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Sh.Gurdev Singh, S/o Sh Bachan Singh, (M-9463557261)
H.No-48, Gali No-2, Professor Enclave,
Opposite Punjabi University, Patiala

.....Appellant

..Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o SDM, Sangrur
First Appellate Authority
O/o DC, Sangrur

.....Respondent

AC No. 3503 of 2020
Through CISCO Webex

Present : (i) Sh Gurdev Singh, the Appellant
(ii) For the respondent: Smt. Chinderpal Kaur, Suptd (9877586424)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 04.05.2021 vide which the respondent was directed to file an affidavit.

2. Today the appellant states that he has not received any information.
3. The respondent states that they have sent an affidavit to the Commission office.
4. After hearing both the parties and examining the case file, it is observed that the respondent has sent proper reply. The respondent is directed to send the same to the appellant also. He is also directed to file an affidavit that complete information has been sent to the appellant and nothing is pending in their official record before the next date of hearing with a copy to the appellant.
5. To come up on **17.08.2021 at 11:00AM through CISCO-Webex (Video Conferencing application)**. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

(CISCO-Webex ID:-1582069360)

Chandigarh
Dated: 28.06.2021

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Sh. Gursewak Singh, S/o Shri Amarjit Singh
R/o Village BhambaLanda, Tehsil and Distt. Ferozepur

-----Appellant

Vs.

REGISTERED POST: **Public Information Officer,**
O/o DDPO, Ferozepur

First Appellate Authority
O/o DDPO, Ferozepur

-----Respondent

Appeal Case No. 1446 of 2019
alongwith
Appeal Case no. 1445 of 2019

Present: (i) Sh. Gursewak Singh the appellant
(ii) None is present on behalf of the respondent

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 04.05.2021 vide which neither the appellant nor the respondent was present.

2. The appellant Sh. Gursewak Singh states that no information has been given to him so far.

3. The respondent is absent today.

4. The perusal of the file shows that the respondent is absent for second consecutive hearing and the appellant states that no information has been given to him so far. Taking a lenient view, last opportunity is given to the respondent to appear before the Commission and state his case, failing which action under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act will be initiated.

5. To come up on **17.08.2021 at 11:00AM through CISCO-Webex (Video Conferencing application)**. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

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Sh. Rajkumar, Sr Citizen (M-94163-43598)
Jindal Road, Jakhalmandi,
Tehsil Tohana, Distt Fatehabad.

.....Appellant

..Vs

Public Information Officer, (Registered Post)
O/o Tehsildar, Lehera, Distt Sangrur

First Appellate Authority
O/o SDM, Lehera, Distt `Sangrur

.....Respondent

AC No. 1160 of 2020
Through CISCO-Webex

Present: (i) Sh. Rajkumar, Appellant
(ii) None for the Respondent

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 04.05.2021.

2. No one has appeared on behalf of the Respondent today.
3. The Appellant states that no information has been provided to him so far.
4. The perusal of the file ascertains that no one has appeared on behalf of the Respondent today. They were not present on the previous date of hearing also. They have not even bothered to inform the Commission about their absence. This shows that the Respondent-PIO has not regard for the orders issued by the Commission. This is indeed a serious matter

5. In view of the above, **PIO-O/o Tehsildar, Lehera, Distt Sangrur is directed** to show cause in writing or through affidavit under Section 20(1) of the RTI Act, as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay/ denial of the information to the RTI applicant and why the compensation be not awarded to the appellant under Section 19 (8)(b) of the Act for detriment suffered.

In addition to his submission, the PIO is also hereby 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 note that in case he does not file his submission and does not avail himself of the

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AC No. 1160 of 2020

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. To come up on **17.08.2021 at 11:00AM** through CISCO-Webex (Video-conferencing application). Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

(CISCO-Webex Meeting Code No: 1582069360).

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(REGISTERED POST)

Sh.Ashwani Kumar, S/o Sh Parshottam Kumar,
House No 83, Near Grain Market,
Bhucho Mandi, Distt Bathinda (M-9417937357)

.....Appellant

..Vs

Public Information Officer

O/o DPI (colleges), pb
PSEB Complex, Near Mohali Old bus stand,
Phase-8, Mohali

First Appellate Authority

O/o DPI (colleges), pb
PSEB Complex, Near Mohali Old bus stand,
Phase-8, Mohali

.....Respondent

AC No. 3448 of 2020
Through CISCO Webex

Present : (i) Sh Ashwani Kumar, the Appellant
(ii) None for the Respondent

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 04.05.2021 vide which a show-cause notice was issued to the PIO O/o DPI (Colleges) Punjab.

