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**Bench: Sh. Sanjiv Garg, State Information Commissioner, Punjab.**



**Sh. Jasbir Singh, (9888296107),**  
R/o Guru Nanak Nagar, Village Bolapur, Jhabawal,  
PO Ramgarh, District Ludhiana. (141123)

...Appellant

V/s.

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o The Director,  
Vigilance Bureau, Punjab,  
S.A.S Nagar (Mohali).

**First Appellate Authority,**  
O/o The Director,  
Vigilance Bureau, Punjab,  
S.A.S Nagar (Mohali).

... Respondents

**Appeal Case No. 3259 of 2021**

**{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software}**

**Present :** The Appellant, Sh. Jasbir Singh is present.  
Ms. Amandeep Kaur, Inspector HQ, Vigilance Bureau is present from the Department.

**ORDER:**

This case was earlier heard by the bench of Hon'ble SIC, Sh. Hem Inder Singh vide dated 26.10.2021. The Hon'ble Chief Information Commissioner has reallocated the above mentioned case to the bench of undersigned vide dated 03.01.2022. Accordingly, this above mentioned case has now fixed for hearing for today i.e. 25.01.2022.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Jasbir Singh states that no information has been supplied to him. He further mentions about his email dated 21.01.2022 which has been sent to the Commission and is taken on record.

On the other hand, the Inspector HQ, Vigilance Bureau, Ms. Amandeep Kaur mentions about the letter number 29508 dated 16.09.2021 which has been sent to the Appellant as well as to the Commission which is taken on record.

After going through the case file and discussion with both the parties, the concerned PIO is directed to supply the copy of FIR as well as copy of Challan to the Appellant by registered post or email and if the information is not available with them then the PIO is directed to file a proper reply in writing in the form of an affidavit explaining the reason why the information could not be supplied to the Appellant till date.

**The PIO is also directed to submit the copy of the postal receipts to the Commission vide which information would have been supplied to the Appellant, by the next date of hearing.**

Also, the Appellant, Sh. Jasbir Singh is directed to go through the supplied information and point out deficiencies in written, if any, to the Respondent/PIO through registered post or through email, with a copy to the Commission, failing which it would be presumed that he has nothing to say and the case would be decided on merits.

**Both the parties agrees to this.**

This case is adjourned to **25.04.2022 at 11:00 A.M.** and **both the parties** are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. **25.04.2022** which is going to be heard through **Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings. Joining Meeting Number of Cisco Webex is 1589136034.**

Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

**Dated: 25.01.2022**

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State Information Commissioner  
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Smt. Kamaldeep Kaur W/o Sh. Ajaipal Singh,  
Village and Post Office Gumtala,  
Near Govt. Dispensary, Amritsar.

...Appellant

V/s.

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o The Director,  
Crime Branch, Vigilance Bureau, Punjab,  
Sector 68, S.A.S Nagar (Mohali).

**First Appellate Authority,**  
O/o The Director,  
Crime Branch, Vigilance Bureau, Punjab,  
Sector 68, S.A.S Nagar (Mohali).

... Respondents

## Appeal Case No. 3341 of 2021

### {Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software}

**Present :** The Appellant, Smt. Kamaldeep Kaur is present.  
Ms. Amandeep Kaur, Inspector HQ, Vigilance Bureau is present from the Department.

### **ORDER:**

This case was earlier heard by the bench of Hon'ble SIC, Sh. Hem Inder Singh vide dated 27.10.2021. The Hon'ble Chief Information Commissioner has reallocated the above mentioned case to the bench of undersigned vide dated 03.01.2022. Accordingly, this above mentioned case has now fixed for hearing for today i.e. 25.01.2022.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Smt. Kamaldeep Kaur states that incomplete information has been supplied to her. She further states that she did not receive the certified documents.

On the other hand, the Inspector HQ, Vigilance Bureau, Ms. Amandeep Kaur mentions about the letter number 31648 dated 06.10.2021 which has been sent to the Appellant as well as to the Commission which is taken on record. She further states that the enquiry is still pending and further states that they cannot attest the record as they have just attained the photocopy of the record from the Panchayat Department for enquiry purpose only.

