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Sh. Baldev Singh Sohal S/o Sh. Gurmukh Singh,

R/o Village- SohalJagir,

Tehsil Shahkot,144702,

District Jalandhar.

.....Complainant

**Vs**

Public Information Officer,

O/o Block Development & Panchayat Officer,

Shahkot, District Jalandhar.

.....Respondent

## **Complaint Case .No. 135 of 2020**

(Cisco Webex proceedings)

Present:- Sh. Baldev Singh, complainant.

Smt. Sukhwinder Kaur 9592855445 o/o Block Development and Panchayats  
Officer Shahkot, 9856600013 on behalf of the  
respondents.

### **ORDER**

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 23.12.2020.

2. The representative of the respondents states that she has come to attend the hearing on behalf of the Panchayat Secretary who is on BLO duty. With regard to the information, she states that the complete information has been supplied to the complainant. However, the complainant states that the incomplete information has been supplied to him.

3. Accordingly, the Block Development and Panchayats Officer, Shahkot along with the Panchayat Secretary is directed to remain present at Chandigarh along with the original record and also the appellant is directed to remain present at Chandigarh along with the information so supplied by the respondents.

4. To come up on 25.2.2021 at 12.30 PM at Chandigarh.

Sd/

Dated: 25.1.2021

(Suresh Arora)

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Sh. Avtar Chand S/o Sh. Ram Lal, 9814237457

R/o Village - Sunak Kalan,

Tehsil Phillaur,

Distt Jalandhar.

..Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,

**Registered**

O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer,

Noor Mahal, Distt Jalandhar.

First Appellate Authority

O/o District Development and Panchayat Officer,

Jalandhar.

Sh. Des Raj, Panchayat Secretary **Registered**

c/o Block Development and Panchayats Officer,

Noor Mahal, Jalandhar.

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1988/2020

(Cisco Webex proceedings)

Present:- Sh. Avtar Chand, appellant.

Sh. Des Raj, Panchayat Secretary 99156 23869 on behalf of the respondents.

## ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 29.10.2020 vide which the case was adjourned to 10.12.2020 but due to administrative reasons the case was further adjourned for today i.e. 25.1.2021.

2. The appellant states that the respondents have supplied 176 pages but still it is incomplete. However, the representative of the respondents states that the appellant may inspect the record with which the appellant agreed to. With the mutual understanding the date of inspection has been fixed as 1.2.2020 at 10.00 AM.

3. The appellant also requests that the directions may be issued to the respondent-Public Information Officer to refund the remaining amount as he has deposited Rs.2000/- as the fee of the information and only 176 pages have been supplied by the respondents.

4. Accordingly, the appellant is advised to visit the office of the respondents and get the record inspected pertaining to the RTI application. Also the respondents are directed to make available the record for inspection on the said date and time and supply the documents if so identified by the appellant free of cost. The respondent-Public Information Officer is also directed to refund the balance amount after deducting Rs.352/- as fee of 176 pages already supplied.

5. Video Conference Facility/cisco webex facility was introduced for convenience of general public and for government officials. Viewing the absence of the respondent seriously, the Sh. Des Raj, 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 application and to issue show cause for compensation to the appellant for detriment suffered by him under section 19(8) of the RTI Act, 2005.

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Appeal Case No. 1988 of 2020

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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.

6. To come up on 25.2.2021 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Jalandhar/cisco webex.

Sd/

Dated: 25.1.2021

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Sh. Surjit Singh Turna  
VPO Mianwal Molvia,  
Tehsil Shahkot  
Distt. Jalandhar 144702 9855819313

....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer  
o/o Block Development and Panchayats Officer,  
Block Shahkot,  
Jalandhar.

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

Sh. Balwinder Singh, Panchayat Secretary-cum-  
Public Information Officer  
c/o Block Development and Panchayats Officer,  
Block Shahkot, Jalandhar.

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2155 of 2020  
(Video Conference Proceedings)

Present:- Sh. Surjit Singh Turna, appellant.  
Smt.Sukhwinder Kaur 9592855445 o/o Block Development and Panchayats  
Officer Shahkot, 9856600013 on behalf of the  
respondents.

## ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 23.12.2020.

2. The representative of the respondents states that she has come to attend the hearing on behalf of the Panchayat Secretary who is on BLO duty. With regard to the information, she states that the complete information has been supplied to the complainant. However, the complainant states that the incomplete information has been supplied to him.

3. Accordingly, the Block Development and Panchayats Officer, Shahkot along with the Panchayat Secretary is directed to remain present at Chandigarh along with the original record and also the appellant is directed to remain present at Chandigarh along with the information so supplied by the respondents.

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Sh. Balbir Chand 9779583526

r/o Village Muradpur PO Alwalpur,

Jalandhar

....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer

o/o District Development and Panchayats Officer,

Jalandhar

First Appellate Authority

District Development and Panchayats Officer

Jalandhar

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2787 of 2020

(Video Conference Proceedings)

Present:- Sh. Balbir Chand, appellant.

Smt Rajwant Kaur reader to District Development and Panchayats Officer on behalf of the respondents. 9872289763.

