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Sh.Ravinder Pal Singh Chadha, # 30, Banda Bahadur Nagar, Jalandhar (9814228629)

.....Appellant

Public Information Officer, O/o MC, Jalandhar First Appellate Authority o/o Commissioner, MC, Jalandhar

.....Respondent

AC No. 3982 of 2021

Present: (i) Sh. Ravinder Pal Singh Chadha the appellant

(ii) For the Respondent: Sh. Dinesh Joshi, Building Inspector (9417878144)

..Vs

ORDER

Dated: 23.05.2022

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 29.12.2021 vide which the case was not heard as the Video conferencing facility in office of Deputy Commissioner, Jalandhar was not available. On the next date of hearing 06.04.2022, neither the appellant nor the respondent was present.

- 2. Today the appellant states that no information has been given to him so far.
- 3. The respondent has sought some time.
- 4. After hearing both the parties and going through the case file, it is observed that no information has been given to him so far. Hence, one last opportunity is given to the respondent to bring original record in the Commission. Respondent-PIO is also directed to file point-wise reply indicating the position of each issue as to whether the information has been supplied and if not, the reason thereof. If record is not available, let the PIO file an affidavit to that effect.
- 5. To come up on **17.06.2022 at 12.00 PM for** further proceedings in the Commission office. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

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Sh Runish Dhiman, Advocate #437, Sector 34A, Mandi Gobindgarh-147301 (9855722216)

.....Appellant

Public Information Officer, O/o EO, MC, Amloh Distt. Fatehgarh Sahib

First Appellate Authority,O/o Deputy Director, Local Bodies,
Ludhiana

.....Respondent

AC No. 3470 of 2021

Present: (i) None is present on behalf of the appellant

(ii) For the Respondent: Sh. Barjinder Singh, EO-cum-PIO (9888518255)

..Vs

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous orders passed by the Commission. During the last hearing the appellant filed a letter before the Commission that his appeal case filed in the Commission be treated as complaint case u/s 18(1) fo the RTI act instead of a appeal u/s 19(3).

2. Legal opinion taken on his application which is as under:

"provisions of Section 18 as well as judgment of Hon'ble Supreme Court in CIc vs State of Manipur, 2012 (AIR) SC864 have been discussed and it has been brought on record that procedure under Section 19 of RTI Act when compared to Section 18 has several safeguards for protecting the interests of the person who has been refused the sought for information. It has also been mentioned in this opinion that there is no provision in Punjab RTI Rules to entertain complaint case under Section 18 of the RTI Act. In view of the above it has been concluded that the safer option is to disposed of the appeal cases on merit and not to treat as a complaint under Section 18 which is an extraordinary provision."

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- 3. The appellant is absent today. He has sent an email in which he has prayed that personal appearance of the applicant may please be exempted for 23.05.2022 and to provide some another date.
- 4. The respondent states that he has already filed point-wise reply in the Commission. After going through the reply filed by the respondent, it is observed that the same is incorrect. Hence the respondent is again directed to file point-wise reply indicating the position of each issue as to whether the information has been supplied and if not, the reason thereof. If record is not available, let the PIO file an affidavit to that effect. The respondent PIO take note that this is the last opportunity given to him, failing which action under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act 2005 will be initiated.
- 4. To come up on **17.06.2022 at 12.00 PM** for further proceedings in the Commission office. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Sh.Ravinder Pal singh Chadha, # 30, Banda Bahadur Nagar, Jalandhar (9814228629)

.....Appellant ..Vs

Public Information Officer, O/o MC, Jalandhar

First Appellate Authority o/o Commissioner, MC, Jalandhar

......Respondent

AC No. 3984 of 2021

Present: (i) Sh. Ravinder Pal Singh Chadha the appellant

(ii) For the Respondent: None is present on behalf of the respondent

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 29.12.2021 vide which the case was not heard as the Video conferencing facility in office of Deputy Commissioner, Jalandhar was not available. On the next date of hearing 18.04.2022, again neither the appellant nor the respondent was present. Hence Looking at the lackadaisical attitude of the respondents, the Respondent-PIO (Sh. Ravinder Kumar, A.T.P. o/o M.C. Jalandhar) was issued a show cause notice under Section 20(1) of RTI Act, 2005. He was further directed to make written submissions, if any, in response to the show cause notice, in the shape of a duly sworn affidavit, failing which, it was recorded, further steps including initiation of disciplinary proceedings could be taken, as per the relevant provisions of the RTI Act, 2005. He was also directed to present today