On further discussion, the Inspector HQ, Ms. Amandeep Kaur mentions that they have to finalize enquiry report within three months but it has been found that the Appellant's concerned complaint i.e. 10 / 2017 is still pending and the concerned department has taken more than 4 years but the enquiry is pending.

In view of above, the concerned PIO is directed to explain the reasons properly in writing that why the enquiry is still pending and who is responsible for this. The concerned PIO is further directed to mention that as per the guidelines they have to submit the final report within 3 months but there is a delay in the applicants concerned complaint and further the concerned PIO is also directed to write that this record pertains to the department of Panchayat, that is why it cannot be attested, in written to the Appellant as well as to the Commission through registered post by the next date of hearing.

**The PIO is also directed to submit the copy of the postal receipts to the Commission vide which information would have been supplied to the Appellant, by the next date of hearing.**

Also, the Appellant, Smt. Kamaldeep Kaur is directed to go through the supplied information and point out deficiencies in written, if any, to the Respondent/PIO through registered post or through email, with a copy to the Commission, failing which it would be presumed that he has nothing to say and the case would be decided on merits.

This case is adjourned to **25.04.2022 at 11:00 A.M.** and **both the parties** are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. **25.04.2022** which is going to be heard through **Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings.**

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State Information Commissioner  
Punjab

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Sh. Harvinder Singh, Advocate (94172-85539),  
Chamber Number 7009, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor, District Court, Ludhiana.

...Appellant

V/s.

Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Special Secretary,  
Higher Education, Punjab, Civil Secretariat,  
Punjab, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o The Special Secretary,  
Higher Education, Punjab, Civil Secretariat,  
Punjab, Chandigarh.

... Respondents

## Appeal Case No. 3312 of 2021

### {Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software}

**Present :** The Appellant, Sh. Harvinder Singh is present.  
The Ms. Simarpreet Chahal, Senior Assistant –cum- APIO from Higher Education, Punjab Civil Secretariat;  
Sh. Gurdarshan Brar, Assistant Director, Department of Higher Education is present.

### **ORDER:**

This case was earlier heard by the bench of Hon'ble SIC, Sh. Hem Inder Singh vide dated 27.10.2021. The Hon'ble Chief Information Commissioner has reallocated the above mentioned case to the bench of undersigned vide dated 03.01.2022. Accordingly, this above mentioned case has now fixed for hearing for today i.e. 25.01.2022.

In today's hearing, the voice of the Appellant, Sh. Harvinder Singh is not audible, so no statement could be recorded from his side. A letter dated 19.01.2022 which has been received from the Appellant to the Commission has been taken on record.

On the other hand, Ms. Simarpreet Kaur, Senior Assistant –cum- APIO states that the concerned RTI has been transferred to the concerned school vide dated 20.04.2021 under Section 6 (3) of the RTI but no such document has been found in this file.

While the hearing was going on, the AD, Sh. Gurdarshan Brar states that he would clear the facts of this case, as there is some confusion. The AD, Sh. Gurdarshan Brar further mentions that he had a word with the Principal concerned and the concerned has said it would be supplied by hand i.e. (certificates) to them.

In view of above, the AD, Sh. Gurdarshan Brar is directed to look into this matter thoroughly and supply the information to the Appellant as well as copy of the same to the Commission through registered post by the next date of hearing positively, to which the AD, Sh. Gurdarshan Brar assures the same.

Also, the Appellant, Sh. Harvinder Singh is directed to go through the supplied information and point out deficiencies in written, if any, to the Respondent/PIO through registered post or through email, with a copy to the Commission, failing which it would be presumed that he has nothing to say and the case would be decided on merits.

This case is adjourned to 25.04.2022 at 11:00 A.M. and both the parties are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. 25.04.2022 which is going to be heard through Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings. Joining Meeting Number of Cisco Webex is 1589136034.