2. Today, the Appellant states that no information has been provided to him so far.
3. No one has appeared on behalf of the Respondent today.
4. The perusal of the file shows that no one has appeared on behalf of the Respondent today. They have not attended any hearing in this case. They have not even filed their reply to the show-cause notice issued on the previous date of hearing. This shows that the respondent-PIO has no regard for the orders issued by the Commission.
5. In view of the defying attitude of the respondent-PIO neither attending the court nor submitting any explanation for the delay in supplying the information within the time schedule as prescribed under the RTI Act 2005, the commission comes to a logical conclusion that it is a fit case for the imposition of penalty amounting to Rs. 25,000/-

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(Rupees Twenty five thousand only) on the PIO O/o DPI (colleges), Pb. But, taking a lenient view, I impose a penalty of ***Rs. 5000/- on the Respondent-PIO O/o DPI (colleges), Punjab.***

7. The DPI(Colleges) Punjab is directed to deduct the amount of penalty of Rs. 5000/- from the salary of Respondent-PIO O/o DPI (colleges), Punjab and deposited in the State Treasury in the following Head of Account and to report its compliance to the Commission:-

"0070-Other Administrative Services
60 other Services
800-Other Receipts
86-Fee under the RTI Act, 2005

8. To come up on ***17.08.2021 at 11:00AM*** through CISCO-Webex (Video-conferencing application). Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

(CISCO-Webex Meeting Code No: 1582069360).

Dated: 28.06.2021

(Preety Chawla)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

(Registered Post)

CC: 1. Principal Secretary, DPI(Colleges), Pb Civil Sectt, Chandigarh
2. DPI(colleges) , Punjab PSEB Complex, Near Mohali Old bus stand, Phase-8, Mohali

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Sh.Kamalpreet Singh,(M-7719791331)

H.No-134, Basant City, Threekay,
PO Daad, Pakhiwal Road, Ludhiana-142022

.....Appellant

..Vs

Public Information Officer, (Registered Post)

O/o Director (Industries) cum controller of Stores, Pb
Punjab Udyog Bhawan, Sector 17-E, Chandigarh

First Appellate Authority

O/o Addl Chief Secretary (Industries) Pb Chd
Punjab Udyog Bhawan, Sector-17E, Chandigarh

.....Respondent

AC No. 2068 of 2020
Through CISCO-Webex

Present: (i) Sh Kamalpreet, Appellant
(ii) For the Respondent: Sh Ajit Singh, Sr Asstt. (98726-42599)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 04.05.2021.

2. The Appellant Sh Kamalpreet states that the complete information has not been provided to him so far. The Appellant has also filed his submissions via e-mail(s). Copy of the same is taken on record.

3. The Respondent states that the information sought by the Appellant is under enquiry.

4. After hearing both the parties and perusing the case file, it is ascertained that the complete information has not been provided to the Appellant so far. This shows that the respondent has no regard for the orders issued by the Commission.

5. In view of the above, ***PIO- Director (Industries) cum Controller of Stores, Punjab is directed*** to show cause in writing or through affidavit under Section 20(1) of the RTI Act, as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay/ denial of the information to the RTI applicant and why the compensation be not awarded to the appellant under Section 19 (8)(b) of the Act for detriment suffered.

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AC No. 2068 of 2020

In addition to his submission, the PIO is also hereby 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 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. ***Further, the Respondent-PIO is also directed to provide complete information to the Appellant before the next date of hearing and in case some information is not available in their official record then to file an affidavit for the same.***

6. To come up on ***17.08.2021 at 11:00AM*** through CISCO-Webex (Video-conferencing application). Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Dated: 28.06.2021

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Sh. Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia (RTI Activist)
Ward No. 18, Street No. 2,
Kartar Nagar, Amloh Road, Khanna

.....Appellant

..Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o SSP, Fatehgarh Sahib
Public Information Officer
O/o SSP, Fatehgarh Sahib

.....Respondent

AC No. 266 of 2021
Through CISCO Webex

Present: (i) None is present on behalf of the appellant
(ii) For the respondent: - Sh. Ranjit Singh, ASI (8360834611)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 04.05.2021.

2. The appellant is absent today.
3. Respondent Sh. Ranjit Singh states that the appellant had inspected the record and obtained the information. He has also sent an acknowledgment given by the appellant in token of having received the information.
4. Since, the appellant is not present one last opportunity is given to him to appear before the commission and state his case.
5. To come up on **17.08.2021 at 11.00 AM** through CISCO-Webex (Video-conferencing application). Copy of the order be sent to the parties.
(CISCO-Webex Meeting Code No: 1582069360).

Sd/-

Dated: 28.06.2021

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State Information Commissioner
Punjab



Sh. Lakhjit Singh, S/o Sh. Karam Singh
Village Sangalan, Distt. Mohali

.....Complainant

..Vs

Registered post : **Public Information Officer,**
O/o Police Station, Mullanpur,
Garibdas, Distt. Mohali

.....Respondent

CC No. 628 of 2021

Present : (i) Sh. Lakhjit Singh the Complainant
 (ii) None is present on behalf of the respondent

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 15.06.2021 whereby the information-seeker has sought information as mentioned in his RTI application. He filed complaint in the Commission on 16.06.2021 under Section 18 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice was issued to the parties for hearing for 28.06.2021 in the Commission.

3. Sh. Lakhjit Singh the complainant states that no information has been given to him so far.

4. The respondent is absent today.

5. Since the respondent is absent and no information has been given to the complainant, hence, ***PIO-O/o Police Station, Mullanpur, Garibdas, Distt. Mohali is directed*** to show cause in writing or through affidavit under Section 20(1) of the RTI Act, as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay/ denial of the information to the RTI applicant.

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In addition to his submission, the PIO is also hereby 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 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. To come up on **30.06.2021 at 11.00 AM** in the Commission office. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

Dated: 28.06.2021

(Preety Chawla)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab