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**Sh. Ajay Sharma (8847545875)**

S/o Sh. Jagdish Sharma  
St. No. 42, Preet Nagar  
Shimlapuri, Ludhiana

Complainant

Versus

**Public Information Officer**

O/o SHO, Police Station  
Shimlapuri, Ludhiana

Respondent

**Complaint Case No.: 231 of 2020**  
**Heard through CISCO WEBEX**

**Present:** Sh. Sushil Kumar on behalf of the complainant.  
For the respondent: ASI, Ranjiv Kumar (9915240899)

**ORDER**

1. This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 02.09.2020 vide which representative of the complainant, Sh. Sushil Kumar stated that requisite information is still pending from the respondent PIO but respondent PIO was absent. One more opportunity was given to the respondent PIO to represent this case on the next date of hearing positively to clear the facts of this case. Matter was adjourned for further hearing on 27.10.2020 through CISCO WEBEX i.e. today
2. In today's hearing, representative of the complainant, Sh. Sushil Kumar states that requisite information is still pending from the respondent PIO.
3. On this, respondent ASI, Ranjiv Kumar assures that he will send the reply/information to the complainant today and requested for an adjournment in this case.
4. Request of the respondent is granted; respondent PIO is directed to send reply/information as per queries raised in RTI application, as respondent, ASI, Ranjiv Kumar assured during the hearing along with directions to send a copy of the same to the Commission before the next date of hearing.
5. Both the parties are advised to represent this case in person or through their representative(s) to clear the facts of this case, failing to which case will be decided on merit basis.
6. Matter is adjourned for further hearing on **23.12.2020 through CISCO WEBEX at 11:00 A.M.** (Steps: Install CISO WEBEX->Click on Join Meeting->Enter meeting number 918232900)
7. Announced in the Court. Copy of the order to be sent to the parties.

**Chandigarh**  
**Dated: 27.10.2020**

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**Ms. Kiran Sharma (7973081420)**

W/o Sh. Jagdish Sharma

St. No. 42, Preet Nagar

Shimlapuri, Ludhiana

Complainant

Versus

**Public Information Officer**

O/o SHO, Police Station

Shimlapuri, Ludhiana

Respondent

**Complaint Case No.: 232 of 2020**

**Heard through CISCO WEBEX**

**Present:** Sh. Sushil Kumar on behalf of the complainant.  
For the respondent: ASI, Ranjiv Kumar (9915240899)

**ORDER**

1. This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 02.09.2020 vide which representative of the complainant, Sh. Sushil Kumar stated that requisite information is still pending from the respondent PIO. Respondent PIO was also absent. One more opportunity was given to the respondent PIO to represent this case on the next date of hearing positively to clear the facts of this case. Matter was adjourned for further hearing on 27.10.2020 through CISCO WEBEX i.e. today
2. In today's hearing, representative of the complainant, Sh. Sushil Kumar states that requisite information is still pending from the respondent PIO.
3. On this, respondent ASI, Ranjiv Kumar assures that he will send the reply/information to the complainant today and requested for an adjournment in this case.
4. Request of the respondent is granted; respondent PIO is directed to send reply/information as per queries raised in RTI application, as respondent, ASI, Ranjiv Kumar assured during the hearing along with directions to send a copy of the same to the Commission before the next date of hearing.
5. Both the parties are advised to represent this case in person or through their representative(s) to clear the facts of this case, failing to which case will be decided on merit basis.
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W/o Sh. Jagdish Sharma  
St. No. 42, Preet Nagar  
Shimlapuri, Ludhiana

Complainant

Versus

**Public Information Officer**

O/o Police Commissioner,  
Ludhiana

Respondent

**Complaint Case No.: 236 of 2020**  
**Heard through CISCO WEBEX**

**Present:** Sh. Sushil Kumar on behalf of the complainant.  
For the respondent: ASI, Ramesh Kumar (9915603000)

**ORDER**

1. This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 02.09.2020 vide which representative of the complainant, Sh. Sushil Kumar stated that requisite information is still pending from the respondent PIO.

Respondent, ASI, Ramesh Kumar stated that no complaint has been received as per RTI application so no action has been taken in this regard.