## ORDER

The RTI application is dated 26.2.2020 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 27.7.2020 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 24.9.2020 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 states that the information pertaining to the orders has already supplied to the appellant as has been sought by him. With regard to the statement etc. she states that the same has not been provided being covered under Section 8(1)(j) of the RTI Act, 2005. However, the appellant contended that the matter relates to the decision already given by the District Development and Panchayats Officer on 5.9.2019 and there is nothing remained pending so the statements given etc. may be supplied.

3. After deliberations, it has transpired that the information does not cover under Section 8(1)(j) of the RTI Act, 2005 in this case. Therefore, the directions are issued to the respondent-Public Information Officer to supply the complete information as has been sought by the appellant before the next date of hearing.

4. To come up on 25.2.2021 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Jalandhar/cisco webex.

Dated: 25.1.2021

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Sh. Baldev Singh s/o Sh. Hardit Singh 84377 95286

r/o Village laduka,

Tehsil & District Fazilka.



....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer

o/o Block Development and Panchayats Officer,

Block Jalalabad,

District Fazilka.

First Appellate Authority

o/o Block Development and Panchayats Officer,

Block Jalalabad,

District Fazilka.

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1556 of 2020

(Video Conference Proceedings)

Present:- Sh. Baldev Singh, appellant.

None on behalf of the respondents.

## ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 30.10.2020 vide which the case was adjourned to 10.12.2020 but due to administrative reasons, the case was further adjourned for today i.e. 25.1.2021.

2. The appellant states that the partial information has been supplied so far by the respondents. However, it has come to know that the respondent-Public Information Officer Sh. Charanjit Singh, Panchayat Secretary 9855467228 is absent due to sudden demise of his mother.

3. Therefore, both the parties are directed to remain present during the next date of hearing at Chandigarh along with the original record/information supplied to take the matter to its logical end.

4. To come up on 25.2.2021 at 12.30 PM at Chandigarh.

Sd/

Dated: 25.1.2021

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Sh. Baldev Singh s/o Sh. Hardit Singh 84377 95286

r/o Village laduka,

Tehsil & District Fazilka.



....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer

o/o Block Development and Panchayats Officer,

Block Jalalabad,

District Fazilka.

First Appellate Authority

o/o Block Development and Panchayats Officer,

Block Jalalabad,

District Fazilka.

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2791 of 2020

(Video Conference Proceedings)

Present:- Sh. Baldev Singh, appellant.

None on behalf of the respondents.

## ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 30.10.2020 vide which the case was adjourned to 10.12.2020 but due to administrative reasons, the case was further adjourned for today i.e. 25.1.2021.

2. The appellant states that the partial information has been supplied so far by the respondents. However, it has come to know that the respondent-Public Information Officer Sh. Charanjit Singh, Panchayat Secretary 9855467228 is absent due to sudden demise of his mother.

3. Therefore, both the parties are directed to remain present during the next date of hearing at Chandigarh along with the original record/information supplied to take the matter to its logical end.

4. To come up on 25.2.2021 at 12.30 PM at Chandigarh.

Sd/

Dated: 25.1.2021

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Sh. Lekh Raj 9417452176

Village Ganjuana

Tehsil and Distt Fazilka

....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer

o/o District Development and Panchayats Officer

Fazilka

First Appellate Authority

o/o District Development and Panchayats Officer

Fazilka.

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2793 of 2020

(Video Conference Proceedings)

Present:- Sh. Lekh Raj, appellant.

Sh. Rakesh Kumar 7986841511 on behalf of the respondents.

## ORDER

The RTI application is dated 8.7.2020 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 10.8.2020 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 24.9.2020 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 the partial information has been supplied by the respondents. However, the representative of the respondents assured that the remaining information will be supplied before the next date of hearing and requested for the adjournment of the case.

3. Accordingly, the respondent-Public Information Officer is directed to supply the complete information to the appellant before the next date of hearing as per the assurance given by him during the course of hearing failing which the penalty provisions will be invoked on the next date of hearing.

4. To come up on 25.2.2021 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Fazilka/cisco webex.

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Dated: 25.1.2021

(Suresh Arora)

Chief Information Commissioner,  
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Sh. Raman Kumar Verma 9463207900

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Lane 4, Gurbax Colony,

Patiala



....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer

o/o Financial Commissioner,

Rural Development & Panchayat Deptt., Pb.,

Mohali.

First Appellate Authority

o/o Financial Commissioner,

Rural Development & Panchayat Deptt., Pb.,

Mohali.

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3143 of 2020

(Video Conference/on Telephone Proceedings)

Present:- Sh. Raman Kumar Verma, appellant on phone.

