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Sh.Aditya Pandey, H.No.174, Sector-21A, Chandigarh.

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o Addl. Chief Secretary Deptt. Of Home Affairs & Justice, Pb. Home Branch-4, Pb.Civil Sectt.-1 Chandigarh

Public Information Officer, O/o Addl. Chief Secretary Deptt. Of Home Affairs & Justice, Pb. Home Branch-4, Pb.Civil Sectt.-1 Chandigarh

Respondent

#### Appeal Case No.1434/2019

Date of RTI Application	• • •	Date of First Appeal made, if any	,	Date of Second Appeal/ Complaint
28.09.2018	Nil	09.01.2019	Nil	24.04.2019

Present: Sh.Nitin Kaushal, Advocate on behalf of appellant.

Sh.Jasparjeet Singh, SDO O/o Director, Mines & Geology, Pb. And Darshan Singh, Supdt., Home Deptt.On behalf of respondents.

**ORDER:** 

The following order was passed on 18.06.2019:

"The appellant has asked for the information connected with the report of Commission of Enquiry headed by Hon'ble Mr. Justice J.S. Narang (Retd.) under Section 11 of the Commission of Inquiry Act, 1952 and some allied information. The respondents have filed the written statement in response to notice of the Commission. A copy has been handed over on the spot to the counsel for the appellant. He may like to file a rejoinder to the same in case they desire so, with an advance copy to the respondents as well."

#### 30.07.2019

The case has come up today. The arguments of both the parties heard. Order is reserved.

To be pronounced on 12.09.2019 at 11.30 AM.

30.07.2019

Sd/-(Yashvir Mahajan) State Information Commissioner

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Sh. Gurmeet Singh, S/o Sh. Surmukh Singh, 2072, Bhai Mastan Singh Nagar, Sri Muktsar Sahib.

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o Block Development & Panchayat Officer, Sri Muktsar Sahib.

First Appellate Authority, O/o District Development & Panchayat Officer, Sri Muktsar Sahib.

Respondents

#### **Appeal Case No.1345/2019**

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of First Appeal made, if any	Date of order, if any of FAA	Date of Second Appeal/ Complaint
16.12.2018	Nil	23.01.2019	Nil	09.04.2019

Present: Gurmeet Singh, appellant

Sh. Hakam Singh, BDPO, Sri Muktsar Sahib

**ORDER:** 

The following order was passed on 18.06.2019:-

"The appellant has sought the information about the estimates of the interlocking work having been executed in the streets of Village Chibranwali, District Sri Muktsar Sahib during the period from 01.04.2017 to 30.11.2018 along with the cross sections.

Shri Vijaypal Singh, Panchayat Secretary has brought along a copy of the information purported to have been sent to the appellant. Its perusal suggests it to be a wishywashy and abstract. The concerned Junior Engineer reportedly is silent and is not sharing the information.

The Commission considers him to be a deemed PIO and desires him to provide the information of the estimates of the works along with entries in the Measurement Book to the information seeker within 10 days positively from the receipt of this order, failing which it shall be considered as a willful obstruction of flow of the information and the penal consequences shall follow."

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### **Appeal Case No.1345/2019**

Shri Hakam Singh, BDPO Sri Muktsar Sahib has come present to represent the Junior Engineer. He submits that in compliance with the order passed by the Commission, a copy of the cross-section of the work done, as submitted by the Junior Engineer, has been provided to the appellant. We have seen it. It does not fulfill the technical requirement of describing the details in terms of the measurement of the work executed. The Commission is also intrigued to find that the Measurement Book as on date despite the work having been completed about a month ago, has not been written. While directing the BDPO to provide the details of the cross-section, as discussed above, the Commission desired the Director, Rural Development & Panchayats, Punjab to look into this serious irregularity and take appropriate action.

To come up on 12.09.2019 at 11.30 AM.

30.07.2019

Sd/-(Yashvir Mahajan) State Information Commissioner

CC: The Director, Rural Development & Panchayats, Punjab, Vikas Bhawan, Phase-VIII, S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali).

