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## REGISTERED

**Rajesh Giri,**

Opposite Tanki No.2, Street No. 10,  
Basant Nagar, Khanna.

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**

o/o Director Public Instruction (SE),  
Punjab, Mohali.

**First Appellate Authority,**

o/o Director Public Instruction (SE),  
Punjab, Mohali.

## Appeal Case No. 2779 of 2019

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on **5.9.19, 11.10.19, 20.11.19, 22.1.2020, 2.6.2020, and 5.8.2020**)

1. The RTI application is dated **30.4.2019** vide which the appellant has sought **information regarding a Punjab Government memo on property tax returns etc.** as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **1.6.2019** and second appeal was filed in the Commission on **31.7.19** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **5.8.2020**.

2. At the hearing on 2.6.2020, the respondent PIO represented by Narinder Kant, Senior Assistant had submitted a copy of the enquiry conducted by the Deputy Director Administration Maj. Amit Sarin, to fix responsibility for ordinate delay in addressing the RTI application.

3. As per the aforesaid report, **Smt. Sarwan Sundri**, superintendent of the Services-3 Branch and **Smt. Paramjit Kaur**, superintendent of the RTI Branch, are responsible for the delay in addressing this RTI application. The Director Public Instruction (SE) is directed to clarify whether the above mentioned officials were officially designated as PIO's (Public Information Officers). If not, then the officials designated and serving as PIO responsible for replying to this RTI application must be named, so that the penalty can be imposed as per the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005. This be done at the earliest instance.

4. As directed at the hearing on 5.8.2020, a letter vide memo no. 7/95-2019-S3 (6) 2020 245578 dated: 1.10.2020 received from the office of Director General Schools, Director Public Instruction (SE) Punjab, SAS Nagar, Mohali confirming that Karamjit Singh, Assistant Director is PIO of Service-3 Branch. Hence a penalty of Rs. Five Thousand (Rs. 5000/-) is imposed upon him and the penalty of Rs. 5000/- imposed earlier upon Smt. Jaskirat Kaur, Assistant Director is herewith withdrawn.

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5. Under the circumstances, this Commission deems it fit to imposed penalty upon the respondent PIO-cum-Karamjit Singh, Assistant Director, Service-3 Branch, Director Public Instruction (SE) Punjab, SAS Nagar Mohali, imposed penalty of Rs. 5,000/-. The amount is to be deducted from the respondent PIO-cum-Karamjit Singh, Assistant Director, Service-3 Branch, Director Public Instruction (SE) Punjab, SAS Nagar Mohali, which be deducted from his salary in two monthly installments and deposited in the Punjab Government Treasury 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

And a copy of challan receipt be submitted to the Commission by or on the next date of hearing. Copies of this order be sent to the parties through registered post.

6. IMPORTANT! All documents / information supplied to appellants / complainants must mandatorily be attested as under. Documents / copies not attested as stipulated will not be accepted and will be regarded as an attempt to delay / deny the information.

**Information supplied under the RTI Act, 2005**

**Signature of the PIO**

**Name of the PIO**

**Name of the Public Authority**

**Date**

**7. Next hearing on 14.10.2021 at 11.00 am through Video Conference Facility at D.C. Office, Mohali.**

**Sd/-**

**(ASIT JOLLY)**

State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

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**Cc:** Sectary Education,  
Department of Education,  
Mini Secretariat Punjab,  
Sector-9, Chandigarh, for information and further necessary action.

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## REGISTERED SHOW CAUSE NOTICE

**Romesh Chander Tondon,**  
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# 146, Urban Estate, Post Office Chachoki,  
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District Kapurthala.

Versus

**Assistant Public Information Officer,**  
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District Jalandhar.  
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District Jalandhar.  
**First Appellate Authority,**  
Estate Officer,  
Jalandhar Development Authority,  
District Jalandhar.