- 2. Today the appellant states that no information has been given to him so far.
- 3. The respondent is again absent today.
- 4. However taking a lenient view, one last opportunity is given to respondent to appear before the Commission alongwith point-wise reply indicating the position of each issue as to whether the information has been supplied and if not, the reason thereof. If record is not available, let the PIO file an affidavit to that effect, failing which action under

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Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act will be initiated. Further the respondent is also directed to file reply of show cause notice issued.

5. To come up on **17.06.2022 at 12.00 PM** for further proceedings in the Commission office. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

Dated: 23.05.2022

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Sh. Ravinder Kumar, A.T.P.-cum-PIO o/o M.C. Jalandhar

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	Vs	
Public Information Officer,		
O/o MC, Jalandhar		
First Appellate Authority		
O/o Commissioner, MC, Jalandhar		
		Responder

AC No. 3983 of 2021

Present: (i) Sh. Ravinder Pal Singh Chadha, the appellant

(ii) For the Respondent: None is present on behalf of the respondent

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous orders passed by the Commission vide which neither the appellant nor the respondent was absent.

- 2. Today the appellant Sh. Ravinder Pal Singh Chadha states that no information has been given to him so far.
- 3. The respondent is absent today.
- The perusal of the file shows that the appellant filed RTI with the PIO, o/o MC 4. Jalandhar on 14.04.2021, but after lapse of more than one year no information has been given to him so far. This shows that the respondent PIO has no regard for the orders issued by the Commission. This is indeed a serious matter.
- 5. In view of the above, PIO- Ravinder Kumar, ATP, o/o MC, Jalandhar is directed to show cause in writing or through affidavit under Section 20(1) of the RTI Act, as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay/ denial of the information to the RTI applicant and why the compensation be not awarded to the appellant under Section 19 (8)(b) of the Act for detriment suffered.

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In addition to his submission, the PIO is also hereby 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 note that in case he does not file his submission and does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the next date fixed, it will be presumed that he has nothing to say and the Commission shall proceed to take further proceedings against him ex-parte.

6. Further the respondent is directed to file point-wise reply alongwith an affidavit that the information that has been supplied is true, complete and no other information relating to this RTI application is available in the record. The affidavit should be on a stamp paper duly signed by the PIO.

Copy of RTI be sent to the respondent alongwith these orders.

7. To come up on **17.06.2022 at 12.00 PM** for further proceedings in the Commission office. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

Dated: 23.05.2022

(Amrit Partap Singh Sekhon)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

CC: 1. PIO- Ravinder Kumar, ATP, o/o MC, Jalandhar

2. Commissioner, Mc, Jalandhar for necessary action

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Sh.Ravinder Pal Singh Chadha, # 30, Banda Bahadur Nagar, Jalandhar (9814228629)

Public Information Officer.

First Appellate Authority o/o Commissioner, MC, Jalandhar

O/o MC, Jalandhar

AC No. 3981 of 2021

Present: (i) Sh. Ravinder Pal Chadha the appellant

(ii) For the Respondent: None is present on behalf of the respondent

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order passed by the Commission vide which neither the appellant nor the respondent was absent.

- 2. Today the appellant Sh. Ravinder Pal Singh Chadha states that no information has been given to him so far.
- 3. The respondent is absent today.
- 4. The perusal of the file shows that the appellant filed RTI with the PIO, o/o MC Jalandhar on 05.04.2021, but after lapse of more than one year no information has been given to him so far. This shows that the respondent PIO has no regard for the orders issued by the Commission. This is indeed a serious matter.
- 5. In view of the above, *PIO- Ravinder Kumar, ATP*, *o/o MC, Jalandhar* is directed to show cause in writing or through affidavit under Section 20(1) of the RTI Act, as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay/ denial of the information to the RTI applicant and why the compensation be not awarded to the appellant under Section 19 (8)(b) of the Act for detriment suffered.

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AC No. 3981 of 2021

In addition to his submission, the PIO is also hereby 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 note that in case he does not file his submission and does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the next date fixed, it will be presumed that he has nothing to say and the Commission shall proceed to take further proceedings against him ex-parte.

6. Further the respondent is directed to file point-wise reply alongwith an affidavit that the information that has been supplied is true, complete and no other information relating to this RTI application is available in the record. The affidavit should be on a stamp paper duly signed by the PIO.

Copy of RTI be sent to the respondent alongwith these orders.

7. To come up on **17.06.2022 at 12.00 PM** for further proceedings in the Commission office. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

Dated: 23.05.2022 (Amrit Partap Singh Sekhon)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

CC: 1. PIO- Ravinder Kumar, ATP, o/o MC, Jalandhar

2. Commissioner, Mc, Jalandhar for necessary action

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Sh.Ravinder Pal singh Chadha, # 30, Banda Bahadur Nagar, Jalandhar (9814228629)

.....Appellant

Public Information Officer, O/o MC, Jalandhar First Appellate Authority o/o Commissioner, MC, Jalandhar

.....Respondent

AC No. 3985 of 2021

Present: (i) Sh. Ravinder Pal Chadha the appellant

(ii) For the Respondent: None is present on behalf of the respondent

<u>ORDER</u>

This order may be read with reference to the previous order passed by the Commission vide which neither the appellant nor the respondent was absent.

- 2. Today the appellant Sh. Ravinder Pal Singh Chadha states that no information has been given to him so far.
- 3. The respondent is absent today.
- 4. The perusal of the file shows that the appellant filed RTI with the PIO, o/o MC Jalandhar on 14.04.2021, but after lapse of more than one year no information has been given to him so far. This shows that the respondent PIO has no regard for the orders issued by the Commission. This is indeed a serious matter.
- 5. In view of the above, *PIO- Ravinder Kumar, ATP*, *o/o MC, Jalandhar* is directed to show cause in writing or through affidavit under Section 20(1) of the RTI Act, as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay/ denial of the information to the RTI applicant and why the compensation be not awarded to the appellant under Section 19 (8)(b) of the Act for detriment suffered.

In addition to his submission, the PIO is also hereby 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 note that in case he does not file his submission and does not avail

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AC No. 3985 of 2021

himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the next date fixed, it will be presumed that he has nothing to say and the Commission shall proceed to take further proceedings against him ex-parte.

6. Further the respondent is directed to file point-wise reply alongwith an affidavit that the information that has been supplied is true, complete and no other information relating to this RTI application is available in the record. The affidavit should be on a stamp paper duly signed by the PIO.

Copy of RTI be sent to the respondent alongwith these orders.

7. To come up on **17.06.2022 at 12.00 PM** for further proceedings in the Commission office. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

Dated: 23.05.2022

(Amrit Partap Singh Sekhon)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

CC: 1. PIO- Ravinder Kumar, ATP, o/o MC, Jalandhar

2. Commissioner, Mc, Jalandhar for necessary action

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Dr. Neelam Sharma, Assistant Prof. (Education) Mehsampur Road, VPO Rurka Kalan, Tehsil Phillaur Distt. Jalandhar -144031 (9878205000)

.....Appellant

Public Information Officer, O/o DPI (colleges), Punjab, Phase-8, Mohali First Appellate Authority O/o DPI (colleges), Punjab, Phase-8, Mohali

.....Respondent

AC No. 634 of 2022

Present: (i) Dr. Neelam Sharma the appellant

(ii) For the Respondent: Sh. Mukesh Sharma, Assistant Prof, (8591302929)

..Vs

<u>ORDER</u>

The above-said appeal case has been transferred from the bench of Hon'ble CIC , Sh. Suresh Arora and reallocated to the bench of undersigned.

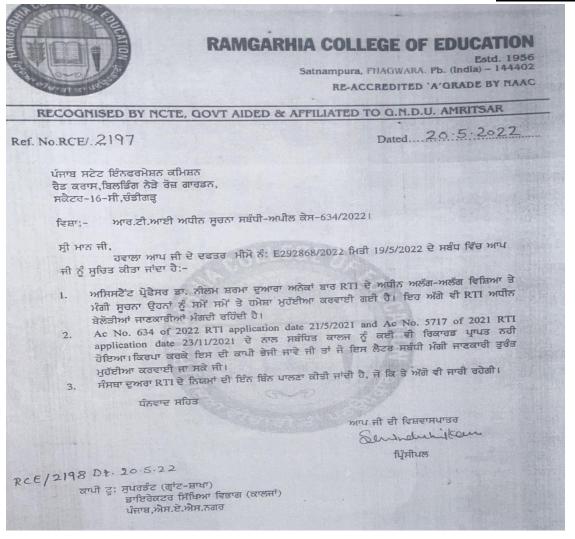
- 2. Brief Facts of the case is that the RTI application is dated 21.05.2021 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 18.09.2021 and second appeal was filed in the Commission under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
- 3. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 23.05.2022 in the Commission.
- 4. The appellant states that she is not satisfied with the reply of the respondent.
- 5. The respondent Sh. Mukesh Kumar is appearing on behalf of the Ramgarhia College of Education, states that he has brought reply today in the Commission, which is as under:-

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6. The perusal of the file shows that the appellant filed RTI with the PIO, o/o DPI (colleges) and they have directed the Principal, Ramgarhia College of Education, to provide the information to the appellant. Further Respondent, o/o Ramgarhia College of Education, filed the above said reply. I have gone through the reply of the respondent and have not agreed with the same. Today, PIO, o/o DPI (colleges) is not present. He has not even bothered to attend the hearing. They have even not sent their reply to the Notice of

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Commission sent to them. This shows that the respondent, DPI(Colleges) has no regard for

the orders issued by the Commission. This is indeed a serious matter.

7. In view of the above, **PIO- o/o DPI(Colleges)**, **Punjab** is directed to show cause in

writing or through affidavit under Section 20(1) of the RTI Act, as to why penalty be not

imposed upon him for willful delay/ denial of the information to the RTI applicant and why

the compensation be not awarded to the appellant under Section 19 (8)(b) of the Act for

detriment suffered.

Dated: 23.05.2022

In addition to his submission, the PIO is also hereby 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 note that in case he does not file his submission and

does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the next date fixed, it will

be presumed that he has nothing to say and the Commission shall proceed to take further

proceedings against him ex-parte.

Further the respondent ,o/o DPI Colleges and PIO, o/o Ramgarhia College , Amritsar 8.

are directed to file point-wise reply with a copy to the appellant. The respondent is also

directed to file an affidavit that the information that has been supplied is true, complete

and no other information relating to this RTI application is available in the record. The

affidavit should be on a stamp paper duly signed by the PIO.

9. To come up on 29.06.2022 at 12.00 PM for further proceedings in the

Commission office. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Amrit Partap Singh Sekhon) **State Information Commissioner**

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.....Respondent

Dr. Neelam Sharma, Assistant Prof. (Education)

Mehsampur Road, VPO Rurka Kalan, Tehsil Phillaur
Distt. Jalandhar -144031 (9878205000)

....Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o DPI (colleges), Punjab,
Phase-8, Mohali

First Appellate Authority
O/o DPI (colleges), Punjab,
Phase-8, Mohali

AC No. 5717 of 2021

Present: (i) Dr. Neelam Sharma the appellant

(ii) For the Respondent: Sh. Mukesh Sharma, Assistant Prof, o/o Ramgarhia College of Education, (8591302929)

