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Shri Prem Kumar Rattan, (M: 98722-20039),
H.No. 78/8, Park Road,
Navi Mandi, Dhuri,
Distt. Sangrur.

.....Appellant.

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/ o Asstt. Reigstrar,
Co-operative Societies, Sangrur.

First Appellate Authority:
O/o Joint Registrar,
Co-operative Societies,
Patiala.

.....Respondent

Appeal Case No. 1584 of 2020

Present:- Shri Prem Kumar Rattan, appellant is present.
None present on behalf of Shri Harjit Singh, SPIO-cum-Asstt. Registrar, Co-operative Societies, Sangrur.

O R D E R

Shri Prem Kumar Rattan, appellant filed RTI application dated 02.09.2019 and sought some information from the SPIO, O/o Asstt. Reigstrar, Co-operative Societies, Sangrur.

Today the case is heard through CISCO Webex Meetings Software.

The appellant is present today, whereas none has appeared on behalf of the SPIO.

I have gone through the Order dated 25.08.2020 vide which the appellant was directed to deposit the assessed fee of Rs.152/- with the office of the SPIO within 10 days.

The Commission has received a mail sent by Shri Prem Kumar Rattan, appellant on 22.09.2020 which is diarized vide no.12513. I have gone through the representation of the appellant. He has not complied with the Order of the Commission and has not deposited the assessed fee with the office of the SPIO, rather he is making excuses.

The SPIO though is absent today, but he has sent an e-mail, which is a copy of letter no.4213 dated 28.08.2020, written to the appellant and asked him to deposit the assessed fee of Rs.152/-, as directed by the Commission.

The Commission has received another mail sent by the appellant, Shri Prem Kumar Rattan. I am not agreed with the view taken by the appellant. He has not complied with the Order of the Commission and has not deposited the assessed fee with the office of the SPIO.

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So, the present appeal case is **disposed of and closed** with the observation that in case the appellant wants to get this information then he should deposit the assessed fee of Rs.152/- with the office of the SPIO within 20 days and in case the appellant deposits the assessed fee with the office of the SPIO as directed above, then the SPIO should send the attested copies of sought for information to the appellant through registered post within a week from the deposit of assessed fee by the appellant and compliance report be sent back to the Commission.

Dated: 24.09.2020

**(Avtar Singh Kaler)
State Information Commissioner, Punjab**

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Shri Gurcharan Singh Kuka, S/o Lal Singh, (M: 94656-50259),
R/o Village Chuhanke, Khurd,
Distt. Barnala.



..... Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o Secretary,
Shiromani Gurudwara Prabandhak Committee,
Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Secretary,
Shiromani Gurudwara Prabandhak Committee,
Amritsar.

.....Respondent

Appeal Case No. 506 of 2020

Present:- Shri Gurcharan Singh Kuka, appellant is absent.
None present on behalf of Shri Simarjit Singh, SPIO, O/o Secretary, Shiromani
Gurudwara Prabandhak Committee, Amritsar.

O R D E R

Shri Gurcharan Singh Kuka, appellant filed RTI application dated 02.09.2019 and sought some information from the PIO, O/o Secretary, Shiromani Gurudwara Prabandhak Committee, Amritsar.

Today the case is heard through CISCO WEBEX MEETINGS Software.

Both the parties are absent today.

The SPIO though is absent today, but he has sent an e-mail to the Commission, which is a copy of letter no.60038 dated 23.09.2020 along with copies of information. I have gone through the said letter and vide this letter 9 pages of sought for information has been sent to the appellant.

I have gone through the RTI application dated 02.09.2019 and also gone through the copy of information sent by the SPIO.

The SPIO has resolved the matter involved in the RTI application and send the sought for information to the appellant, so the present appeal case is **disposed of and closed**.

Dated:24.09.2020

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Shri Kamaljit Singh Anand, Advocate, (M: 98150-33415),
S/o Shri Jaipal Singh,
Chamber No. 5014, 5th Floor, District Courts,
Ludhiana.



..... Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o President,
Shiromani Gurudwara Prabandhak Committee,
Amritsar.
First Appellate Authority,
O/o President,
Shiromani Gurudwara Prabandhak Committee,
Amritsar.

.....Respondent

Appeal Case No. 1627 of 2020

Present:- Shri Kamaljit Singh Anand (Advocate), appellant is absent.
None present on behalf of Shri Simarjit Singh, SPIO, O/o Secretary, Shiromani
Gurudwara Prabandhak Committee, Amritsar.

O R D E R

Shri Kamaljit Singh Anand (Advocate), appellant filed RTI application dated 29.08.2019 and sought some information from the PIO, O/o Secretary, Shiromani Gurudwara Prabandhak Committee, Amritsar.

Today the case is heard through CISCO WEBEX MEETINGS Software.

Both the parties are absent today.

I have gone through the Order dated 26.08.2020 and the appellant was directed that in case he is not satisfied with the information, then he should submit the list of deficiencies in writing to the notice of the PIO within 3 days with the copy to the Commission.

The SPIO though is absent today, but he has sent an e-mail to the Commission, which is a copy of letter no.60039 dated 24.09.2020 and it is submitted by the PIO that as was directed vide Order dated 26.08.2020, the appellant has not brought any deficiencies to the notice of the PIO.

The SPIO has sent the sought for information to the appellant vide letter no.60028 dated 25.08.2020 through e-mail and till today the appellant has not submitted any deficiency to the notice of the SPIO. It means the appellant is satisfied with the information sent to him by the SPIO, so the present appeal case is **disposed of and closed**.

Dated: 24.09.2020

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State Information Commissioner, Punjab.



Shri Prem Kumar Rattan, (M: 98722-20039),
H.No. 78/8, Park Road,
Navi Mandi, Dhuri,
Distt. Sangrur.

.....Appellant.

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/ o Asstt. Reigstrar,
Co-operative Societies, Munak,
Distt. Sangrur.

First Appellate Authority:
O/o Joint Registrar,
Co-operative Societies,
Patiala.

.....Respondent

Appeal Case No. 1589 of 2020

Present:- Shri Prem Kumar Rattan, appellant is present.
Shri Vijay Kumar, SPIO-cum-Asstt. Registrar, Co-operative Societies, Munak is present.

O R D E R

Shri Prem Kumar Rattan, appellant filed RTI application dated 02.09.2019 and sought some information from the SPIO, O/o Asstt. Reigstrar, Co-operative Societies, Munak, Distt. Sangrur.

Today the case is heard through CISCO WEBEX MEETINGS Software.

Both the parties are present today. The SPIO stated that the sought for information comprising of attested copies of 76 pages was sent to the appellant through letter no. 684 dated 01.09.2020.

The Commission has received a mail sent by the SPIO on 07.09.2020, diarized vide no.11436, which is a copy of letter no.684 dated 01.09.2020. I have gone through the said letter and 76 attested pages of information was sent to the appellant vide this letter.

The appellant has also sent a mail, which was received in the office of the Commission on 22.09.2020, diarized vide no.12515. I have gone through the said mail and it is a copy of application dated 09.09.2020 sent by the appellant.

The appellant is present today and he stated that he has received the sought for information and he is satisfied.

As the SPIO has resolved the matter involved in the RTI application and sent the sought for information to the appellant and the appellant is satisfied with the information, so the present appeal case is **disposed of and closed**.

Dated: 24.09.2020

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Shri Pankaj Jindal, (M: 98726-29329),
S/o Shri Chaman Lal Jindal,
333, Sector-A, Aggar Nagar,
Ludhiana.

.....Complainant.

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/ o Registrar,
Co-operative Societies, Punjab,
Chandigarh.

.....Respondent

Complaint Case No. 331 of 2020

Present:- Shri Pankaj Jindal, complainant/applicant is absent.
Shri Satnam Singh, Clerk is present on behalf of Shri Amarjit Singh, SPIO-cum-Joint Registrar, O/o Co-operative Societies, Punjab.