Sh. Saggar Mittal, Sr. Asstt on behalf of the respondents. 9464655733

## ORDER

The RTI application is dated 4.8.2020 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 2.9.2020 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 15.10.2020 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 states that the information as has been sought by the appellant covered under Section 8(1)(h) of the RTI Act, 2005 which is exempted as the proceeding in the case is going on. He further states that the information will be supplied to the appellant after the proceeding in the case is over. The reply filed by the respondent-Public Information Officer is reproduced below:-

“ਆਰ.ਟੀ.ਆਈ.ਐਕਟ 2005 ਦੇ ਸੇਕਸ਼ਨ 8(1)(ਐਚ) ਤਹਿਤ ਆਪ ਦੀ ਪ੍ਰਤੀ ਬੇਨਤੀ ਲਈ ਨੰ: 1 ਅਤੇ ਲਈ ਨੰ: 2 ਦੇ ਪਿੱਛਲੇ ਭਾਗ ਦੀ ਸੂਚਨਾ (ਅਧਿਕਾਰੀਆਂ ਵਿਰੋਧ ਸੈਟ ਸੀਮੇਂਟ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਕੀਤੀ ਕਾਰਵਾਈ ਦੀਆਂ ਦਫਤਰੀ ਨੋਟਿੰਗ ਸਮੇਤ ਕਾਪੀਆਂ) ਨੂੰ ਕਾਰਵਾਈ ਮੁਕੰਮਲ ਹੋਣ ਤੱਕ ਨਹੀਂ ਦਿੱਤੀ ਜਾ ਸਕਦੀ।

However, the appellant states that the respondents are wrongly, illegally and in an arbitrary manner stating that the proceeding is going on whereas no proceeding is going on from the last around two years and requested that the directions may be given to the respondent-Public Information Officer to supply the information.

3. Accordingly, the respondent-Public Information Officer is directed to bring the original file pertaining to the sought information to ascertain whether the proceeding is going on or not so that the case can be concluded to its logical end.

4. To come up on 26.2.2021 at 12.30 PM at Chandigarh.

Sd/

Dated: 25.1.2021

(Suresh Arora)

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Sh. Jasbir Singh,  
Village - Bholapur, Jhabewal,  
Post Office Ramgarh,  
District Ludhiana. M : 9888296107

..Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,  
O/o Minister,  
Health and Family Welfare Department, Pb.,  
Punjab Civil Secretariat-1,  
Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority  
O/o Minister,  
Health and Family Welfare, Pb.,  
Chandigarh.

Public Information Officer  
o/o Deptt of Health & Family Welfare,  
National Health Mission,  
PRAYAS Building 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Sector 38,  
Chandigarh.

Public Information Officer **(Registered)**  
o/o the Government Medical College & Hospital,  
Amritsar.

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2411 of 2020

(Video Conference/Cisco Webex/Phone proceedings)

Present:- None on behalf of the appellant.

Sh. Harjot Singh 9915543005 on behalf of the respondents, in person.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 23.12.2020.

2. The representative of the respondents states that the material has been purchased by the Medical College, Amritsar as has been sought by the appellant. The representative of the respondents also states that the appellant has sought the same information from the respondent's office in which the appellant has filed the 2<sup>nd</sup> appeal separately bearing Appeal Case No. 3581 of 2020 which is pending for decision before Sh. Khushwant Singh, State Information Commissioner, Punjab. A copy of the same submitted by the representative of the respondents, is taken on record.

3. According to the submissions made by the representative of the respondents the Appeal Case No. 3581 of 2020 of the appellant is clubbed with this appeal being the appellant, sought information and the respondent party is the same.

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Appeal Case No. 2411 of 2020

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4. Also the Public Information Officer o/o the Government Medical College, Amritsar is impleaded as necessary party in this case to file the reply/supply the information as has been sought by the appellant. A copy of the RTI application is **sent** with this order.

5. To come up on 26.2.2021 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, District Ludhiana/cisco webex.

Dated: 25.1.2021

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

CC Sh. Khushwant Singh,  
State Information Commissioner, Punjab

Deputy Registrar - To take necessary action.

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Sh. Ashok Kapoor,  
# 8 C, Kitchlu Nagar,  
Ludhiana-141001.  
M : 9855556210

Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,  
O/o Tehsildar(West),  
Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority -cum-  
Deputy Commissioner,  
Ludhiana.

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3150 of 2020

(Video Conference/Phone proceedings)

Present:- Sh. Ashok Kapoor, appellant.

Sh. Amandeep 9417000060, 7355280016 on behalf of the respondents.

## ORDER

The RTI application is dated 15.3.2020 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 19.5.2020 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 20.10.2020 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 states that the letter bearing No. 54 dated 15.6.2020 has already been written to the appellant mentioning that the postal receipt regarding letter No. 3083 dated 13.11.2019 is not available in the record. However, the appellant states that in the letter dated 13.11.2019, it has been mentioned by the Tehsildar-cum-Public Information Officer that the letter has been sent to the appellant through registered post. He further states that he has also placed the said document on record with the 2<sup>nd</sup> appeal filed before the Commission.

3. After hearing both the parties, the respondent-Public Information Officer is directed to reconsider as per para 2 above and file the reply/supply the information afresh.

4. To come up on 3.2.2021 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, District Ludhiana/cisco webex.

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Dated: 25.1.2021

(Suresh Arora)

Chief Information Commissioner,  
Punjab.