ORDER

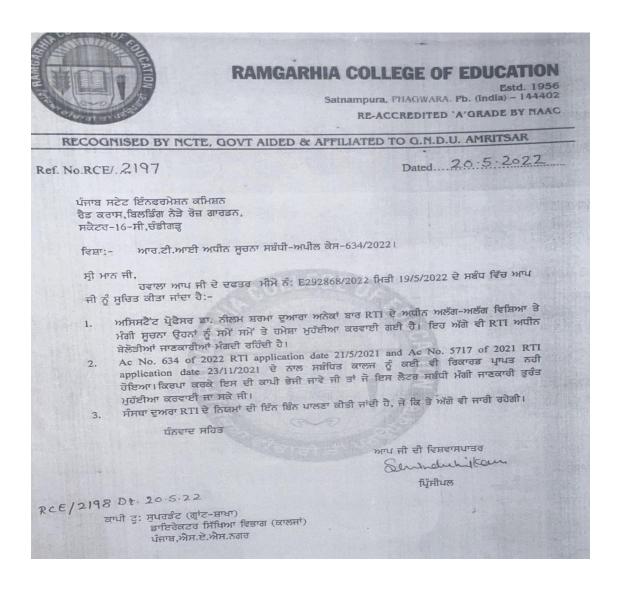
The above-said appeal case has been transferred from the bench of Hon'ble CIC , Sh. Suresh Arora and reallocated to the bench of undersigned. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 23.05.2022 in the Commission. i.e. today.

- 2. Today, the appellant states that she is not satisfied with the reply of the respondent.
- 3. The respondent Sh. Mukesh Kumar is appearing on behalf of the Ramgarhia College of Education, states that he has brought reply today in the Commission, which is as under:-

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AC No. 5717 of 2021



4. The perusal of the file shows that the appellant filed RTI with the PIO, o/o DPI (colleges) and they have directed the Principal, Ramgarhia College of Education, to provide the information to the appellant. Further Respondent, o/o Ramgarhia College of Education, filed the above said reply. I have gone through the reply of the respondent and have not agreed with the same. Today even Respondent, o/o DPI Colleges

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AC No. 5717 of 2021

has not bothered to attend the hearing. They have not even sent their reply to the Notice of Commission sent to them. This shows that the respondent, DPI(Colleges) has no regard for the orders issued by the Commission. This is indeed a serious matter.

5. In view of the above, *PIO- o/o DPI(Colleges)*, *Punjab* is directed to show cause in writing or through affidavit under Section 20(1) of the RTI Act, as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay/ denial of the information to the RTI applicant and why the compensation be not awarded to the appellant under Section 19 (8)(b) of the Act for detriment suffered.

In addition to his submission, the PIO is also hereby 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 note that in case he does not file his submission and does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the next date fixed, it will be presumed that he has nothing to say and the Commission shall proceed to take further proceedings against him ex-parte.

- 6. Further the respondent ,o/o DPI Colleges and PIO, o/o Ramgarhia College , are directed to file point-wise reply with a copy to the appellant. The respondents are also directed to file an affidavit that the information that has been supplied is true, complete and no other information relating to this RTI application is available in the record. The affidavit should be on a stamp paper duly signed by the PIO.
- 7. To come up on **29.06.2022 at 12.00 PM** for further proceedings in the Commission office. Copy of the order be sent to the parties. Sd/-

Dated: 23.05.2022

(Amrit Partap Singh Sekhon)
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Copy to Principal, Ramgarhia College of Education, Satnampura, Phagwara

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Sh D.R Singla, (M-7087079234),		
#4961, Sector 38 West, Chandigarh		Appellant
	Vs	
Public Information Officer,		
0/o Tehsildar, Mohali		
First Appellate Authority		
O/o SDM, Mohali		Respondent

AC No. 5288 of 2021

Present: (i) None is present on behalf of the appellant

(ii) For the Respondent: Sh. Sukhpal Singh, Patwari (8360976084) and Sh. Rohit Lakhi, Assistant Ofc Kanugo (9780196067)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous orders passed by the Commission.