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Sh. Jaswinder Singh S/o Sh. Gurdev Singh Village Lambhwali Tehsil Jaito, Distt. Faridkot.

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer O/o Panchayat Secretary Gram Panchayat, Lambhwali Tehsil Jaito, Distt. Faridkot.

First Appellate Authority
O/o Block Development & Panchayat Officer
Jaito, District Faridkot.

Respondents

#### Appeal Case No.2270/2019

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of First Appeal made, if any	Date of order, if any of FAA	Date of Second Appeal/ Complaint
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Present: Sh.Jaswinder Singh, Appellant is present.

Sh. Resham Singh, Panchayat Secretary - behalf of the Respondent.

### **ORDER**

30.04.2019:

The Commission had made the following observations in its order on

"The case has been committed to this Bench on transfer from the Bench of the then Commissioner Shri Ajit Singh Chanduraian.

It has come up today. The respondent is absent. The perusal of the file suggests that the respondent is acting indifferently and is consistently refraining from attending the proceedings or providing the information. The Commission is inclined to take a view that he is willfully and malafidely sitting over the information. This is in violation of Section 7(i) of RTI Act.

The PIO/respondent is hereby issued show cause notice to explain in a self-attested affidavit as to why a penalty at the rate of Rs.250/- per day of delay in providing the information upto Rs.25,000/-, be not imposed under Section 20(1) of RTI Act, 2005 on them for causing 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 the detriment suffered by him.

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**Appeal Case No.2270/2019** 

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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 note that in case he does not file his written reply and does not

avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the 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."

Shri Resham Singh, Panchayat Secretary comes present. He submits that, as

was assured on the last date of hearing, the information available with him has been transmitted.

However, according to him, copies of the Measurement Book have not been provided. The

Commission has already issued a show cause notice to the PIO. Deeming him as PIO, who has

failed to supply the information so far, the show cause notice issued on 30.04.2019 is now

directed against the J.E. Shri Mohinder Singh, Block Jaito. He is directed to appear in person on

the next date after providing the record to the information seeker and explain his conduct as to

why penalty proposed in the aforesaid order should not be imposed on him.

To come up on 12.09.2019 at 11.30 AM.

Sd/-(Yashvir Mahajan) State Information Commissioner

30.07.2019

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Sh. Gopal Singh, S/o Sh. Kartar Singh Village-Peeru Wala, PO Khai Pheme Ki, Tehsil & Distt. Ferozepur.

Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer.

O/o Block Development & Panchayat Officer,

Ferozepur. Respondent

### Complaint Case No.363 of 2019 & 364/2019

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of First Appeal made, if any	Date of order, if any of FAA	Date of Second Appeal/ Complaint
08.01.2019/	Nil	Nil	Nil	09.04.2019
04.04.2019				

Present: Gopal Singh, Complainant is absent.

Sh.Sukhwinder Singh, Panchayat Secretary -

on behalf of respondents.

**ORDER:** 

The Commission had made the following observations on 18.06.2019:-

"The information sought is the same from the same respondents by the same complainant. Both these complaints are being clubbed together and shall be disposed of by a single order.

Shri Sukhwinder Singh, Panchayat Secretary has brought along a reply, which has been transmitted on spot to the complainant. The complainant is seeking certified copies of all the documents of the official record of the respondent for the period 2013-2018. The Commission feels that it shall entail a tremendous exercise, which for sure shall divert the resources and disrupt the normal functioning of the office of respondent. The respondent is advised to allow the complainant inspection of the record within 10 days of the receipt of order and provide him certified copies of the documents not beyond 150 pages."

30.07.2019

The case is being taken up today again. Shri Sukhwinder Singh, Panchayat Secretary produced letter from the complainant acknowledging the receipt of information to his satisfaction. There is a delay in providing the information. The respondent regretted it and ascribed it to pre-occupation in the conduct of elections of Panchayats and Parliament. The Commission while taking a lenient view, files the complaint in question. No further intervention by the Commission is called for. **Disposed.** 

Sd/-(Yashvir Mahajan) State Information Commissioner

30.07.2019

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Sh. Tejinder Singh S/o Sh. Bhagwant Singh Village Binaheri Tehsil Nabha, Distt. Patiala.

Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer O/o Block Development & Panchayat Officer Nabha, District Patiala.

Respondent

#### Complaint Case No.137/2019

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Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO		Date of order, if any of FAA	Date of Second Appeal/ Complaint
20.082018	Nil	Nil	Nil	04.02.2019

Present: None is present.

#### **Order**

The following order was passed on last date of hearing on 30.04.2019 and 18.06.2019:-

"The original application was filed on 20.08.2018. Having failed to get information the appellant had made an appeal with the First Appellate Authority. That too having proved abortive the appellant filed second appeal with the Commission.

The appellant had sought information from the BDPO, Nabha about the details of various grants and income having accrued to the gram panchayat of village Binaheri, Tehsil Nabha, District Patiala during the period from 2013 to 2018 and the works executed therewith. The respondent BDPO, Nabha had demanded an amount of Rs.2,865/- from the applicant as the cost of providing information which was duly deposited by him on 06.09.2018.

Sh. Vinod Kumar who is present in the Court on behalf of the respondent submits that the record asked for is not available with him as his predecessor did not hand it over to him.

The issue is very intriguing. The BDPO, Nabha has demanded a precise amount of Rs.2,865/- which obviously should have been calculated on the basis of the number of pages that would have entailed in giving the information by the number of pages that would have entailed in giving the information. To take a position at this stage that the record is not available with him puts them in a vulnerable spot. Having failed to do the same the Commission is convinced that the PIO – cum – BDPO, Nabha is willfully and malafidely sitting over the information. Having violated Section 7(1) of the RTI Act he has rendered himself liable for penal consequences.

### Complaint Case No.137/2019



Sh. Surinder Singh, PIO – cum – BDPO, Nabha is 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 maximum of Rs.25,000/- till the complete information 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 applicant and why the compensation be not awarded to the Complainant under Section 19 (8) (b) of the Act for the detriment suffered by him.

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 note that in case he does not file his written reply and does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the 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.

The case has come up today. None is present. The complainant has sent a communication that he has received the information and he is satisfied with the information provided to him. The above communication does not steer the PIO clear of the notice issued to him, as the delay of more than 100 days and the details of the amount asked for, has not been explained. Final opportunity is afforded to him to give explanation in writing by way of an affidavit as to why the proposed penalty should not be imposed".

Vide his communication dated 10.06.2019, BDPO Nabha has advised the Commission to file the appeal without explaining the delay which has been caused in supplying the information to the complainant. Final opportunity is afforded to him to explain the delay and file a proper reply to the show cause notice issued for imposition of penalty."

30.07.2019

The respondents have failed to give any valid explanation. The Commission holds him guilty under Section 7(1) of the RTI Act and in exercise of its authority under Section 20(1), Exercising its authority under Section 20(1) of the RTI Act, the Commission imposes a penalty of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten thousand only) in lump sum on BDPO Nabha, District Patiala which shall be recovered from his salary in three equal installments commencing from the month of August, 2019. His Drawing & Disbursing Officer shall ensure that the amount of penalty is deducted from his salary and deposited in the government treasury under the head given below:

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

A copy of the challan shall be sent to the Commission for record immediately.

Disposed.

<sup>Sd/-</sup> (Yashvir Mahajan) State Information Commissioner

30.07.2019

CC:

The Director, Department of Rural Development and Panchayats, Mohali.

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Sh. Jugraj Singh, S/o Sh. Sukhmandar Singh, R/o Makko Patti, Near Lopon Road, Village Daudhar Sharki, Distt. Moga. (142053)

Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Moga.

Respondent

### Complaint Case No.1035/2018

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO		Date of order, if any of FAA	Date of Complaint
23.08.2018	Nil	Nil	Nil	26.09.2018

Present: None is present.

