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Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta 9814924851

s/o Sh. Desh Raj Gupta,

8/237, Jagraon Road,

Mandi Mullanpur 141101

....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer

o/o Naib Tehsildar-cum-Sub Registrar,

Asstt. Collector Grade 2,

Tehsil Mullanpur Dakha,

District Ludhiana

First Appellate Authority

o/o Sub Divisional Magistrate (West)

District Ludhiana

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1327 of 2021

(Video Conference Proceedings)

Present:- Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, appellant.

None on behalf of the respondents.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 8.6.2021.

2. The appellant states that the respondents be directed to supply the complete information in this case. However, the respondent authority has sent a request of leave submitted to the SDM along with the medical reports of Sh. Sukhcharan Singh Channi, Naib Tehsildar, Mullanpur Dakha.

3. Accordingly the case is adjourned.

4. To come up on 3.8.2021 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: 29.6.2021

(Suresh Arora)

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Sh. Gurmeet Singh 9876269776

Village Kikar Khera,

Tehsil abohar,

District Fazilka.

....Appellant

Vs

Sh. Prithvi Singh, Panchayat Secretary

c/o Block Development and Panchayats Officer,

Block Munak at Andana,

Tehsil Khanauri,

Sangrur.

Public Information Officer

o/o Block Development and Panchayats Officer,

Block Munak at Andana,

Tehsil Khanauri,

Sangrur .

First Appellate Authority

o/o Addl. Deputy Commissioner (Dev.)

Sangrur.

Public Information Officer

o/o the Director,

Rural Development & Panchayat Deptt., Pb.

Vikas Bhawan,

Sector 62, Mohali.

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2316 of 2020

(Video Conference Proceedings)

Present:- None on behalf of the appellant.

Sh. Sunita Rani, Sr. Asstt, RD 2 on behalf of the respondents. 9646095124.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 8.6.2021.

2. The appellant is absent. He was also absent during the last hearing i.e. 8.6.2021.

Accordingly, the case is adjourned.

4. To come up on 26.7.2021 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Fazilka/Sangrur/cisco webex.

sd

Dated: 29.6.2021

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Sh. Ajaib Singh 9872850944

Village Bishanpura

PO Ganjewas, Tehsil Samana,

Patiala

....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer

o/o District Development and Panchayats Officer,

Patiala

First Appellate Authority

o/o Addl. Deputy Commissioner (Dev.),

Patiala

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2590 of 2020

(Video Conference/Cisco Webex/Telephone Proceedings)

Present:- Sh. Ajaib Singh, appellant.

Sh. Vijay Dhir o/o Addl. Deputy Commissioner (Dev.) on behalf of the
respondents_____. 7888779292

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 8.6.2021.

2. After hearing both the parties, the order in this case is 'RESERVED' and will be pronounced later on.

Dated: 29.6.2021

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Sh. Gagandeep Singh Thareeka 9780471680

SCO 26, Shant Park,

Main Sua Road,

Thareeka,

District Ludhiana 142028

....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer

o/o Block Development and Panchayats Officer,

Block Ludhiana-1,

District Ludhiana

First Appellate Authority

o/o Director,

Rural Development & Panchayat, Pb.,

Vikas Bhawan, Sector 62, Mohali

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3031 of 2020

(Video Conference/Telephone Proceedings)

Present:- Sh. Gagandeep Singh Thareeka, appellant, on telephone.

Sh. Sarabjit Singh, Supdt 6239079871 o/o District Development and
Panchayats Officer on telephone, on behalf of the respondents.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 8.6.2021.

2. The appellant states that he is satisfied with the information pertaining to Point No. 3 & 4 of the RTI application. He also requests that the respondents be directed to supply the complete information from 1.10.2019 onwards pertaining to Point No. 1 & 2 (pertaining to Bank accounts) of the RTI application, as he has sought the information till the date of supply of information.

3. Accordingly, the request of the appellant is accepted and the respondent-Public Information Officer is directed to supply the information up to 31.5.2021 before the next date of hearing pertaining to Point No. 1 & 2 of the RTI application.

4. To come up on 26.7.2021 at 3.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, District Ludhiana/cisco webex.

sd

(Suresh Arora)

Dated: 29.6.2021

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Sh. Lakhvir Singh S/o Sh. Balvir Singh,
Village Ghurala,
Po Chakohi,
Tehsil Khanna-141401.
Distt. Ludhiana. M : 9814116425

..Complainant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o Tehsildar,
Khanna, Ludhiana.

Sh. Jaswinderpal Singh, **9216117204**
Public Information Officer **Registered**
-cum-Agriculture Officer,
Bullepur, Near IGNOU centre,
Khanna, District - Ludhiana.