### Appeal Case No. 2631 of 2020

ORDER:

*(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 25.3.2021)*

1. The RTI application is dated **7.2.2020** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding his own Plot No. 481 at University View Estate-3, Chaheru,** as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **6.7.2020** and second appeal was filed in the Commission on **14.9.2020** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **25.3.2021**.
2. Both parties are present through Video Conference from, Jalandhar. The respondent PIO-cum-SDO, Sanjeev Sharma, stated that the information requested by the appellant is available with Estate Office, Jalandhar Development Authority and numerous letters have been issued to APIO-Estate Office, Jalandhar Development Authority, under section 5 (4) requesting him to supply the requested information.
3. This Commission deems it appropriate to implead APIO-cum-Estate Officer, Jalandhar Development Authority, as deemed PIO in this appeal case and issue him with a Show Cause Notice.
4. The respondent Assistant Public Information Officer o/o Estate Officer, Jalandhar Development Authority, District Jalandhar, is herewith ordered to **SHOW CAUSE** as to why a penalty should not be imposed upon him under Section 20 (1) of RTI Act, 2005, for causing willful delay/denial of the information requested by the appellant as far back as on **7.2.2020**.

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“In addition to the written reply, the respondent PIO is also given an opportunity under Section 20 (1) provision there to, for a personal hearing before the imposition of such penalty on the next date of hearing. He may take note that in case he does not file his written reply and does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the date fixed, it will be presumed that he has nothing to say and the Commission shall proceed to take further proceedings against him *ex parte*.” Copies of this order be sent to the parties through registered post.

**5. Next hearing on 29.10.2021 at 11.00 am through Video Conference Facility at D.C. Office, Jalandhar.**

**Sd/**  
**(ASIT JOLLY)**  
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### **Appeal Case No. 2632 of 2020**

ORDER:

*(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 25.3.2021)*

1. The RTI application is dated **14.8.2020** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding notice no. 409 dated: 11.7.2019**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **25.2.2020** and second appeal was filed in the Commission on **14.9.2020** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **25.3.2021**.
2. Both parties are present through Video Conference from, Jalandhar. The respondent PIO-cum-SDO, Sanjeev Sharma, stated that the information requested by the appellant is available with Estate Office, Jalandhar Development Authority and numerous letters have been issued to APIO-Estate Office, Jalandhar Development Authority, under section 5 (4) requesting him to supply the requested information.
3. This Commission deems it appropriate to implead APIO-cum-Estate Officer, Jalandhar Development Authority, as deemed PIO in this appeal case and issue him with a Show Cause Notice.
4. The respondent Assistant Public Information Officer o/o Estate Officer, Jalandhar Development Authority, District Jalandhar, is herewith ordered to **SHOW CAUSE** as to why a penalty should not be imposed upon him under Section 20 (1) of RTI Act, 2005, for causing willful delay/denial of the information requested by the appellant as far back as on **14.8.2020**.

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“In addition to the written reply, the respondent PIO is also given an opportunity under Section 20 (1) provision there to, for a personal hearing before the imposition of such penalty on the next date of hearing. He may take note that in case he does not file his written reply and does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the date fixed, it will be presumed that he has nothing to say and the Commission shall proceed to take further proceedings against him *ex parte*.” Copies of this order be sent to the parties through registered post.

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**First Appellate Authority,**  
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District Jalandhar.

### **Appeal Case No. 2633 of 2020**

ORDER:  
(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on **25.3.2021**)

1. The RTI application is dated **23.10.2019** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding technical committee constituted by ACA JDA Jalandhar vide order no. 1017-1024 dated: 4.2.2020 for measuring existing building of Bahra Hospital U.E Phagwara**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **30.1.2020** and second appeal was filed in the Commission on **14.9.2020** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **25.3.2021**.
2. Both parties are present through Video Conference from, Jalandhar. The respondent PIO-cum-SDO, Sanjeev Sharma, stated that the information requested by the appellant is available with Estate Office, Jalandhar Development Authority and numerous letters have been issued to APIO-Estate Office, Jalandhar Development Authority, under section 5 (4) requesting him to supply the requested information.
3. This Commission deems it appropriate to implead APIO-cum-Estate Officer, Jalandhar Development Authority, as deemed PIO in this appeal case and issue him with a Show Cause Notice.
4. The respondent Assistant Public Information Officer o/o Estate Officer, Jalandhar Development Authority, District Jalandhar is herewith ordered to **SHOW CAUSE** as to why a penalty should not be imposed upon him under Section 20 (1) of RTI Act, 2005, for causing willful delay/denial of the information requested by the appellant as far back as on **23.10.2019**.

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