#### **ORDER**

The following order was made by this forum on 24.01.2019, 16.04.2019 and

18.06.2019:

24.01.2019

"The complainant had sought information about the detail of grants received by the gram panchayat of Village Daudhar Sharki, Block Moga – 1 and the details of expenditure incurred therewith.

The respondent is neither present nor any written reply has been filed by him. The Commission takes serious note of it. The PIO is directed to provide the information before the next date of hearing and explain the reasons for delay. Be it noted that no further opportunity shall be afforded and the penal provisions shall be invoked."

"The case has come up today. The respondent is absent on trot. No written reply has also been received from them. Apparently the respondent has rendered himself liable for punishment under Section 20(1) of the Act having failed to discharge his liability under Section 7(1) to provide the information during the mandated period.

The PIO respondent is 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 maximum of Rs.25,000/- till the complete information 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 applicant and why the compensation be not awarded to the Complainant under Section 19 (8) (b) of the Act for the detriment suffered by him.



### Complaint Case No.1035/2018

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 note that in case he does not file his written reply and does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the 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."

#### 16.04.2019

The matter has come up for hearing today. Sh. Sukhbir Singh, PIO – cum – Panchayat Secretary, BDPO Office, Moga – 1, was duly desired under Section 6(3) of the RTI Act by the BDPO, Moga -1 to provide the information. However, he has chosen to maintain a studied silence despite a couple of directions issued by the Commission as well as BDPO, Moga – 1. The Commission cannot keep it lying down. Such a misconduct and defiance on the part of the public servant if left unpunished can be infectious.

The original application was filed on 23.08.2018. The delay is substantial and beyond 100 days. The culpability of violation of Section 7(1) is established. Exercising its authority under Section 20(1) of the RTI Act imposes a penalty of Rs.15,000/- (Rupees Fifteen thousand only) in lump sum on Sh. Sukhbir Singh, PIO – cum – Panchayat Secretary, BDPO Office, Moga - 1 which shall be recovered from his salary in three equal installments commencing from the month of June, 2019.

The Block Development & Panchayat Officer. Block Moga - 1 who is the Drawing & Disbursing Officer shall ensure that the amount of penalty is deducted from his salary and deposited in the government treasury under the head given below:

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

A copy of the challan shall be sent to the Commission for record immediately.

His appointing authority is directed to proceed against him for the grave indiscipline shown by him and issue him charge-sheet under intimation to the Commission. Meanwhile, the BDPO, Block Moga – 1 shall ensure that the record in question is arranged to be procured from him and provided to the complainant. He shall report compliance before the next date of hearing.

### 18.06.2019

None is present. The respondents have not reported the compliance of the orders. Shall be re-heard on 30.07.2019 at 11.30 AM."



# Complaint Case No.1035/2018

### 30.07.2019

None is present despite the issuance of notice to report the compliance of the order made by the Commission. The Director, Rural Development & Panchayats, Punjab is desired to have it looked into under intimation to the Commission. With these observations, the matter is **disposed**.

Sd/-(Yashvir Mahajan) State Information Commissioner

30.07.2019

CC: The Director, Rural Development & Panchayats, Punjab, Vikas Bhawan, Phase-VIII, S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali) for necessary action.

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Sh. Bharpur Singh, S/o Sh. Sarwan Singh, R/o Village Lubhana Teku, Tehsil Nabha, District- Patiala.

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o Block Development & Panchayat Officer, Nabha, District Patiala.

First Appellate Authority, O/o District Development & Panchayat Officer, Patiala.

Respondents

#### Appeal Case No.3140/2018

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of First Appeal made, if any	Date of order, if any of FAA	Date of Second Appeal
20.06.2018	Nil	17.07.2018	Nil	17.09.2018

Present: Sh. Bharpur Singh, Appellant.

Shri Dinesh Kumar, Jr.Engr. on behalf of Respondents.

### **ORDER**

The Commission had made the following order on 23.04.2019:-

"This should be read in continuation of order passed by this forum on 13.11.2018.

