

Shri Mahinder Singh, S/o Shri Ujjagar Singh,
R/o Village Khan Piara,
Block Dhariwal, Distt. Gurdaspur.

.....Appellant.

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/ o Block Dev. and Panchayat Officer,
Dhariwal, Distt. Gurdaspur.

First Appellate Authority:
O/o Distt. Dev. and Panchayat Officer,
Gurdaspur.

---- Respondent

Appeal Case No. 2661 of 2021

Present:- Shri Mahinder Singh, appellant is absent.
None present on behalf of the SPIO, O/o BDPO, Dhariwal, Distt. Gurdaspur.

O R D E R

Shri Mahinder Singh, appellant filed RTI application dated 27.07.2020 and sought some information from the SPIO, O/o BDPO, Dhariwal, Distt. Gurdaspur.

Today the case is heard through CISCO Webex Meetings Software.

Both the parties are absent today. I have gone through the Order dated 10.11.2021 and on that date Shri Pawan Kumar, Suptd was preset and he stated that the RTI application filed by the appellant was transferred U/s 6(3) of the RTI Act, 2005 to the concerned PIO, Shri Surjit Singh. As the appellant has filed RTI application on 27.07.2020 and till date the information has not been provided to him, so a compensation of Rs.5,000/- was awarded in favour of the appellant and the PIO was directed to send the amount of compensation to the appellant along with attested copies of information and to send compliance to the Commission.

But today the PIO is absent and neither he has sent any compliance to the Commission regarding send the information and compensation to the appellant.

However the BDPO, Dhariwal has sent an e-mail to the Commission, which is a copy of letter no.2200-2201 dated 18.11.2021 vide which a direction is issued to Shri Surjit Singh, VDO to provide information to the appellant and to appear before the Commission. But he has not complied with the directions issued to him.

So, a last opportunity is granted to the PIO that the amount of compensation of Rs.5,000/- from the funds of concerned Gram Panchayat by way of demand draft be provided to the appellant within 10 days along with attested copies of complete information, specifically point-wise, and compliance be sent to the Commission accordingly. In case of non compliance of the Order of the Commission a Show Cause Notice U/s 20(1) of the RTI Act, 2005 will be issued to Shri Surjit Singh, VDO on the next date of hearing and he will be penalized upto Rs.25,000/-, which will be deducted from his salary.

Both the parties should connect through **CISCO WEBEX MEETINGS Software** (Meeting No. 1582695783) on the next date of hearing i.e. **07.12.2021 at 11:00 A.M.**

Dated: 25.11.2021

(Avtar Singh Kaler)
State Information Commissioner, Punjab



Shri Pawan Kumar,
S/o Shri Shiv Lal,
Village Rupana,
Tehsil & Distt. Sri Muktsar Sahib.

.....Appellant.

Vs

(Regd.) Public Information Officer,
O/ o Block Dev. and Panchayat Officer,
Block Lambi, Tehsil Malout,
Distt. Sri Muktsar Sahib.

First Appellate Authority:
O/o Distt. Dev. and Panchayat Officer,
Sri Muktsar Sahib.

---- Respondent

Appeal Case No. 2678 of 2021

Present:- Shri Pawan Kumar, appellant is absent.
None present on behalf of the SPIO, O/o BDPO, Block Lambi, Tehsil Malout,
Distt. Sri Muktsar Sahib.

O R D E R

Shri Pawan Kumar, appellant filed RTI application dated 18.03.2021 and sought some information from the SPIO, O/o BDPO, Block Lambi, Tehsil Malout, Distt. Sri Muktsar Sahib.

Today the case is heard through CISCO Webex Meetings Software.

Both the parties are absent today.

I have gone through the Order dated 10.11.2021 and a last and final opportunity was granted to Shri Amandeep Singh, PIO-cum- Panchayat Secretary to provide the attested copies of information to the appellant within a week and compliance be sent to the Commission.

But the PIO is absent today and neither he has sent any compliance to the Commission regarding sending the information to the appellant.

The appellant has filed RTI application on 18.03.2021 and a period of more than eight months has been passed, but the PIO has not provided complete information to the appellant. So, a compensation of Rs.3,000/- is awarded in favour of the appellant to be paid from the funds of public authority by way of demand draft and be provided to the appellant within 10 days along with attested copies of complete information and compliance be sent to the Commission accordingly.

The PIO never appeared before the Commission on any date of hearing and neither he has sent any compliance to the Commission. The conduct of the PIO amounts to denial of information and defiance of the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005. So, a **show cause notice** is issued to **Shri Amandeep Singh, PIO-cum-Panchayat Secretary** that why the sought for information has not been provided to the applicant till date and so why he may not be penalized up to Rs. 25,000/-.

