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Sh. Sarvjit Singh,(M 9888490031)  
Whistle Blower Social Worker,  
H.No, s60-35,P 376-1,Street No. 8,  
Maha Singh Nagar,Po Dhandari Kalan,  
Ludhiana.

Appellant

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

First Appellate Authority,  
o/o,Deputy Commissioner,  
Ludhiana.

Respondents

## Appeal Case No. 1175 of 2020

(Cisco Webex Proceedings)

Present:- Sh. Sarabjeet Singh Gill, appellant.  
Sh Ranjit Singh on behalf of the respondents.

### ORDER

The RTI application is dated 30.12.2019 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) on 31.1.2020 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 19.3.2020 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 representative of the respondents requests the Commission that the copy of the RTI application may please be sent.

3. Accordingly, the **copy of the RTI application is attached with this order** with the directions to the respondent-Public Information Officer to take appropriate action on the RTI application before the next date of hearing under intimation to the Commission.

4. To come up on 24.8.2020 at 11.00 AM to be heard through to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana.

Dated: 23.7.2020

Sd/  
(Suresh Arora)  
Chief Information Commissioner,  
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Sh. Harjap Singh Boparai  
VPO GhudaniKalan,  
Tehsil Payal,  
District Ludhiana. 141419  
9814375105

....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,  
o/o Block Development and Panchayats Officer,  
Block Doraha,  
District Ludhiana.

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

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1207 of 2020  
(Cisco Webex Proceedings)

Present:- Sh. Harjap Singh, appellant.  
None on behalf of the respondents.

ORDER

This order may be read with the previous order dated 23.7.2020 vide which the directions were given to the respondents to supply the information related to point No. 2 of the RTI application of the appellant i.e. celebration of Rozgar Diwas in the month of October, November and December, 2019.

2. The appellant states that nothing has been received from the respondents after the last hearing. However, the representative of the respondents, Ms Pritpal Kaur, APO o/o Block Development and Panchayats Officer, Doraha has sent an email along with annexures and showed her inability to attend the hearing due to illness.

3. After going through the email received from the representative of the respondents, it transpires that the reply has been sent to the appellant vide no.620 dated 20.7.2020 with a copy to the Commission that no Rozgar Diwas has been celebrated during these months. Accordingly, it appears that no more cause of action is required to be taken, hence, the case is disposed of and closed. **A copy of letter dated 20.7.2020 is attached with this order.**

Sd/

Dated: 23.7.2020

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Shri Satnam Singh Dhawan,  
House No. 7, G.K. Vihar,  
Manakwal,  
Ludhiana.

....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer  
o/o Sub Divisional Magistrate (East)  
District Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority  
o/o Deputy Commissioner,  
Ferozepur Road  
District Ludhiana.

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1374 of 2020  
(Cisco Webex Proceedings)

Present:- None on behalf of the appellant.  
Ms Rajinderpal Kaur, Steno on behalf of the respondents.

## ORDER

The RTI application is dated 4.2.2020 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) on 11.3.2020 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 28.5.2020 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 sent an email dated 23.7.2020 vide which he shows his inability to be present due to some personal urgency.

3. The representative of the respondents states that the matter is under consideration. She also states that as and when the final decision will be taken on the complaint of the appellant, the same will be supplied to the appellant. He also requests for the closure of the case.

4. According to the submissions of the representative of the respondents, the Commission is of the view that no more action is required to be taken at this stage. Hence, the case is disposed of and closed. However, the directions are issued to the respondents to supply the outcome of the complaint to the complainant as and when it is finalized.

Dated: 23.7.2020

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Shri Kulwant Singh s/o Sh. Pritam Singh  
9878973610  
r/o VPO Pohir,  
Tehsil & District Ludhiana 141204

....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer  
o/o Block Development and Panchayats Officer,  
Block Dehlon,  
District Ludhiana.

....Respondent

Complaint Case No. 295 of 2020  
(Cisco Webex Proceedings)

Present:- Sh. Kulwant Singh, appellant.  
Sh. Narinder Singh, Panchayat Secretary and Sh. Harmail Singh, Panchayat  
Secretary on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 4.3.2020 vide which the complainant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. Complaint was filed in the Commission on 27.5.2020 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 complainant states that no information has been supplied by the respondent-Public Information Officer. Whereas the respondent-Public Information Officer states that the information is ready, he may collect the same or the information will be sent through registered post. With the submissions of the representative of the respondents, the complainant states that he will personally collect the same today.

3. Accordingly, the respondent-Public Information Officer is directed to supply the same to the complainant.

4. To come up on 30.7.2020 at 11.30 AM to be heard through Video Conferene Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana.