The case has come up today. Sh. Baljit Singh, Panchayat Secretary appearing on behalf of the respondents says that he has recently joined and assures to provide the information expeditiously. While accepting his request the Commission directs him to part with the information and file an explanation in writing for the delay before the next date of hearing failing which it shall be presumed that he has nothing to say and the order shall be passed on the appraisal of facts on record.

"The matter has been taken up today. Mrs. Kamaljit Kaur, Superintendent, is present on behalf of the respondents. She has brought along the information which has been handed over on spot to the appellant. The appellant alleges serious irregularities on the part of the gram panchayat in cahoot with the Panchayat Secretary. Be that as it is the appellant may like to go through the information provided and convey in writing the deficiency, if any, before the next date of hearing."

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### **Appeal Case No.3140/2018**



The matter has again come up today. The appellant is still dissatisfied as the information provided, according to him, is unattested. Sh. Baljit Singh, Panchayat Secretary appearing on behalf of the respondents undertakes to attest it here and now only. It also transpires that the copies of Measurement Book being maintained by the J.E. for execution of works have not been provided. The J.E. is directed to provide him the copies of the M.B. as asked for in the original application. The BDPO shall monitor it. The J.E. shall be deemed as PIO and is directed to comply with the aforesaid instructions."

Today, the respondents are absent. No written reply has been filed. The Commission takes strong exception of their negligent and cavalier conduct. In the aforesaid order, the J.E. was directed, in no uncertain terms, to provide to the Appellant the copies of the Measurement Book maintained by him during the execution of works. However, the directions of the Commission have gone abegging. The Appellant alleges that the Panchayat has embezzled a hefty sum from the amount of Rs.70.00 lacs drawn by them by fudging the record. In the scenario, the conduct of the respondents raises some serious questions of propriety. The BDPO and Junior Engineer on whom the onus was put by the Commission to provide the information, are hereby issued show cause notice to explain in a self- attested affidavit as to why a penalty of Rs.25,000/-, be not imposed under Section 20(1) of RTI Act, 2005 on them for causing 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 the detriment suffered by him.

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 note that in case he does not file his written reply and does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the 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.

### 11.06.2019

The case has again come up today. The Junior Engineer is neither present nor he has provided the information to the information seeker. The issue is serious. Huge sum is involved. While exercising its authority under Section 18(3) of the RTI Act, the Commission issues **Bailable Warrant** of Sh. Dinesh Kumar, Junior Engineer, O/o BDPO Nabha, District Patiala, with the directions to appear before this Forum along with the original record on the next date of hearing positively."

#### 30.07.2019

The Junior Engineer to whom warrant was issued, is present. He submits that he had already transmitted the information to the Panchayat Secretary for onward transmission to the information seeker. He further states that he has handed over the information now even in pursuance of the affidavit as well.

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# Appeal Case No.3140/2018

The appellant is vaguely suggesting insufficiency of the information. He has not been able to spell out any deficiency. It is felt that he has been been sufficiently informed. The Commission is not inclined to take any adverse inference about the conduct of the respondents.

The appeal is disposed.

30.07.2019

Sd/-(Yashvir Mahajan) State Information Commissioner

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Sh. Gursewak Singh, S/o Sh. Amarjit Singh, R/o Village- Bhamba Landa, Tehsil & District-Ferozepur.

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o Distt. Development & Panchayat Officer, Ferozepur.

First Appellate Authority O/o Distt. Development & Panchayat Officer Ferozepur.

Respondents

### Appeal Case No.1445/2019 and 1446/2019

	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of First Appeal made, if any	Date of order, if any of FAA	Date of Second Appeal/ Complaint
03.01.2019	Nil	14.01.2019	Nil	16.04.2019

Subject: Sh.Gursewak Singh, Appellant

Sh.Daljeet Singh, Panchayat Secretary O/o BDPO Ghall Khurd.

**ORDER:** 

The following order was passed on 20.06.2019:-

"The appellant vide his application dated 03.01.2019 has sought information pertaining to the income having accrued to the Panchayat of village Bhamba Landa, Tehsil and District Ferozepur and the expenses incurred on various development works during the period 2013 to 2018.