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(Regd. Post) Sh. Satnam Singh, S/o Sh. Karamjit Singh,  
R/o Village Birkala, Tehsil Sunam Udam Singh Wala,  
District Sangrur. M: 9465553700

...Appellant

V/s.

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Principal,  
Akali Degree College,  
Mastuana, Tehsil and District Sangrur.

(Regd. Post) First Appellate Authority,  
O/o The DPI (Colleges), Punjab,  
S.A.S Nagar (Mohali)

... Respondents

**Appeal Case No. 3492 of 2021**

**{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software}**

**Present :** The Appellant, Sh. Satnam Singh is absent.  
None is present from the Department.

## **ORDER:**

This case was earlier fixed for hearing by the bench of Hon'ble SIC, Sh. Hem Inder Singh vide dated 03.11.2021. The Hon'ble Chief Information Commissioner has reallocated the above mentioned case to the bench of undersigned vide dated 03.01.2022. Accordingly, this above mentioned case has now fixed for hearing for today i.e. 25.01.2022.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Satnam Singh is absent.

On the other hand, none is present from the Department.

**Commission takes a serious view of the casual approach of the Respondent / PIO, as none is present from the Department.**

In view of above, the PIO concerned is directed to supply the requisite information to the Appellant by registered post or email and if the information is not available with them then the PIO is directed to file a proper reply in writing in the form of an affidavit explaining the reason why the information could not be supplied to the Appellant till date, failing which a strict action would be taken against the PIO concerned on the next date of hearing which is going to be heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software.

**The PIO is also directed to submit the copy of the postal receipts to the Commission vide which information would have been supplied to the Appellant, by the next date of hearing.**

**A copy of this order be sent to the FAA O/o The DPI (Colleges), Punjab, S.A.S Nagar, Mohali through registered post and the O/o FAA is directed to look into this matter and make sure that the concerned PIO should comply the above said order.**

Also, the Appellant, Sh. Satnam Singh is directed to go through the supplied information and point out deficiencies in written, if any, to the Respondent/PIO through registered post or through email, with a copy to the Commission, failing which it would be presumed that he has nothing to say and the case would be decided on merits.

**This case is adjourned to 25.04.2022 at 11:00 A.M. and both the parties are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. 25.04.2022 which is going to be heard through Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings. Joining Meeting Number of Cisco Webex is 1589136034.**

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Bench: **Sh. Sanjiv Garg, State Information Commissioner, Punjab.**



**Sh. Rajnish Kumar (9815313238),**

R/o H. No. 19274, Street No.6, Bibi Wala Road, Bathinda.

...Appellant

V/s.

**Public Information Officer,**

O/o The Registrar,

Punjabi University, Patiala.

**First Appellate Authority,**

O/o The Registrar,

Punjabi University, Patiala.

... Respondents

## Appeal Case No. 3409 of 2021

{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software}

**Present :** The Appellant, Sh. Rajnish Kumar is present.

Advocate, Sh. Vikrant Sharma is present from the Department.

### **ORDER:**

This case was earlier fixed for hearing by the bench of Hon'ble SIC, Sh. Hem Inder Singh vide dated 28.10.2021. The Hon'ble Chief Information Commissioner has reallocated the above mentioned case to the bench of undersigned vide dated 03.01.2022. Accordingly, this above mentioned case has now fixed for hearing for today i.e. 25.01.2022.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Rajnish Kumar states that he has received the information relating to point number 5 only and further requests for information relating to point number 1, 2, 3 and 4 of his RTI Application.

On the other hand, the Advocate, Sh. Vikrant Sharma states that the information has been supplied to the Appellant.

On further discussing with the parties, the concerned PIO is directed to reply the Appellant clearly relating to points 1 to 4 of the RTI.

As relating to point number 1, the PIO has to specify whether the post of the Director, University Computer Centre is a teaching post or not, relating to point number 2 the concerned Director, University Computer Centre is a regular faculty member or not, relating to point number 3 and 4, if there are any rules through which the current, Director University Computer Centre is guiding Phd. students or it is an internal matter then supply the copy of the same to the Appellant as well as to the Commission through registered post by the next date of hearing.