Dated:23.7.2020

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Shri Kulwant Singh s/o Sh. Pritam Singh  
9878973610  
r/o VPO Pohir,  
Tehsil & District Ludhiana 141204

....Complainant

Vs

Public Information Officer  
o/o Block Development and Panchayats Officer,  
Block Dehlon,  
District Ludhiana.

....Respondent

Complaint Case No. 293 of 2020  
(Cisco Webex Proceedings)

Present:- Sh. Kulwant Singh, appellant.  
Sh. Harmail Singh and Sh. Narinder Singh, Panchayat Secretary, on behalf of  
the respondent.

## ORDER

The RTI application is dated 24.9.2020 vide which the complainant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. Complaint was filed in the Commission on 27.5.2020 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 complainant states that no information has been supplied regarding his RTI application in which he has sought the information pertaining to the complaint filed by him and the action taken on the said complaint.

3. However, the representative of the respondent states that the office has already sent an email and the letter dated 20.7.2020 has been attached with it, which is taken on record. The representative of the respondents further states that the status of his complaint is that it has been sent to the District Development and Panchayats Officer Ludhiana vide their letter No. 2489 dated 30.12.2019 (copy attached).

4. After hearing both the parties, it transpires that the respondent –Public Information Officer has conveyed the latest status on the complaint of the complainant. Hence, the Commission is of the view that no further action is required in this case, hence, the case is disposed of and closed.

Dated: 23.7.2020

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Shri Kulwant Singh s/o Sh. Pritam Singh  
9878973610  
r/o VPO Pohir,  
Tehsil & District Ludhiana 141204

.... complainant

vs

Public Information Officer  
o/o Addl. Deputy Commissioner (D)  
Mini Secretariat,  
Ludhiana.

Public Information Officer  
o/o Director,  
Rural Development and Panchayat Deptt.  
Vikas Bhawan,  
Sector 62, Mohali.

....Respondent

Complaint Case No. 300 of 2020  
(Cisco Webex Proceedings)

Present:- Sh. Kulwant Singh, complainant  
None on behalf of the respondent.

## ORDER

The RTI application is dated 18.2.2020 vide which the complainant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. Complaint was filed in the Commission on 27.5.2020 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 complainant states that he has not received any information related to the RTI application so far from the respondent-Public Information Officer.

3. None is present on behalf of the respondent-Public Information Officer.

4. After going through the RTI application, it transpires that the complainant has just sought one point information i.e. Financial Commissioner Revenue Circular No. 25/48/2013-/10791-10981 dated 17.3.2013. Accordingly, the Public Information Officer o/o the Financial Commissioner, Revenue is impleaded as necessary party in this case with the directions to supply the same before the next date of hearing. The RTI application of the complainant is attached with this order.

5. To come up on 24.8.2020 at 11.30 AM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana.

Dated: 23.7.2020

Sd/  
(Suresh Arora)  
Chief Information Commissioner,  
Punjab.

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Public Information Officer (Regd.)  
o/o Financial Commissioner, Revenue  
Punjab Civil Secretariat-1,  
Chandigarh.

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Shri Kulwant Singh s/o Sh. Pritam Singh  
9878973610  
r/o VPO Pohir,  
Tehsil & District Ludhiana 141204

.... complainant

Vs

Public Information Officer  
District Development and Panchayats Officer,  
Mini Secretariat,  
Ludhiana.

....Respondent

Complaint Case No. 298 of 2020  
(Cisco Webex Proceedings)

Present:- Sh. Kulwant Singh, complainant  
Sh. Jaswinder Singh, Supdt. o/o District Development and Panchayats Officer  
on behalf of the respondent.

## ORDER

The RTI application is dated 14.2.2020 vide which the complainant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. Complaint was filed in the Commission on 27.5.2020 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 complainant states that no information has been supplied regarding his RTI application in which he has sought the information pertaining to the complaint filed by him and the action taken on the said complaint.

3. However, the representative of the respondent states that the office has already provided the status of his complaint that it has been sent to the Block Development and Panchayats Officer, Dehlon vide their letter No. 457 dated 27.1.2020. He further states that the final report is pending with Block Development and Panchayats Officer.

4. After hearing both the parties, it transpires that the respondent –Public Information Officer has conveyed the latest status on the complaint of the complainant. The Commission is of the view that no further action is required in this case, hence, the case is disposed of and closed.

Dated: 23.7.2020

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Shri Kulwant Singh s/o Sh. Pritam Singh  
9878973610  
r/o VPO Pohir,  
Tehsil & District Ludhiana 141204

.... complainant

Vs

Public Information Officer  
o/o Addl. Deputy Commissioner (D)  
Mini Secretariat,  
Ludhiana.

....Respondent

Complaint Case No. 299 of 2020  
(Cisco Webex Proceedings)

Present:- Sh. Kulwant Singh, appellant.  
Sh. Akashjot Singh 9465303938, on behalf of the respondent.