Respondent, ASI, Ramesh Kumar was directed to supply reply in writing to the complainant with a copy to the Commission before the next date of hearing positively. Both the parties were also advised to represent this case on the next date of hearing positively, failing to which case will be decided on merit basis. Matter was adjourned for further hearing on 27.10.2020 through CISCO WEBEX i.e. today

2. In today's hearing, representative of the complainant, Sh. Sushil Kumar states that reply has not been received from the respondent PIO as per the previous order of the Commission dated 02.09.2020.

3. On this, respondent ASI, Ramesh Kumar states that a written reply had already been collected from the concerned Division no. 6 as per the previous order of the Commission dated 02.09.2020 and assures that he will send that reply to the complainant today itself.

4. After hearing both the parties and examining the perused record, respondent PIO is directed to send reply to the complainant within ten days from today with a copy to the Commission. Both the parties are advised to represent this case in person or through their representative(s) to clear the facts of this case, failing to which case will be decided on merit basis.

5. Matter is adjourned for further hearing on **23.12.2020 through CISCO WEBEX at 11:00 A.M.** (Steps: Install CISO WEBEX->Click on Join Meeting->Enter meeting number 918232900)

6. Announced in the Court. Copy of the order to be sent to the parties.

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**Sh. Kiran Sharma (7973081420)**

W/o Sh. Jagdish Sharma

St. No. 42, Preet Nagar

Shimlapuri, Ludhiana

Complainant

Versus

**Public Information Officer**

O/o Police Commissioner,

Ludhiana

Respondent

**Complaint Case No.: 238 of 2020**

**Heard through CISCO WEBEX**

**Present:** Sh. Sushil Kumar on behalf of the complainant.  
For the respondent: ASI, Ramesh Kumar (9915603000)

**ORDER**

1. This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 02.09.2020 vide which representative of the complainant, Sh. Sushil Kumar stated that requisite information is still pending from the respondent PIO.

Respondent, ASI, Ramesh Kumar stated that matter is under investigation, so it could not be supplied to the complainant.

Respondent PIO was directed to go through the RTI application once again and supply the requisite information to the complainant as per RTI application to that extent, where investigation will not be hampered. Complainant was advised to visit the respondent's office on any working day and inspect the record as per RTI application and respondent PIO was directed to make sure that he has inspected the record as per RTI Act. Matter was adjourned for further hearing on 27.10.2020 through CISCO WEBEX i.e. today.

2. In today's hearing, representative of the complainant, Sh. Sushil Kumar states that no record has been supplied to him for inspection.

3. On this, ASI, Ramesh Kumar states that matter is pending. He added that record lies under the custody of ACP office. He also mentioned that he could call the reader for inspection arrangements and complainant can inspect the record but representative of the complainant, Sh. Sushil Kumar not agreeing on it.

4. After hearing both the parties and examining the perused record, respondent PIO is directed to send reply in writing to the complainant within ten days from today with a copy to the Commission before the next date of hearing. Both the parties are advised to represent this case in person or through their representative(s) to clear the facts of this case, failing to which case will be decided on merit basis.

5. Matter is adjourned for further hearing on **23.12.2020 through CISCO WEBEX at 11:00 A.M.** (Steps: Install CISO WEBEX->Click on Join Meeting->Enter meeting number 918232900)

6. Announced in the Court. Copy of the order to be sent to the parties.

**Chandigarh**  
**Dated: 27.10.2020**

**(Dr. Pawan Kumar Singla)**  
**State Information Commissioner**



**Sh. Karamjit Singh (7380282365)**  
(Regd. Post) S/o Sh. Jagir Singh,  
R/o Village Rurki Kham, Tehsil Kharar,  
District Mohali  
Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer**  
(Regd. Post) O/o Tehsildar, Majri

**First Appellate Authority**  
(Regd. Post) O/o SDM, Kharar  
Respondent

**Appeal Case No.: 1680 and 1681 of 2020**  
**Heard through CISCO WEBEX**

**Present:** Sh. Karamjit Singh at PSIC Office.  
For the respondent: Sh. Santokh Singh (Reader to Naib Tehsildar) (8146051116) at PSIC Office.

**ORDER**

1. This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 02.09.2020 vide which both the parties were absent without any intimation to the Commission in the above mentioned cases. Another opportunity was given to both the parties to represent this case in person or through their representative(s) to clear the facts of this case on the next date of hearing, failing to which case will be decided on merit basis. Matter was adjourned for further hearing on 27.10.2020 through CISCO WEBEX i.e. today.