In view of above, the PIO concerned is directed to supply the requisite information (as discussed above) to the Appellant by registered post or email, failing which a strict action would be taken against the PIO concerned on the next date of hearing which is going to be heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software.

The PIO is also directed to submit the copy of the postal receipts to the Commission vide which information would have been supplied to the Appellant, by the next date of hearing.

Also, the Appellant, Sh. Rajnish Kumar is directed to go through the supplied information and point out deficiencies in written, if any, to the Respondent/PIO through registered post or through email, with a copy to the Commission, failing which it would be presumed that he has nothing to say and the case would be decided on merits.

This case is adjourned to 25.04.2022 at 11:00 A.M. and both the parties are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. 25.04.2022 which is going to be heard through Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings. Joining Meeting Number of Cisco Webex is 1589136034.

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Bench: Sh. Sanjiv Garg, State Information Commissioner, Punjab.



(Regd. Post) Sh. Harwinder Singh, (98151-33151)  
R/o H.No. 52, Professor Enclave,  
Opposite Punjabi University, Patiala (147001)

...Appellant

V/s.

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,  
O/o The DPI (Colleges), Punjab,  
Vidya Bhawan, Punjab School Education Board Complex, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor, Phase- 08,  
S.A.S Nagar (Mohali)  
(Encl. RTI Application)

(Regd. Post) First Appellate Authority,  
O/o The DPI (Colleges), Punjab,  
Vidya Bhawan, Punjab School Education Board Complex, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor, Phase – 08,  
S.A.S Nagar (Mohali)

... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3685 of 2021

{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software}

**Present :** The Appellant, Sh. Harwinder Singh is absent.  
None is present from the Department.

## ORDER:

This case was earlier fixed for hearing by the bench of Hon'ble SIC, Sh. Hem Inder Singh vide dated 17.11.2021. The Hon'ble Chief Information Commissioner has reallocated the above mentioned case to the bench of undersigned vide dated 03.01.2022. Accordingly, this above mentioned case has now fixed for hearing for today i.e. 25.01.2022.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Harwinder Singh is absent.

On the other hand, none is present from the Department.

After going through the case file, it has been observed that the order dated 17.11.2021 which was passed by Hon'ble SIC, Sh. Hem Inder Singh has been returned back to the Commission from the O/o PIO as well as O/o FAA through postal services.

In view of above, the PIO concerned is directed to supply the requisite information to the Appellant by registered post or email and if the information is not available with them then the PIO is directed to file a proper reply in writing in the form of an affidavit explaining the reason why the information could not be supplied to the Appellant till date, failing which a strict action would be taken against the PIO concerned on the next date of hearing which is going to be heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software.

**A copy of the RTI Application be sent to the O/o PIO through registered post.**

**The PIO is also directed to submit the copy of the postal receipts to the Commission vide which information would have been supplied to the Appellant, by the next date of hearing.**

Also, the Appellant, Sh. Harwinder Singh is directed to go through the supplied information and point out deficiencies in written, if any, to the Respondent/PIO through registered post or through email, with a copy to the Commission, failing which it would be presumed that he has nothing to say and the case would be decided on merits.

This case is adjourned to **25.04.2022 at 11:00 A.M.** and **both the parties** are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. **25.04.2022** which is going to be heard through **Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings. Joining Meeting Number of Cisco Webex is 1589136034.**

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**Dated: 25.01.2022**

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(Regd. Post) Sh. Rajinder Goyal, (98144-74275)  
R/o Mata Modi Road, Sunam.

...Appellant

V/s.