## ORDER

The RTI application is dated 14.2.2020 vide which the complainant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. Complaint was filed in the Commission on 27.5.2020 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 complainant states that no information has been supplied regarding his RTI application in which he has sought the information pertaining to the complaint filed by him and the action taken on the said complaint.

3. However, the representative of the respondent states that the office has already provided the status of his complaint on 4.3.2020 that it has been sent to the District Development and Panchayats Officer Ludhiana vide their letter No. 8997 dated 20.12.2019 and letter No. 9964 dated 12.2.2020. He further states that the final report is pending with District Development and Panchayats Officer.

4. After hearing both the parties, it transpires that the respondent –Public Information Officer has conveyed the latest status on the complaint of the complainant. Hence, the Commission is of the view that no further action is required in this case, hence, the case is disposed of and closed.

Dated: 23.7.2020

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Shri Satnam Singh Dhawan 9501513137  
R/o House No. 7, GK Vihar,  
Manakwal,  
District -Ludhiana.

..Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,  
O/o Sub Divisional Magistrate(East),  
Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority-cum-  
O/o Deputy Commissioner,  
Mini Secretariat,  
Ludhiana.

..Respondents

## Appeal Case No. 1370 of 2020 (Cisco Webex Proceedings)

Present: None on the behalf of the appellant.  
Rajinder Pal Kaur Steno, 9876674027 on behalf of the respondents.

### ORDER

The RTI application is dated 31.1.2020 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) on 12.3.2020 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 28.5.2020 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter called RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. 23.7.2020.

2. The appellant is absent today but he has sent an email dated 23.7.2020 in which he has shown his inability to attend the hearing due to some personal urgency. He has further written that he has received a letter from the respondents wherein the respondents have sent a link of website but no information is available on this link and requested for the adjournment of case.

3. The representative of the respondents states that they have supplied the information to the appellant vide their letter no. 1003 dated 26.6.2020, copy of which has already submitted to the Commission. She further states that the sought information i.e. graph related to the test taken for the issuance of permanent licence is available on <https://sarathi.parivahan.gov.in/sarathiservice/stateselection.do>. With regard to the information related to the videography is a third party information which cannot be provided under section 8(1)(j) of the RTI Act, 2005. Furthermore, the representative of the respondents requests for the closure of the case.

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4. After hearing the representative of the respondents, the Commission agrees with the submissions of the representative of the respondents and is of the view that the information is available on the website and the appellant can download the same from the website. With regard to the videography, the Commission agrees with the submissions of the representative of the respondents and the judicial decisions in this regard, no more action is required in this case. Hence, the case is disposed of and closed.

Dated: 23.7.2020

**Sd/**  
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Sh. Jagpreet Singh 9659500036  
Village Tunga Herhi,  
Tehsil & District Ludhiana.

....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,  
o/o Panchayat Secretary,  
Gram Panchayat Tunga Herhi,  
c/o Block Development and Panchayats Officer,  
Block Pakhowal,  
District Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority  
o/o Block Development and Panchayats Officer,  
Block Pakhowal,  
District Ludhiana.

..Respondents

Appeal case No. 1200 of 2020  
(Cisco Webex Proceedings)

Present: Sh. Jagpreet Singh, appellant.  
Sh. Karandeep Chandel, Panchayat Secretary, (M9463685007) on behalf of the respondents.

## ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 17.6.2020 vide which Sh. Vipin Kumar , Block Development Officer Pakhowal was directed to supply the information pertaining to the point no. 3 of the RTI application before the next date of the hearing. The case was adjourned to 23.7.2020.

2. The appellant states that he has received the incomplete and unclear information the respondent has not mentioned in the said letter, whether the inquiry is under process or completed. He has also sent the email dated 13.7.2020, which is taken on record.

3. The respondent states that the information along with three enclosures as has been sought by the appellant has been sent to him on his whatsapp mobile number 9656500036 on 26.6.2020. He further submits that the inquiry is not completed and is under process by the Block Development and Panchayats Officer. He has also sent this information to the Commission on whatsapp during the hearing, which is taken on record.

4. After hearing both the parties and going through the record in the case file, it is revealed that the complete information has been provided to the appellant as per his RTI application under the RTI Act, 2005. However, the respondents are directed to give in writing within a week from issue of this letter to the appellant under intimation to the Commission that the inquiry is under process. No more action is required in this case. Hence, this case is disposed of and closed. However, a liberty is granted to the appellant to approach the Commission for reopening the case within 15 days from issue of this order, if he does not receive the latest status of the inquiry in writing from the respondents.

Dated: 23.7.2020

Sd/  
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Sh. Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia, 9464500405

Ward No. 18, Street No. 2,  
Kartar Nagar, Amloh Road,  
Khanna -141401,  
District Ludhiana.