- 2. Today the appellant is not present. A letter has been sent by the appellant, which was received in the Commission vide diary no. 10817 dated 23.05.2022 mentioning therein that he is unable to attend today's hearing as he is busy in another Court. He also adds that incomplete information has been given to him so far.
- 3. The respondent states that complete information has been sent to the appellant.
- 4. After hearing the respondent and going through the case file, it is observed that incomplete information has been given to the appellant so far. The perusal of the file shows that during the last hearing, show cause was issued to Sh. Puneet Bansal, Tehsildar. Today neither the Sh. Puneet Bansal appeared nor he has sent affidavit in response to the show cause notice issued. This is indeed a serious matter. However taking a lenient view one last opportunity is given to him to appear before the Commission alongwith complete information and reply of show cause notice issued, failing which action under SEciton 20 (1) of the RTI Act will be initiated.

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- 5. The respondent is also directed to file an affidavit that the information that has been supplied is true, complete and no other information relating to this RTI application is available in the record. The affidavit should be on a stamp paper duly signed by the PIO.
- 6. To come up on **01.07.2022 at 12.00 PM** for further proceedings in the Commission office. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

Dated: 23.05.2022 (Amrit Partap Singh Sekhon)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

CC: 1. Sh. Puneet Bansal, Tehsildar, Mohali

2. SDM, Mohali to take necessary action

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Sh.Hardeep Singh, S/o Sh. Tarsem Lal, Village Nurpur, Tehsil Banga, Distt. SBS Nagar 9814847273

.....Appellant

Public Information Officer, O/o DDPO, SBS Nagar First Appellate Authority O/o ADC (Development) SBS Nagar

Registered post: Public Information Officer, O/o DRDP, Mohali Vikas Bhawan, Sector 62, SAS Nagar

.....Respondent

AC No. 3878 of 2021

Present: (i) Sh. Hardeep Singh the appellant

(ii) For the Respondent: None is present on behalf of the respondent

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous orders passed by the Commission.

..Vs

- 2. Today the appellant states that he has demanded information on seven (07) points. He has received the information on 1 and 2 point, but the same is not attested and not clear.
- 3. The respondent is absent today.
- 4. After hearing the appellant and going through the case file it is observed that during the hearing dated 20.12.2021, respondent no. 1 stated that the information pertaining to point no. 1 and 2 has been provided to the appellant and the remaining information pertaining to point nos. 3 to 8 is lying with the PIO, o/o DRDP, Mohali. Hence, PIO, o/o DRDP, Mohali was impleaded as respondent no. 2. On the next date i.e. 06.04.2022,neither the appellant nor the respondent was present. Today again the respondent is not present. He has even not bothered to attend the hearing in the Commission, which shows that the respondent has no regard for the orders issued by the Commission.

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5. After hearing both the parties and perusing the record available on file it emerges

that PIO has delayed/denied in providing the information to the appellant. In view of the

above, PIO- DDPO, SBS Nagar and PIO, o/o DRDP, Mohali are directed to show cause in

writing or through affidavit under Section 20(1) of the RTI Act, as to why penalty be not

imposed upon them for willful delay/ denial of the information to the RTI applicant and

why the compensation be not awarded to the appellant under Section 19 (8)(b) of the Act

for detriment suffered.

Dated: 23.05.2022

In addition to his submission, both the PIOs are also hereby 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. They may note that in case they do not file their

submission and do not avail themselves of the opportunity of personal hearing on the next

date fixed, it will be presumed that they have nothing to say and the Commission shall

proceed to take further proceedings against them ex-parte.

6. 29.06.2022 at 12.00 PM for further proceedings in the To come up on

Commission office. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Amrit Partap Singh Sekhon) **State Information Commissioner**

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Sh. Mukesh Kumar Sharma (9872008251) S/o Sh. Subhash Chand, Village Gandla Lahri, District Pathankot

.....Appellant

Versus

Regd post: Public Information Officer

O/o The Block Development and Panchayat Officer

Pathankot

First Appellate Authority

O/o The District Development and Panchayat Officer Pathankot

.....Respondent

Appeal Case No.3468 of 2021

Present: None for the parties.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous orders passed by the Commission.