2. In today's hearing, respondent, Sh. Santokh Singh states that both the appeal cases 1680 and 1681 of 2020 relates with the same matter. He added that appellant was called by the office to appear before the First Appellate Authority and to collect the requisite information from the office but no response from the appellant. Accordingly the SDM closed case of the appellant. He added that he will send documents in this regard through email to the Commission today itself.

3. As the respondent left the Commission, appellant, Sh. Karamjit Singh was appeared and states that Tehsil Kharar sent a reply stating that requisite information relates with office of Majri and respondent PIO, O/o Tehsildar Majri requested him to supply the wasika numbers but he has demanded the wasika numbers in his RTI application.

4. After hearing both the parties and examining the documents placed on record, an adjournment is given in this case as respondent is not available at present to represent this case. It is also observed that an email dated 27.10.2020 is received by the undersigned bench showing that appellant was called to represent his case before the First Appellate Authority on 26.06.2020 but he failed to avail that opportunity. It is also mentioned in this mail that appellant was informed by the Office of Sub Registrar, Kharar to collect the requisite information relates with Wasika after providing the wasika number with date after depositing the Government prescribed fee. Accordingly, case was disposed of & closed by the First Appellate Authority which is the SDM, Kharar dated 26.06.2020.

5. As appellant and respondent is same in Appeal Case Numbers 1680 and 1681 of 2020 are same, so single speaking order be passed in both the above mentioned cases.

6. Both the parties are advised to represent this case in person or through their representative(s) to clear the facts of this case, failing to which case will be decided on merit basis.

7. Matter is adjourned for further hearing on **23.12.2020 through CISCO WEBEX at 11:00**

**A.M.** (Steps: Install CISO WEBEX->Click on Join Meeting->Enter meeting number 918232900)

8. Announced in the Court. Copy of the order to be sent to the parties through **registered post.**

**Chandigarh**  
**Dated: 27.10.2020**

**(Dr. Pawan Kumar Singla)**  
**State Information Commissioner**



**(Regd. Post) Sh. Bhupinder Singh Bedi**  
S/o S. Dhian Singh, # 1-2,  
Fateh Singh Colony, Main  
Bharariwal Road, Amritsar -143009.  
Versus  
**(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer (By Name)**  
O/o The Commissioner,  
Excise & Taxation Commissioner,  
10 Court Road, Amritsar

Appellant

**First Appellate Authority**  
O/o The Commissioner,  
Excise & Taxation Commissioner,  
10 Court Road, Amritsar

Respondent

**Appeal Case No.: 3612 of 2019**  
**Heard through CISCO WEBEX**

**Present:** Sh. Bhupinder Singh Bedi, the appellant in person.  
Nobody on behalf of the respondent.

**ORDER**

1. This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 31.08.2020 vide which **respondent PIO was consecutively absent sixth time without any intimation to the Commission.** It was scrutinized that the appellant filed the RTI application on 08.06.2019 but correspondence (notice/order) to the address of respondent PIO, O/o Excise & Taxation Commissioner Amritsar has never been received. All the orders/notices copy returned back to the commission stating, "Address is insufficient".

In view of above scenario, the appellant Sh. Bhupinder Singh Bedi is advised to make the address verification or corrections in the address of respondent PIO of concern department before the next dated of hearing positively.

Another opportunity was also given to both the parties to present the case on next date of hearing on 27.10.2020 i.e. today, falling to which the case would be decided on merit basis.

2. In today's hearing, appellant, Sh. Bhupinder Singh is present states that he has sent an email dated 13.10.2020 regarding the correct address of the respondent PIO. He added that information is still pending from the respondent PIO.

3. Respondent PIO is not present for today's hearing. A copy of previous order dated 31.08.2020 was sent to him by name through registered post which returned to the Commission with the remarks "insufficient address returned to sender" but address was correct as per case file.

4. After hearing the appellant and going the case file, it is observed that a show cause notice was also issued to the respondent PIO vide order dated 30.07.2020 but respondent PIO failed to avail the several opportunities given by the Commission to represent this case.

*I am of the view that due to such irresponsible behavior by the Public Authorities where RTI Act has to be appropriately dealt with, otherwise the public would lose faith and confidence in this "sunshine Act".*



Absence of the Respondent PIO today again shows that the concerned Respondent as well as office is not serious at all, about providing the information to the complainant.

