਾਇਤਾਂ ਵਿੱਚ ਸਮਾਂ ਢਾਈ ਸਾਲ ਦਾ ਸਮਾਂ ਦਰਜ ਹੈ। ਇਸ ਲਈ ਪੀ.ਆਈ.ਓ. ਨੂੰ ਸਪਸ਼ਟ ਸਮਾਂ ਦੱਸਣ ਦੀ ਕ੍ਰਿਪਾਲਤਾ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਵੇ।”

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Accordingly, the respondent-Public Information Officer is directed to reconsider the reply already filed and file the same afresh before the next date of hearing to the appellant with a copy to the Commission.

Regarding Point No. 5, the reply filed by the respondent-Public Information Officer viz a viz sought information is accepted which is reproduced :-

“ਤਹਿਸੀਲਦਾਰ ਕਾਡਰ ਲਈ ਸਿੱਧੀ ਭਰਤੀ ਦੇ ਕੋਟੇ ਤੋਂ ਇਲਾਵਾ ਪ੍ਰਮੋਸ਼ਨ ਕੋਟੇ ਦੀਆਂ ਕਿੰਨੀਆਂ ਅਸਾਮੀਆਂ ਖਾਲੀ ਪਈਆਂ ਹਨ, ਦੀ ਸੂਚਨਾ ਦਿੱਤੀ ਜਾਵੇ। - ਪੀ.ਆਈ.ਓ. ਵਲੋਂ ਸੂਚਿਤ ਕੀਤਾ ਗਿਆ ਕਿ ਇਸ ਕੋਟੇ ਅਧੀਨ ਕੋਈ ਅਸਾਮੀ ਖਾਲੀ ਨਹੀਂ ਹੈ।”

4. To come up on 1.4.2021 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Jalandhar/Cisco Webex 913122670.

Sd/

(Suresh Arora)

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Sh. Gurdas Singh 98727 14202
Village Baje Wala, Block Ghal Khurd,
Tehsil and Distt Ferozepur.

....Appellant

Vs

Sh. Jaswant Singh, **Registered**
Public Information Officer-cum-
Block Development and Panchayats Officer,
Ghal Khurd,
Tehsil and Distt Ferozepur

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

Sh. Khushwinder Singh,
Panchayat Secretary
c/o Block Development and Panchayats Officer
Ghal Khurd, Ferozepur.

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3049 of 2020
(Video Conference Proceedings)

Present:- Sh. Gurdas Singh, appellant.
Sh. Khushwinder Singh, Panchayat Secretary and Sh. Rajinder Kumar,
Panchayat Secretary 9914300049 on behalf of the respondents.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 13.1.2021.

2. The appellant states that no information has been provided by the respondents so far. However, Sh. Khushwinder Singh, Panchayat Secretary states that he has recently been posted and no record has been handed over by the previous Panchayat Secretary, Sh. Rajinder Kumar. He also states that a letter has been written to the Block Development and Panchayats Officer regarding handing over the record.

3. Sh. Rajinder Kumar, Panchayat Secretary states that he has also not taken over the charge of the panchayat record as the same was not handed over by the previous Panchayat Secretary Sh. Rajwant Singh. He also states that a letter has been written to the Block Development and Panchayats Officer regarding handing over the record.

4. During the last hearing a show cause notice was issued to Sh. Jaswant Singh Public Information Officer-cum-Block Development and Panchayats Officer, Ghal Khurd due to non supply of information. Neither a reply has been received from the respondent-Public Information Officer nor is he present. But a letter has been received from him which has been addressed to Sh. Rajinder Kumar, Panchayat Secretary and Sh. Khushwinder Singh, Panchayat Secretary with the directions to Sh. Rajinder Kumar to hand over the record to Sh. Khushwinder Singh.

5. Both the Panchayat Secretaries are stating that a letter has been written to the Block Development and Panchayats Officer to intervene so that the record may be handed over by

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the previous Panchayat Secretary Sh. Jaswant Singh. Whereas the Block Development and Panchayats Officer is sending a letter vide which he has directed Sh. Rajinder Kumar, Panchayat Secretary to hand over the record. Accordingly, Sh. Khushwinder Singh, Panchayat Secretary and Sh. Rajinder Kumar, Panchayat Secretary is directed to place on record the letters written to the Block Development and Panchayats Officer.

6. The respondent-Public Information Officer-cum-Block Development and Panchayats Officer is also directed to take the appropriate action and ensure that the record pertaining to the RTI application be handed over to the present incumbent Sh. Khushwinder Singh, Panchayat Secretary failing which the punitive action will be initiated as per the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005 on the next date of hearing. Also the Public Information Officer-cum-Block Development and Panchayats Officer is directed to place on record regarding the action taken on the letters sent by the concerned Panchayat Secretaries regarding the charge before the next date of hearing.

7. Also the respondent-Public Information Officer –cum-Panchayat Secretary, Sh. Khushwinder Singh is directed to file the reply/supply the information to the appellant on receipt of the record.

8. To come up on 25.3.2021 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Ferozepur/Cisco Webex 913122670.

Dated: 23.2.2021

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