- 2. Today neither the appellant nor the respondent is present.
- 3. The perusal of the file shows that during the hearing dated 31.01.2022, the respondent was directed to bring complete information in the Commission. On the next date of hearing i.e. 13.04.2022, the respondent was absent without any intimation. Today again the respondent is not present. This shows that the respondent PIO has no regard for the orders issued by the Commission. This is indeed a serious matter.
- 4. The perusal of the file shows that the PIO, o/o BDPO, Pathankot has given directions vide their letter dated 05.05.2022 to the PIO, o/o BDPO, Sujanpur to attend hearing in the Commission office. Hence, it is presumed that the information is lying with the PIO, o/o BDPO, Sujanpur. But PIO, o/o BDPO, Pathankot has not sent any transfer letter to the Commission.

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- 5. After going through the case file, one opportunity is given to the PIO, o/o BDPO, Sujanpur to appear before the Commission alongwith complete information. PIO, o/o BDPO, Pathankot is also directed to appear before the Commission on the next date of hearing alongwith reply, failing which action under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act will be initiated..
- 6. To come up on **01.07.2022 at 12.00 PM** for further proceedings in the Commission office. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

Dated: 23.05.2022 (Amrit Partap Singh Sekhon)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

CC: 1. PIO, o/o BDPO, Sujanpur

2. BDPO, Pathankot

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Village Bolapur, Jhabewal,		
Post Office Ramgarh, District Lud	lhiana - 141123	
		Appellant
	Vs	
Public Information Officer,		
O/o SDM, Kharar, Distt. Mohali		
First Appellate Authority,		
O/o SDM, Kharar, Distt. Mohali		
		Respondent
	AC.No. 5611 of 2021	

ORDER

Present : None for the parties.

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 18.04.2021 vide which neither the appellant nor the respondent was present.

- 2. Today, again neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. The appellant has sent his submissions via mail, the same is taken on record. He mentioned in his mail that no information has been given to him so far.
- 3. The perusal of the file shows that the appellant filed RTI with the PIO, o/o SDM, Kharar on 20.09.2021, but after lapse of more than eight months no information has been given to him so far. Even the respondent has not bothered to attend the hearings in the Commission. This shows that the respondent PIO has no regard for the orders issued by the Commission.
- 4. After hearing both the parties and perusing the record available on file it emerges that PIO has delayed/ denied in providing the information to the appellant. In view of the above, *PIO*, *SDM*, *Kharar* is directed to show cause in writing or through affidavit under Section 20(1) of the RTI Act, as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay/ denial of the information to the RTI applicant and why the compensation be not awarded to the appellant under Section 19 (8)(b) of the Act for detriment suffered.

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In addition to his submission, the PIO is also hereby 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 note that in case he does not file his submission and does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the next date fixed, it will be presumed that he has nothing to say and the Commission shall proceed to take further proceedings against him ex-parte.

5. To come up on **01.07.2022 at 12.00 PM** for further proceedings in the Commission office. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Sh Veeru Singh, S/o Sh Dolla Singh,(M-9914926933) Village Ladhuka, Tehsil and Distt Fazilka

.....Appellant

Public Information Officer,

O/o Rural Development and Panchayat Department, Punjab Vikas Bhawan, Sector 62, Mohali

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Rural Development and Panchayat Department, Punjab Vikas Bhawan, Sector 62, Mohali

Registered post

Public Information Officer

DDPO, Fazilka

.....Respondent

AC No. 3795 of 2021

..Vs

Present: None for the parties.

ORDER

Dated: 23.05.2022

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 06.04.2022, vide which a show cause notice issued to the respondent –PIO, o/o DDPO Fazilka.

2. Today neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. During the last hearing, the respondent no. 2 was also absent. This shows that the respondent-PIO has no regard for the orders issued by the Commission. However, taking a lenient view, one last opportunity is given to the respondent no. 2 to appear before the Commission and state his case, failing which action under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act will be initiated.

He is also directed to file reply of show cause notice before the notice, failing which action under Section 20 (1)of the RTI Act will be initiated.

3. To come up on **01.07.2022 at 12.00 PM** for further proceedings in the Commission office. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

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