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,  
O/o The DPI (Colleges), Punjab,  
Punjab School Education Board Complex, Block 'E', Vidhya Bhawan,  
Phase -8, S.A.S Nagar (Mohali)  
**(Encl. RTI Application)**

(Regd. Post) First Appellate Authority,  
O/o The DPI (Colleges), Punjab,  
Punjab School Education Board Complex, Block 'E', Vidhya Bhawan,  
Phase -8, S.A.S Nagar (Mohali)

... Respondents

**Appeal Case No. 2246 of 2021**

**{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software}**

**Present :** The Appellant, Sh. Rajinder Goyal is absent.  
None is present from the Department.

## **ORDER:**

This case was earlier fixed for hearing by the bench of Hon'ble SIC, Sh. Hem Inder Singh vide dated 18.11.2021. The Hon'ble Chief Information Commissioner has reallocated the above mentioned case to the bench of undersigned vide dated 03.01.2022. Accordingly, this above mentioned case has now fixed for hearing for today i.e. 25.01.2022.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Rajinder Goyal is absent.

On the other hand, none is present from the Department.

In view of above, the PIO concerned is directed to supply the requisite information to the Appellant by registered post or email and if the information is not available with them then the PIO is directed to file a proper reply in writing in the form of an affidavit explaining the reason why the information could not be supplied to the Appellant till date, failing which a strict action would be taken against the PIO concerned on the next date of hearing which is going to be heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software.

**A copy of the RTI Application be sent to the O/o PIO through registered post.**

**The PIO is also directed to submit the copy of the postal receipts to the Commission vide which information would have been supplied to the Appellant, by the next date of hearing.**

Also, the Appellant, Sh. Rajinder Goyal is directed to go through the supplied information and point out deficiencies in written, if any, to the Respondent/PIO through registered post or through email, with a copy to the Commission, failing which it would be presumed that he has nothing to say and the case would be decided on merits.

**This case is adjourned to 25.04.2022 at 11:00 A.M. and both the parties are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. 25.04.2022 which is going to be heard through Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings. Joining Meeting Number of Cisco Webex is 1589136034.**

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(Regd. Post) Sh. Gurpreet Singh,  
#364/ 30 – D, New Atam Nagar,  
City Jagraon, District Ludhiana.

...Appellant

V/s.

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,  
O/o The DPI (Colleges), Punjab,  
Punjab School Education Board Complex, Block 'E', Vidhya Bhawan,  
Phase -8, S.A.S Nagar (Mohali)

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O/o The DPI (Colleges), Punjab,  
Punjab School Education Board Complex, Block 'E', Vidhya Bhawan,  
Phase -8, S.A.S Nagar (Mohali)

... Respondents

**Appeal Case No. 2406 of 2021**

**{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software}**

**Present :** The Appellant, Sh. Gurpreet Singh is present.  
None is present from the Department.

## **ORDER:**

This case was earlier fixed for hearing by the bench of Hon'ble SIC, Sh. Hem Inder Singh vide dated 18.11.2021. The Hon'ble Chief Information Commissioner has reallocated the above mentioned case to the bench of undersigned vide dated 03.01.2022. Accordingly, this above mentioned case has now fixed for hearing for today i.e. 25.01.2022.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Gurpreet Singh is present and further states that he has sent the deficiencies to the concerned department as well as to the Commission but no copy of the same has been received to the Commission.

On the other hand, none is present from the Department.

In view of above, the Appellant, Sh. Gurpreet Singh is directed to go through the information which has been supplied to him through letter dated 17.11.2021 whose cover letter has been sent by the department to the Commission, which is taken on record.

Also, the Appellant, Sh. Gurpreet Singh is directed to go through the supplied information and point out deficiencies in written, if any, to the Respondent/PIO through registered post or through email, with a copy to the Commission, failing which it would be presumed that he has nothing to say and the case would be decided on merits. The Appellant is directed to appear through Cisco Webex Meetings Software on the next date of hearing.

The PIO concerned is directed to send the copy of information to the Commission (which is mentioned in letter dated 17.11.2021) as well and further directed to appear on the next date of hearing through Cisco Webex Meetings Software. **The PIO is also directed to submit the copy of the postal receipts to the Commission vide which information would have been supplied to the Appellant, by the next date of hearing.**

**The PIO is further directed to remove the deficiencies if pointed out by the Appellant to them well in time and send the information again to the Appellant as well as to the Commission.**

This case is adjourned to **25.04.2022 at 11:00 A.M.** and **both the parties** are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. **25.04.2022** which is going to be heard through **Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings. Joining Meeting Number of Cisco Webex is 1589136034.**

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Bench: Sh. Sanjiv Garg, State Information Commissioner, Punjab.