Public Information Officer **Registered**
o/o Director, Agriculture,
Agriculture, Kheti Bhawan,
Phase 6, Mohali

....Respondent(s)

Complaint Case No. 46/2021
(Video Conference/Telephone Proceedings)

Present:- None on behalf of the complainant.
Sh. Navdeep Singh, Tehsildar _____ on behalf of the
respondents. **9216117204**

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 8.6.2021.

2. The Public Information Officer-cum-Tehsildar Khanna has sent the notification No. PA/SA/2019/6477-1 dated 21.11.2019 issued by the Agriculture Department to manage the paddy residue without burning, which is taken on record. He also states that nothing is available on record which could be supplied to the complainant regarding the compensation given to the farmers of Khanna Tehsil.

3. Also the Public Information Officer o/o Agriculture Officer, Sh. Jaswinder Singh was impleaded as necessary party in this case. Neither he is present nor his phone is reachable but he has sent the submissions that the subject matter is not related to agriculture office Khanna and further mentioned that it relates to the Revenue Department, Tehsil Khanna.

4. Sh. Jaswinderpal Singh, Asstt. Public Information Officer is absent without intimation, although an order of the Commission dated 8.6.2021 was sent to him through registered post. Video Conference Facility/cisco webex facility was introduced for the convenience of general public and for government officials. Viewing the absence of the

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Complaint Case No. 46 of 2021

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respondent seriously and dealing with the RTI application in a casual manner, Sh. Jaswinder Singh, Agriculture Officer, 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.

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.

He is also directed to remain present in person at Chandigarh on the next date of hearing failing which the disciplinary proceedings will also be recommended.

5. Also a copy of the order of the Commission dated 8.6.2021 was sent through post to Sh. Sukhdev Singh, Director, Agriculture, Punjab. Since, the Public Information Officer-cum-Tehsildar, Khanna has sent the notification dated 21.11.2019 issued by the Department of Agriculture, therefore, the Public Information Officer o/o the Director, Agriculture, Punjab is also impleaded as necessary party in this case to file the reply/supply the information. A copy of the notification dated 21.11.2019 along with the RTI application of the appellant is being **sent** along with this order.

6. To come up on 3.8.2021 at 12.30 PM at Chandigarh for the respondents and through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, District Ludhiana/cisco webex for the complainant.

sd

Dated: 29.6.2021

(Suresh Arora)
Chief Information Commissioner,
Punjab.

CC

Sh. Sukhdev Singh, **Registered**
Director,
Agriculture, Kheti Bhawan,
Phase 6, Mohali

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Sh. Surinder Kumar 9465313956

r/o VPO Bareka,

Tehsil & District Fazilka.

....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer, Registered
o/o Panchayat Secretary, Gram panchayat, Bareka,
c/o Block Development and Panchayats Officer,
Block Khuhian Server,
District Fazilka.

First Appellate Authority
o/o District Development and Panchayats Officer,
District Administrative Complex,
Fazilka

Sh. Gian Singh, VDO **Registered**
Public Information Officer
c/o Block Development and Panchayats Officer
Khuhian Server,
Fazilka

Sh. Varinder Kumar 8968652368, **Registered**
Public Information Officer
c/o Block Development and Panchayats Officer
Khuhian Server,
Fazilka

.....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1896 of 2020
(Video Conference Proceedings)

Present:- Shri Surinder Kumar, appellant along with an Advocate Sh. Prem Singh.
Sh. Gian Singh, VDO on behalf of the respondents, M 9914400517,

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 20.5.2021.

2. The appellant states that in spite of the compensation awarded in this case still the information is incomplete as the orders of the Commission dated 20.5.2021 has not been complied with. However, the representative of the respondents states that the information related to the Block Development and Panchayats Officer is not available with him and the information related to him has been brought by him.

3. That, the appellant filed the RTI application dated 8.11.2019 to the Public Information Officer-cum-Block Development and Panchayats Officer. However, Public Information Officer-cum-Block Development and Panchayats Officer is absent without intimation. Video Conference Facility/cisco webex facility was introduced for convenience of

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Appeal Case No. 1896 of 2020

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general public and for government officials. Viewing the absence of the respondent seriously, and dealing with the RTI application of the appellant in a casual manner, Sh. Varinder Kumar, Public Information Officer-cum-Block Development and Panchayats Officer, 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 that why a compensation may not be increased for detriment suffered by the appellant under section 19(8) of the RTI Act, 2005.

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.