.....Appellant

**Vs**

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

Public Information Officer,  
Executive Officer,  
Municipal Committee,  
Khanna, District Ludhiana

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o Commissioner,  
Patiala Division,  
1-A, Baradari Garden,  
Patiala.

..... Respondents

**Appeal Case No. 886 of 2020**  
( CiscoWebex Proceedings)

Present: Sh. Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia, appellant.  
Sh. Ranbir Singh, Executive Officer, (M 9988867217) on behalf of the respondents.

Order

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 17.6.2020 vide which the Executive Officer, M.C. Khanna was directed to provide the information to the appellant pertaining to the RTI application of the appellant before the next date of hearing failing which the punitive action would be initiated on the next date of hearing. The case was adjourned to 23.7.2020.

2. The respondent PIO states that he has not received the RTI application of the appellant and requests for the copy of the same with adjournment.

3. The appellant states that he has not received any information. He has sent an email dated 23.7.2020, which is taken on record. He submits that he will email the RTI application to the respondent-Public Information Officer.

4. After hearing the parties, the respondents are directed to reply/supply the information as per the RTI application of the appellant before the next date of hearing and the appellant is advised to revert back on receipt of the same, to the respondents in case of any deficiency. A **copy of RTI application is attached with the orders.**

5. To come up on 24.8.2020 at 11.30 A.M. to be heard through video Conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana/ Cisco Webex.

Dated: 23.7.2020

**Sd/**  
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District Ludhiana.

..Appellant

Public Information Officer,  
o/o Panchayat Secretary,  
Gram Panchayat Threeke,  
c/o Block Development and Panchayats Officer,  
Block Ludhiana-1  
Distt. Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,  
c/o Block Development and Panchayats Officer,  
Block Ludhiana-1  
Distt. Ludhiana.

..Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1170 of 2020  
(Cisco Webex Proceedings)

Present:- None on behalf of the appellant.  
None on the behalf of the respondents.

## ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 17.6.2020 vide which the representative of the respondent Sh. Kiran Pal Singh, Panchayat Secretary (M 7888597229) assured to supply the information within 14 days from last hearing dated 17.6.2020. On the request of the respondent case was adjourned and the directions were issued to supply the information within 14 days under intimation to the Commission and was also directed that punitive action will be initiated against the respondent on the next date of hearing in case of non adherence to the orders of the Commission. The case was adjourned to 23.7.2020.

2. The appellant is absent but he has sent an email dated 16.7.2020, which is taken on record wherein he has stated that no information has been provided so far pertaining to his RTI application dated 26.12.2020, in spite of the orders issued by the Commission during the last hearing. In addition, he has also requested that an appropriate action be taken against the erring employee as per RTI Act, 2005.

3. None is present on the behalf of the respondents.

4. After going through the record, it is revealed that the respondent-Public Information Officer has not supplied the information in spite of the assurance given by him during the last hearing. The Commission has taken a serious view on the lackadaisical attitude in dealing with the RTI application as well as to comply with the orders of the Commission. Viewing the absence and non implementation of the last orders of the Commission dated 17.6.2020 by Sh. Kiran Pal Singh, Panchayat Secretary, seriously, a show cause notice is issued to him 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

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information to the RTI applicant and to issue show cause for compensation to the appellant for detriment suffered by him under section 19(8) of the RTI Act,2005.

4. 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 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. The respondent-Public Information Officer is also directed to supply the information before the next date of hearing.

6. To come up on 24.8.2020 at 11.30 A. M. to be heard through video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner Ludhiana/ Cisco Webex.

Sd/

(Suresh Arora)

Chief Information Commissioner,  
Punjab.

Dated: 23.7.2020

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Whistle Blower Social Worker,  
H.No, 60-35,P 330,Street No. 8,  
Maha Singh Nagar, PO Dhandari Kalan,  
Ludhiana.

..Appellant

Vs

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

First Appellate Authority,  
o/o,Deputy Commissioner,  
Ludhiana.

..Respondents

## Appeal Case No. 1174 of 2020

Present:- Sh. Amarjit Singh, appellant.  
Sh. Ranjit Singh, MSK-1, 76966 81960 on behalf of the respondents.

### ORDER

This order may be read with the previous order dated 17.6.2020.

2. The appellant states that nothing has been received from the respondents. Whereas the representative of the respondents states that the enquiry report has been received in the office of the Deputy Commissioner but the final decision on the enquiry is yet to be taken as the appellant has sought the action taken on the news item published in the newspaper along with its enquiry report and annexures. The representative of the respondents further states that as and when the final action on the enquiry will be taken, copy of the same will be supplied to the appellant.

3. The case is adjourned to 24.8.2020 at 11.30 AM and will be heard through through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana.

Dated: 23.7.2020

Sd/  
(Suresh Arora)  
Chief Information Commissioner,  
Punjab.