**Sh. Ashok Kumar Watts**

House No. B-V 1534, Street No. 1,

Lajpat Nagar, Abohar, Distt. Fazilka-152116

**M: 9876723012**

**Appellant**

V/s.

**Public Information Officer,**

**O/o Supdt. Local Govt. Branch-3,**

Punjab, Chandigarh.

**First Appellate Authority,**

**O/o The Principal Secretary**

Local Govt., Punjab, Chandigarh

**Respondent**

## **Appeal Case No. 5148 of 2021**

**{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software}**

**Present :** The Appellant, Sh. Ashok Kumar is present.

Sh. Jasbir Singh, Superintendent –cum- PIO is present from the Department.

### **ORDER:**

The date of RTI Application is 17.08.2021, the date of First Appeal is 20.09.2021 and the date of Appeal filed in the Commission is 15.11.2021.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Ashok Kumar states that no information has been supplied to him till date.

On the other hand, the PIO –cum- Superintendent, Sh. Jasbir Singh requests for an adjournment as the information could not be supplied due to election duty and as per Roaster 50% staff is coming. He further mentions about an email dated 21.01.2022, which is taken on record.

In view of above, an opportunity is given to the PIO concerned and the PIO is directed to supply the requisite information to the Appellant by registered post or email and if the information is not available with them then the PIO is directed to file a proper reply in writing in the form of an affidavit explaining the reason why the information could not be supplied to the Appellant till date, failing which a strict action would be taken against the PIO concerned on the next date of hearing which is going to be heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software.

**The PIO is also directed to submit the copy of the postal receipts to the Commission vide which information would have been supplied to the Appellant, by the next date of hearing.**

Also, the Appellant, Sh. Ashok Kumar is directed to go through the supplied information and point out deficiencies in written, if any, to the Respondent/PIO through registered post or through email, with a copy to the Commission, failing which it would be presumed that he has nothing to say and the case would be decided on merits.

This case is adjourned to **25.04.2022 at 11:00 A.M.** and **both the parties** are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. **25.04.2022** which is going to be heard through **Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings. Joining Meeting Number of Cisco Webex is 1589136034.**

**Copy of the order be sent to the parties.**

**Sd/-**

**(Sanjiv Garg)**

**State Information Commissioner  
Punjab**

**Dated: 25.01.2022**

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**Appellant**

V/s.

**Public Information Officer,**

**O/o Supdt. Local Govt. Branch-3,**

Punjab, Chandigarh.

**First Appellate Authority,**

**O/o The Principal Secretary**

Local Govt., Punjab, Chandigarh

**Respondent**

## **Appeal Case No. 5142 of 2021**

**{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software}**

**Present :** The Appellant, Sh. Ashok Kumar is present.

Sh. Jasbir Singh, Superintendent –cum- PIO is present from the Department.

### **ORDER:**

The date of RTI Application is 26.07.2021, the date of First Appeal is 31.08.2021 and the date of Appeal filed in the Commission is 15.11.2021.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Ashok Kumar states that no information has been supplied to him till date.

On the other hand, the PIO –cum- Superintendent, Sh. Jasbir Singh requests for an adjournment as the information could not be supplied due to election duty and as per Roaster 50% staff is coming. He further mentions about an email dated 21.01.2022, which is taken on record.

In view of above, an opportunity is given to the PIO concerned and the PIO is directed to supply the requisite information to the Appellant by registered post or email and if the information is not available with them then the PIO is directed to file a proper reply in writing in the form of an affidavit explaining the reason why the information could not be supplied to the Appellant till date, failing which a strict action would be taken against the PIO concerned on the next date of hearing which is going to be heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software.