4. The respondent-Public Information Officer-cum-Block Development and Panchayats Officer and Sh. Gian Singh, VDO are also directed to remain present at Chandigarh along with the original record related to Block Development and Panchayats Officer office/ Panchayat. The appellant is also directed to remain present on the next date of hearing at Chandigarh along with the information supplied to take the matter to its logical end.

5. To come up on 26.7.2021 at 12.30 PM at Chandigarh.

sd

Dated: 29.6.2021

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Smt. Varinder Kaur 9501456703

490 Urban Estae, Phase 1,

Jalandhar



....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer

o/o Sub Registrar,

Attari,

District Amritsar

First Appellate Authority

o/o Deputy Commissioner

District Amritsar

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3731 of 2020

(Video Conference/Cisco Webex/Telephone Proceedings)

Present:- Smt. Varinder Kaur, appellant, on telephone.

Sh. Birkaran Singh (PCS under training) _____ on behalf of the respondents.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 31.5.2021.

2. The appellant states that she has received the copy of intkal but she has not received the copy of registry along with the papers attached with it. However, the representative of the respondents requests for the adjournment of the case and assured that the information will be supplied before the next date of hearing

3. Accordingly, the case is adjourned.

4. To come up on 27.7.2021 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Amritsar/Jalandhar/cisco webex.

sd

Dated: 29.6.2021

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Shri Jagpreet Singh, M 9659500036

Village Tungaheri,

Tehsil and District Ludhiana.

Appellant

Vs

Ms Navdeep Kaur 8054540919

Public information Officer,

Registered

o/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer,

Pakhowal, Distt. Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,

District Development and Panchayat Officer,

Ludhiana.

Sh. Karandeep Chandel,

Registered

Public Information Officer –cum-

Panchayat Secretary Tungaheri,

c/o Block Development and Panchayats Officer,

District Ludhiana.

Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3504 of 2020

(Video Conference/Cisco Webex/Telephone Proceedings)

Present: Sh. Jagpreet Singh, appellant.

Sh. Karandeep Chandel, Panchayat Secretary on behalf of the respondents.
9463685007.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 20.5.2021.

2. The representative of the respondents states that the information related to panchayat has already been supplied comprising 115 pages duly certified with which the appellant agreed to. However, the appellant states that a copy of the measurement book has not been supplied by the respondent-Public Information Officer-cum-Block Development and Panchayats Officer so far. He also requests that he would like to inspect the record as the respondent-Panchayat Secretary has supplied the record from 3.3.2019 onwards whereas he has sought the information from 1.1.2019.

3. As per the last order of the Commission dated 20.5.2021, the Public Information Officer-cum-Block Development and Panchayats Officer, Pakhowal was directed to supply the copy of the measurement book as has been sought by the appellant but the respondent-Public Information Officer failed to supply the same in spite of the fact that an order of the Commission was sent to the Block Development and Panchayats Officer through registered post. It is also a fact on record that the appellant has filed the RTI application to the Public

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Appeal Case No. 3504 of 2020

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Information Officer-cum-Block Development and Panchayats Officer on 5.8.2020 and still the Public Information Officer-cum-Block Development and Panchayats Officer is not able to supply the complete information. The respondent-Public Information Officer is absent without intimation. Video Conference Facility/cisco webex facility was introduced for convenience of general public and for government officials. Viewing the absence of the respondent, and dealing with the RTI application, seriously, Ms Navdeep Kaur, Public Information Officer-cum-Block Development and Panchayats Officer, 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 her 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.

In addition to the written reply, the Public Information Officer 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. She may take a note that in case she does not file her written reply and does not avail herself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the next date, it will be presumed that she has nothing to say and the Commission will proceed ex-parte.

4. The Public Information Officer is also directed to remain present in person at Chandigarh along with the complete original record pertaining to the RTI application of the appellant. The appellant is also directed to remain present in person at Chandigarh along with the information supplied. It is further clarified that in case any party is absent during the next hearing the case will be decided ex-parte on merit.

5. To come up on 23.7.2021 at 11.30 PM at Chandigarh.

sd

Dated: 29.6.2021

(Suresh Arora)

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Shri Amarjit Singh Dhamotia M 9888490031

NCAG, H.No. 60-35-P-376/1,

Street No. 8, Maha Singh Nagar,

PO Dhandari Kalan

Ludhiana 141014 9888490031

Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer, **Registered**

o/o Deputy Commissioner

Ferozepur Road, Ludhiana

First Appellate Authority,

o/o Deputy Commissioner,

Ferozepur Road, Ludhiana

Public Information Officer

o/o Superintendent Grade-1,

Revenue Reh. & Disaster Man. Deptt.

(Stamp & Registry Branch)

Punjab Civil Secretariat-1, Chandigarh.