O R D E R

Shri Pankaj Jindal, complainant/applicant filed RTI application dated 12.03.2019 and sought some information from the SPIO, O/o Registrar, Co-operative Societies, Punjab, Chandigarh.

Today the case is heard through CISCO WEBEX MEETINGS Software.

The complainant/applicant is absent today, whereas the respondent has appeared on behalf of the SPIO.

The respondent stated that the attested copies of 57 pages of information was sent to the complainant/applicant vide letter no.4434 dated 01.09.2020 through registered post and a copy of the same letter has also been sent to the Commission for compliance. He further stated that the complainant/applicant has not brought any deficiencies in the information to the notice of the SPIO till today.

The SPIO has sent the attested copies of 57 pages of information to the complainant/applicant vide letter no.4434 dated 01.09.2020 through registered post and till today the complainant/applicant has not brought any deficiencies to the notice of the SPIO. It means the complainant/applicant is satisfied with the information. Hence the present complaint case is **disposed of and closed**.

Dated: 24.09.2020

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Shri Juala Singh, (M: 98551-84046),
S/o Shri Santokh Singh,
Village Dayalpura, Tehsil Samrala,
Distt. Ludhiana.

.....Complainant.

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/ o Asstt. Food and Supply Officer,
Samrala.

.....Respondent

Complaint Case No. 334 of 2020

Present:- Shri Juala Singh, complainant/applicant is absent.
Ms. Ravneet Kaur, Inspector Food and Supply is present on behalf of the SPIO-
cum-Asstt. Food and Supply Officer, Samrala.

ORDER

Shri Juala Singh, complainant/applicant filed RTI application dated 14.02.2020 and sought some information from the SPIO, O/o Asstt. Food and Supply Officer, Samrala.

Today the case is heard through CISCO WEBEX MEETINGS Software.

The complainant-applicant is absent today, whereas the respondent has come present on behalf of the SPIO.

The respondent stated that the sought for information was provided by hand to the complainant-applicant on 07.09.2020.

The Commission has received a mail sent by the SPIO on 14.09.2020, diarized vide no. 11942, which is a copy of Memo no.170 dated 08.09.2020 along with a copy of receipt dated 07.09.2020 duly signed by Shri Juala Singh, complainant-applicant.

I have gone through the said letter and it submitted by the SPIO that the sought for information was provided by hand to the complainant-applicant on 07.09.2020 and the complainant-applicant has executed a duly signed receipt after receiving the information.

I have also gone through the receipt dated 07.09.2020 duly signed by Shri Juala Singh, complainant-applicant and it is submitted by the complainant-applicant that he has received the sought for information and he is satisfied with the information and also requested to disposed of his complaint case.

As the sought for information has been provided to the complainant/applicant by the SPIO and the complainant/applicant is satisfied with the information, so the present complaint case is **disposed of and closed**.

(Avtar Singh Kaler)

Dated: 24.09.2020

State Information Commissioner, Punjab



Shri Gurmukh Singh, (M: 94637-52998),
S/o Shri Jagat Ram,
R/o Village Maira, P.O. Kot Maira,
Tehsil Garhshankar, Distt. Hoshiarpur.

.....Complainant.

Vs

(Regd.) Public Information Officer,
O/ o Block Development & Panchayat Officer,
Garhshankar, Distt. Hoshiarpur.

.....Respondent

Complaint Case No. 1258 of 2018

Present:- Shri Gurmukh Singh, complainant/applicant is present
Smt. Manjinder Kaur, the then SPIO-cum-BDPO, Garhshankar, now transferred
to the Block Bhogpur, Distt. Jalandhar is present.

ORDER

Shri Gurmukh Singh, complainant/applicant filed RTI application dated 16.04.2018 and sought some information from the office of the SPIO.

Today the case is heard through CISCO Webex Meetings Software.

Both the parties are present today.

I have gone through the Order dated 05.02.2020 passed by the Commission and a penalty of Rs.25,000/- was imposed upon Smt. Manjinder Kaur, SPIO-cum-BDPO, Garhshankar as she has not provided the sought for information to the complainant/applicant and was not present before the Commission on the said date.