5. Due to evasive attitude of the respondent PIO concerned, the appellant has suffered a lot of detriments for not getting the requisite information, I am of the view that compensation be awarded to the complainant, Sh. Bhupinder Singh Bedi.

6. Hence, I award a compensation of Rs. 3,000/- (Three Thousand Only) to the appellant. The compensation amount must be paid by the respondent PIO concerned through cheque or demand draft in favor of **Bhupinder Singh Bedi** from the account of Public Authority and not from the individual's account.

7. Respondent PIO is directed to produce a copy of the cheque or demand draft on the next date of hearing.

8. A final opportunity is afforded to the respondent PIO, O/o The Commissioner, Excise & Taxation Commissioner, 10 Court Road, Amritsar to represent this case on the next date of hearing along with directions to comply with previous orders of the Commission dated 09.12.2019, 27.01.2020, 19.02.2020, 09.06.2020, 30.07.2020 and 07.09.2020, which are available on the official website of the Commission ([www.infocommpunjab.com](http://www.infocommpunjab.com))

He may note that in case he does not file his submission and does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the next 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. A copy of this order be sent to him through registered post for his ready reference.

9. A copy of this order be sent to The Commissioner, Excise & Taxation Commissioner, 10 Court Road, Amritsar by name through **registered post** for the compliance of this order and make sure that concerned official represent this case on the next date of hearing positively.

10. Matter is adjourned for further hearing on **22.12.2020 through CISCO WEBEX at 11:00 A.M.** (Steps: Install CISO WEBEX->Click on Join Meeting->Enter meeting number 918232900)

11. Announced in the Court. Copy of the order to be sent to the parties.

**Chandigarh**  
**Dated: 27.10.2020**

**(Dr. Pawan Kumar Singla)**  
**State Information Commissioner**

**Regd. Post:**

**The Commissioner (By Name)**  
O/o Excise & Taxation Commissioner,  
10 Court Road, Amritsar





**Smt . Laveena Jindal** Alias **Laveena Bansal**  
D/o Hukum Chand Jindal, # 321, W No 25,  
Mohalla , Madhopuri, Malerkotla-148023  
(M:9855654796)

Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer**  
O/o DEO (SE) Sangrur.

**First Appellate Authority (By Name)**  
(Regd. Post) O/o DPI (SE), Mohali.

Respondent

**Appeal Case No.: 3923 of 2019**  
**Heard through CISCO WEBEX**

**Present:** Smt. Laveena Jindal Alias Laveena Bansal, the appellant in person.  
For the respondent: Sh. Gaurav Sharma (SA).

**ORDER**

1. This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 23.06.2020, 30.07.2020 and 07.09.2020 vide which the respondent authority was directed to provide information pertaining to point no. 3 and 4 of the RTI application before the next dated of hearing.

On hearing held on 07.09.2020 respondent, Sh. Shiv Kumar pleaded that due to COVID-19 pandemic outbreak there is shortage of working officials in the department. Therefore, he had requested for one more adjournment. Appellant, Ms. Laveena Jindal was present for hearing.

Another opportunity was given to both the parties to represent this case on the next date of hearing to clear the facts, failing to which case will be decided on merit basis. The respondent authority is warned to be careful with the timeline and refrain from delaying replies. Matter was adjourned for further hearing on 27.10.2020 i.e. today.

2. In today's hearing, Ms. Laveena Jindal states that pending information relates with point no. 3 and 4 are still pending from the respondent PIO.

3. Neither the respondent PIO is present nor does he file any reply in this regard.

4. After hearing the appellant and examining the documents placed on record, it is observed that on hearing held on 23.06.2020, respondent Shiv Kumar was directed to go through the RTI application once again and supply the reply/information relates with point no. 3 and 4 and matter was adjourned on further hearing on 30.07.2020

On 30.07.2020, respondent, Sh. Shiv Kumar requested for an adjournment due to shortage of staff. Accordingly, request of the respondent was granted and one more opportunity was given to him to comply with the order of the Commission dated 23.06.2020 before the next date of hearing which was fixed for 07.09.2020.

On 07.09.2020, respondent, Sh. Shiv Kumar availed another opportunity on the plea that due to Covid-19 outbreak shortage of working staff and matter was adjourned for today i.e. 27.10.2020.