Respondents

Appeal Case No. 879 of 2021

(Cisco Webex/Telephone proceedings)

Present:- None on behalf of the parties. 9814174875

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 18.5.2021.

2. The written submissions have been received from the respondent office i.e. Deputy Commissioner, District Ludhiana (HRC Branch) vide which the RTI application of the appellant has been transferred to Superintendent Grade-1, Revenue Reh. & Disaster Management Department (Stamp & Registry Branch) Chandigarh under Section 6(3) of the RTI Act, 2005.

3. The appellant is absent without intimation.

4. Also the Public Information Officer o/o the Superintendent Grade-1, Revenue Reh. & Disaster Management Department (Stamp & Registry Branch) Chandigarh is impleaded as necessary party in this case to file the reply/supply the information. A copy of the letter written by the office of the Deputy Commissioner, District Ludhiana along with the RTI application is being **sent** along with this order.

5. To come up on 3.8.2021 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, District Ludhiana /cisco webex.

sd

Dated: 29.6.2021

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Sh. Gurdeep Singh, s/o Sh. Kartar Singh,
Village Narainpura,
Tehsil Abohar,
Distt Fazilka.

....Appellant

Vs

Sh. Nirmal Singh, 9417768801
Public Information Officer **Registered**
o/o Block Development and Panchayats Officer,
Block Abohar,
Distt Fazilka

First Appellate Authority
o/o District Development and Panchayats Officer
Fazilka.

Sh. Gurwinder Singh, **Registered**
Panchayat Secretary-cum-Public Information Officer
c/o Block Development and Panchayats Officer,
Block Abohar,
Fazilka.

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1832 of 2020

Present:- None on behalf of the appellant.
Sh. Gurwinder Singh, Panchayat Officer, in person and Sh. Swaran Singh,
Panchayat Secretary, in person on behalf of the respondents.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 31.5.2021.

2. A request has been received from the appellant to adjourn the case as he is unable to attend the hearing.

3. The representative of the respondents are present but without original record pertaining to the RTI application of the appellant. Also, the office informed the Block Development and Panchayats Officer Sh. Nirmal Singh well in advance regarding the fixation of the hearing to ensure that the respondents be present on the date of hearing along with the original record. However, the respondents are present without the original record. Viewing the attitude in dealing with the RTI application of the appellant, Sh. Nirmal Singh, Block Development and Panchayats Officer-cum-Public Information Officer, 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

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Appeal Case No. 1832 of 2020

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is furnished, be not imposed under Section 20(1) of RTI Act, 2005 on him for causing willful 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.

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.

4. The Public Information Officer-cum-Block Development and Panchayats Officer is also directed to remain present in person at Chandigarh along with the original record. Also the last opportunity is granted to the appellant to represent his case and also being information supplied so far, on the next date of hearing failing which ex-parte decision will be taken on merit.

5. To come up on 26.7.2021 at 11.30 AM at Chandigarh.

sd

Dated: 29.6.2021

(Suresh Arora)
Chief Information Commissioner,
Punjab.

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Sh. Rajwinder Singh s/o Sh. Kuldeep Singh
r/o 2636, Street No. 1,
Azad Nagar, Near Shimla Market,
Putlighar,
District Amritsar 9872821947

..Complainant

Vs

Public Information Officer
o/o Deputy Commissioner,
District Amritsar.

Ms Pawandeep Kaur 7009602909 **(Registered)**
Public Information Officer –cum-
Distt Child Security Officer,
24, Majitha Road, District Amritsar

....Respondents

Complaint Case No. 850 of 2020
(Video Conference/Cisco Webex Proceedings)

Present:- Sh. Rajwinder Singh, complainant.
Sh. Taranjit Singh, APIO o/o Social Security and Women and Child
Development Deptt. Amritsar 9876357202 7986453314 on behalf of the 879
respondents.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 17.5.2021.

2. The appellant states that the respondents are not providing the upto date status of the email dated 21.10.2020 as has been sought. He has also sent the submissions in this regard, which is taken on record. However, the representative of the respondents states that the information as available on record has already been supplied to the appellant.

3. After hearing both the parties, the directions are issued to the respondent-Public Information Officer-cum-Distt Child Security Officer, Amritsar to remain present along with the original record and the appellant is directed to be present along with the information supplied on the next date of hearing at Chandigarh. In case any party remained absent on the next date of hearing, the case will be decided ex-parte on merit.

4. To come up on 19.7.2021 at 11.30 AM at Chandigarh.

Dated: 29.6.2021

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(Suresh Arora)
Chief Information Commissioner,
Punjab.