I have perused the case file. Smt. Manjinder Kaur, SPIO-cum-BDPO, Garhshankar has come present before the Commission on 17.03.2020 and she requested that she was not the SPIO-cum-BDPO at Garhshankar when the present RTI application was filed by the complainant/applicant on 16.04.2018, rather she has joined as BDPO at Garhshankar on 16.12.2019. She further submitted that the Order dated 23.01.2020 passed by the Commission was received in her office on 10.02.2020 and that was the reason that she could not appear before the Commission at the time of hearing on 05.02.2020 and an opportunity of personal hearing was not afforded to her and she was penalized by the Commission.

Today at the time of hearing Shri Gurmukh Singh, complainant/applicant has come present and he submitted a duly signed representation that he has filed RTI application on 16.04.2018 and Smt. Manjinder Kaur was not posted as BDPO at Garhshankar at that time. He further submitted that Smt. Manjinder Kaur is innocent and she is not liable for the delay in providing the information to him. The said representation is taken in the file of the Commission.

Smt. Manjinder Kaur, the then SPIO-cum-BDPO, Garhshankar, now transferred to the Block Bhogpur, Distt. Jalandhar has filed reply through letter no. 457 dated 19.02.2020

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Complaint Case No. 1258 of 2018

along with a receipt dated 10.03.2020 duly signed by Shri Gurmukh Singh, complainant/applicant that he has received the attested copies of complete information comprising of 609 pages and he is satisfied with the information. Another copy of letter no.SPL-1 dated 19.02.2020 duly signed by Shri Jaswinder Singh, Panchayat Secretary is also submitted before the Commission. All the papers are taken in the file of the Commission.

I have perused the case file and gone through the papers submitted by the complainant/applicant and the SPIO and a personal hearing is also afforded to the SPIO on the Show Cause Notice.

The RTI application was filed by the complainant/applicant on 16.04.2018 and Smt. Manjinder Kaur was not posted as BDPO at Garhshankar at that time rather she has joined as BDPO at Garhshankar on 16.12.2019, i.e. 20 months after the filing of present RTI application. The SPIO further submitted that she could not come present before the Commission on 05.02.2020 as the previous Order dated 23.01.2020 of the Commission was received in her office on 10.02.2020 and when it came to her notice that she has been penalized vide Order dated 05.02.2020, then on the next date of hearing i.e. 17.03.2020, she came present before the Commission and brought the facts to the notice of the Commission.

Today I have heard the complainant/applicant, the SPIO, Smt. Manjinder Kaur and also perused the case file. I am of the view that Smt. Manjinder Kaur, the then SPIO-cum-BDPO, Garhshankar is not personally liable for the delay in providing the information late to the complainant/applicant, rather when joined as BDPO at Garhshankar, she tried her best to provide the sought for information to the complainant/applicant and the complainant/applicant is satisfied with the acts of Smt. Manjinder Kaur, SPIO.

So, I am of the view that the penalty of Rs.25,000/- imposed upon Smt. Manjinder Kaur, the then SPIO-cum-BDPO, Garhshankar was imposed upon wrong facts and now the true facts have come to the light, so the Order of the penalty be liable to be reviewed.

So, I review the Order dated 05.02.2020 vide which a penalty of Rs.25,000/- was imposed upon Smt. Manjinder Kaur and the penalty is waived off as she is not personally liable for the delay in providing the information late to the complainant/applicant.

Moreover the complainant/applicant is satisfied with the information provided to him by the SPIO, so there is no reason to continue with the case. Hence the present complaint case is **disposed of and closed**.

(Avtar Singh Kaler)

Dated: 24.09.2020

State Information Commissioner, Punjab

(Regd.) Copy : District Development and Panchayat Officer, Hoshiarpur. - For intimation.

(Regd.) Copy : Smt. Manjinder Kaur, BDPO, Bhogpur, Distt. Jalandhar. – for intimation.