The PIO is directed to file reply to the show cause notice in writing and send the same to the Commission within 10 days and an opportunity of personal hearing will be afforded to him on the show cause notice. In case the PIO would not file reply to the show cause notice then it will be assumed that he do not want to say anything in his defense and the show cause notice will be decided without hearing him and a penalty of Rs. 25,000/- will be imposed upon him.

Both the parties should connect through **CISCO WEBEX MEETINGS Software (Meeting No. 1582695783)** on the next date of hearing i.e. **15.12.2021 at 11:00 A.M.**

Dated: 25.11.2021

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



Shri Davinder Sharma,
S/o Shri Sham Lal Sharama,
874, St. No. 6, Janakpuri,
Ludhiana.

..... Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o Commissioner of Police,
Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Commissioner of Police,
Ludhiana.

.....Respondent

Appeal Case No. 1853 of 2021

Present:- Shri Davinder Sharma, appellant is absent.
ASI Tarsem Singh-1689/LDH is present on behalf of the SPIO, O/o Asstt.
Commissioner of Police, Ludhiana.

ORDER

Shri Davinder Sharma, appellant filed RTI application dated 01.11.2020 and sought some information from the SPIO, O/o Commissioner of Police, Ludhiana.

Today the case is heard through CISCO Webex Meetings Software.

The appellant is absent today, whereas the respondent is present on behalf of the SPIO and he stated that in compliance to the Order dated 10.11.2021, report was obtained from the Reader, D.A. Legal, Ludhiana that the report has been sent to the Complaint Branch, CPO Ludhiana. He further stated that the file related with CRWP-2033/2019 is being traced and requested for an adjournment.

The Commission has received an e-mail sent by the SPIO, which is a copy of letter no.1853/2021 dated 24.11.2021 and the above mentioned facts have been submitted by the SPIO.

So, as per the request of the respondent the present appeal case is adjourned with the direction to the SPIO, O/o Commissioner of Police, Ludhiana that attested copies of sought for information be provided to the appellant before the next date of hearing and compliance be sent to the Commission. In case of non compliance of the Order of the Commission a Show Cause Notice U/s 20(1) of the RTI Act, 2005 will be issued to the SPIO on the next date of hearing and he will be penalized up to Rs.25,000/-, which will be deducted from his salary.

Both the parties should connect through **CISCO WEBEX MEETINGS Software** (Meeting No. 1582695783) on the next date of hearing i.e. **15.12.2021 at 11:00 A.M.**



Sh. Harinderpal Singh,
R/o H.No. 278, Near Purana Talab,
Hia Mahal Colony, Nabha.

--Complainant.

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o Distt. Education Officer (SE),
Patiala.

Respondent

Complaint Case No.: 757 of 2021

Present:- Sh. Harinderpal Singh, complainant/applicant is present.
Ms. Gurmeet Kaur, SPIO-cum-Suptd., O/o Distt. Education Officer (SE), Patiala is present.

O R D E R

Sh. Harinderpal Singh, complainant/applicant filed RTI application dated 20.04.2021 and sought some information from the SPIO, O/o Distt. Education Officer (SE), Patiala.

Today the case is heard through CISCO Webex Meetings Software.

Both the parties are present today.

The complainant-applicant stated that the sought for information has not been provided to him by the SPIO. He further requested to take action against the SPIO.

The applicant has filed RTI application on 20.04.2021 and till date the sought for information has not been provided to him. The conduct of the SPIO amounts to denial of information and defiance of the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005. So, a Show Cause Notice is issued to Ms. Gurmeet Kaur, SPIO-cum-Suptd., O/o Distt. Education Officer (SE), Patiala that why she has not provided the sought for information to the applicant and so why she may not be penalized up to Rs.25,000.

The SPIO should file written reply to the Show Cause Notice to explain that why she may not be penalized and send the same to the Commission within 10 days and an opportunity of personal hearing will be afforded to her on the show cause notice. In case the SPIO would not file reply to the show cause notice then it will be assumed that she do not want to say anything in her defense and the show cause notice will be decided without hearing her and a penalty of Rs.25,000/- will be imposed upon her.

Both the parties should connect through **CISCO WEBEX MEETINGS Software (Meeting No. 1582695783)** on the next date of hearing i.e. **15.12.2021 at 11:00 A.M.**

Dated: 25.11.2021

(Avtar Singh Kaler)
State Information Commissioner, Punjab.