5. In view of the above, the then respondent PIO, O/o DEO (SE) Sangrur will **Show Cause** under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act, as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay/denial in supplying the information to the RTI applicant and why the compensation be not awarded to the information-seeker under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

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

He may note that in case he does not file his submission and does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the next 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.

6. A copy of this order be also sent to the First Appellate Authority by name through **registered post** for the compliance of this order and make sure that **concerned respondent PIO along with Sh. Shiv Kumar appear in person on the next date of hearing to clear the facts of this case.**

7. Matter is adjourned for further hearing on **23.12.2020 through CISCO WEBEX at 11:00 A.M.** (Steps: Install CISO WEBEX->Click on Join Meeting->Enter meeting number 918232900)

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9. Announced in the Court, copy of the order to be sent to the parties.

**Chandigarh**  
**Dated: 27.10.2020**

**(Dr. Pawan Kumar Singla)**  
**State Information Commissioner**

**Show-Cause**

**Public Information Officer**  
**(Regd. Post)** O/o DEO (SE) Sangrur.

Encl. RTI Request.

**Sh. Shiv Kumar (JA)**  
**(Regd. Post)** O/o DEO (SE) Sangrur.



**Sh. Tejbir Singh, (9257304444)**  
(Regd. Post) S/o Sh. Ajaib Singh, HJ343,  
Housing Board Colony,  
B.R.S. Nagar, Ludhiana.

Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer (By Name)**  
(Regd. Post) O/o DEO (SE), Ludhiana.

**First Appellate Authority**  
O/o DEO (SE), Ludhiana.

Respondents

**Appeal Case No.: 39 of 2020**  
**Heard through CISCO WEBEX**

**Present:** Sh. Tejbir Singh, the appellant.  
Nobody on behalf of the respondent.

**ORDER**

1. This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 31.08.2020 vide which appellant, Sh. Tejbir Singh stated that requisite information relates with point no. 1 had been received. He added that respondent informed that information relates with point no. 2 is available on the website but it is not available on the website. He requested the Commission to supply the requisite information relates with point no. 2.

Respondent, Sh. Dilshad Singh stated that it is available on the website. He also mentioned that school is a private institute.

It was observed that appellant filed RTI application to the office of DEO (SE), Ludhiana to sought information regarding the Punjab regulation fee of unaided educational institution bill no. 2016 (Punjab Act no. 47 of 2016).

Respondent PIO was directed to supply the information relates with point no. 2 duly attested by respondent PIO to the appellant within fifteen days after receiving of this order. He was also directed to file reply to the Show Cause which was issued to him vide order dated 21.07.2020. A copy of previous order was sent to him through registered post for his ready reference. Matter was adjourned for further hearing on 27.10.2020 through CISCO WEBEX i.e. today.

2. In today's hearing, appellant, Sh. Tejbir Singh states that no information has been received from the respondent PIO after the previous order of the Commission dated 31.08.2020.

3. Neither the respondent PIO is present nor did he file reply in this regard.

4. After hearing the appellant and examining the case file, it is observed that respondent PIO was absent on the previous hearings held on 16.03.2020, 21.07.2020 and today itself. I am of the view that due to evasive attitude of the respondent PIO concerned, the appellant has suffered a lot of detriments for not getting the requisite information, I am of the view that compensation be awarded to the complainant, Sh. Tejbir Singh.

5. Hence, I award a compensation of Rs. 3,000/- (Three Thousand Only) to the appellant. The compensation amount must be paid by the respondent PIO concerned through cheque or demand draft in favor of **Tejbir Singh** from the account of Public Authority and not from the individual's account.

6. Respondent PIO is directed to produce a copy of the cheque or demand draft on the next date of hearing.

7. A last and final is afforded to the respondent PIO is directed to comply with the previous order of the Commission dated 31.08.2020 by the next date of hearing. He is also directed to represent this case in person, failing to which action as per RTI Act will be initiated against him.

8. Matter is adjourned for further hearing on **23.12.2020 through CISCO WEBEX at 11:00 A.M.** (Steps: Install CISO WEBEX->Click on Join Meeting->Enter meeting number 918232900)

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**Chandigarh**  
**Dated: 27.10.2020**

**(Dr. Pawan Kumar Singla)**  
**State Information Commissioner**