**The PIO is also directed to submit the copy of the postal receipts to the Commission vide which information would have been supplied to the Appellant, by the next date of hearing.**

Also, the Appellant, Sh. Ashok Kumar is directed to go through the supplied information and point out deficiencies in written, if any, to the Respondent/PIO through registered post or through email, with a copy to the Commission, failing which it would be presumed that he has nothing to say and the case would be decided on merits.

This case is adjourned to **25.04.2022 at 11:00 A.M.** and **both the parties** are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. **25.04.2022** which is going to be heard through **Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings. Joining Meeting Number of Cisco Webex is 1589136034.**

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**Sh. Jaswinder Singh**

VPO Sidhupur Kalan, Tehsil Khamanoo,

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**Appellant**

V/s.

**Public Information Officer,**

**O/o Water Supply and**

**Sanitation, Sub Division No. 9,**

**S.A.S Nagar, Mohali**

**First Appellate Authority,**

**O/o Executive Engineer, Water Supply and**

**Sanitation, Sub Division No. 3,**

**S.A.S Nagar, Mohali.**

**Respondent**

## **Appeal Case No. 5125 of 2021**

**{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software}**

**Present :** Advocate, Sh. Dilpreet Singh is present on behalf of the Appellant, Sh. Jaswinder Singh.  
None is present from the Department.

### **ORDER:**

The date of RTI Application is 30.06.2021, the date of First Appeal is 10.09.2021 and the date of Appeal filed in the Commission is 11.11.2021.

In today's hearing, the Advocate, Sh. Dilpreet Singh states that the amount Rs.2960 /- has been requested by the concerned department vide letter dated 29.07.2021 and further mentions that it has been deposited by the Appellant dated 10.08.2021, which is taken on record.

On the other hand, a phone call has been received to the bench of undersigned vide which they have requested for a date due to election duty and for the same an email dated 25.01.2022 has been received in the Commission which is taken on record.

**Commission takes a serious view of the casual approach of the Respondent / PIO as the requisite amount i.e. 2960/- against the information has been collected by the department in the month of August, 2021 but still the information has not been supplied to the Appellant till date.**

**In view of the above, a show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act is issued to the 'concerned' Public Information Officer O/o The Water Supply and Sanitation, Sub Division No. 9, S.A.S Nagar, Mohali, as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay in supplying the information to the RTI Appellant and as to why the compensation be not awarded to the information-seeker under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.**

**In addition, the PIO is also hereby given an opportunity under Section 20(1) provision thereto, for a personal hearing (through Cisco Webex Software) with the sought for information, before the imposition of such penalty on the next date of hearing. A copy of the RTI Application be sent to the concerned PIO along with this order through registered post.**

The concerned PIO is directed to supply the requisite information to the Appellant by registered post or email before the next date of hearing positively and if the information is not available with them then the PIO is directed to file a proper reply in the form of an affidavit explaining the reason, why the information could not be

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supplied to the Appellant till date, failing which an action would be taken against the concerned PIO.

**The PIO is also directed to submit the copy of the postal receipts to the Commission vide which information would have been supplied to the Appellant, by the next date of hearing.**

Also, the Appellant, Sh. Jaswinder Singh is directed to go through the supplied information, once he receives the same from the Respondent/PIO and point out deficiencies in written, if any, to the Respondent/PIO through registered post or through email, with a copy to the Commission.

**This case is adjourned to 25.04.2022 at 11:00 A.M. and both the parties are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. 25.04.2022 which is going to be heard through Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings. Joining Meeting Number of Cisco Webex is 1589136034.**

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**Dated: 25.01.2022**

Sd/-  
**(Sanjiv Garg)**  
State Information Commissioner  
Punjab

**Show cause:**

**(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,**  
O/o Water Supply and  
Sanitation, Sub Division No. 9,  
S.A.S Nagar, Mohali  
(Encl RTI Application)

**CC: (Regd. Post) First Appellate Authority,**  
O/o Executive Engineer, Water Supply and  
Sanitation, Sub Division No. 3,  
S.A.S Nagar, Mohali.