Having failed to elicit any response from the PIO even after filing the appeal, he has been constrained to approach the Commission. The perusal of the record suggests that one Shri Kewal Singh, Panchayat Secretary was duly desired by BDPO to part with the information by way of transfer of the application under Section 6(3) of the Act. Shri Gurpreet Singh, Steno, office of BDPO Ferozepur submits that the Panchayat Secretary is defiant. Despite their express advice, he has refused to provide the information.

The appellant alleges serious irregularities as well as embezzlement of Panchayat funds. They have shown some documents which reflect overwriting in the receipts issued against the lease of Panchayat land. The matter seems serious. RTI Act has been enacted to bring about transparency and accountability in the conduct of public functionaries and as such, it is desirable that the issue is taken to logical ends.

It transpires that Sh. Kewal Singh has never been in the custody of records as it was handed over to the Sarpanch by his predecessor. In the scenario, the conduct of the BDPO becomes dubious. When the record is not available with the Panchayat Secretary and it is already in his notice, then the exercise in transferring the application to him was meaningless. The BDPO as such, has failed to discharge his duty

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#### Appeal Case No.1445& 1446/2019

He is hereby issued show cause notice to explain in a self- attested affidavit as to why a penalty @ Rs.250/- per day of delay subject to maximum of Rs.25,000/- till the complete information 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 applicant and why the compensation be not awarded to the Appellant under Section 19 (8) (b) of the Act for the detriment suffered by him.

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 note that in case he does not file his written reply and does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the 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.

CC:

The DDPO, Ferozepur. He is directed to look into and have an enquiry conducted into the matter and in case, the official record is still not being parted with, the Sarpanch concerned should be criminally booked by lodging a complaint with the jurisdictional Police Station.

### 30.07.2019

On the last date of hearing, the DDPO Ferozepur was directed to have an enquiry made so as to arrive at a definite conclusion about the alleged loss of record. Nothing has been heard from him. The Commission once again directs him to hold an enquiry without further loss of time and inform the Commission about his findings and he should ensure that the asked for record is provided to the information seeker. The Commission would like to under line that the follow up compliance of the order is conveyed to the Commission; else his personal presence shall be enforced in the office of the Commission

To come up on 26.09.2019 at 11.30 AM.

30.07.2019

Sd/-(Yashvir Mahajan) State Information Commissioner

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Shri Anil Kumar Garg, # 2852, Block-C, Ranjit Avenue, Amritsar-143001

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o The Director, Public Instruction (Colleges), Sikhiya Bhawan, E Blcok 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, PSEB Complex, Phase-VIII, Mohali.

First Appellate Authority, O/o The Director, Public Instruction (Colleges), Sikhiya Bhawan, E Blcok 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, PSEB Complex, Phase-VIII, Mohali.

Respondents

### **Appeal Case No.3728/2017**

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO		Date of order, if any of FAA	Date of Second Appeal/ Complaint
04.07.2017	Nil	10.08.2017	Nil	11.10.2017

Present: None is present

Order

The following order was passed on 13.06.2019:-

"It is a long standing case having been transferred from the Bench of Prof. Viney Kapoor Mehra who has demitted the office in the Commission. From perusal of the file, it is suggested that a show cause notice for imposition of penalty has already been issued for willful suppression of information on the PIO O/o Director, Public Instruction (Colleges), Punjab.

The Commission is intrigued that despite the express directions and issue of show cause notice, no tangible action has been taken by the respondents. Therefore, once again, the PIO is directed to provide a lucid response/reply to the information seeker under intimation to the Commission, failing which penal consequences shall follow. Be it noted that no further opportunity shall be afforded."

#### 30.07.2019

None is present. The matter is deferred to be heard on 12.09.2019. Final opportunity is afforded to the PIO to explain his conduct. Be it noted that the show cause notice stands already issued and no further opportunity shall be provided.

To come up on 12.09.2019 at 11.30 AM.

Sd/-(Yashvir Mahajan) State Information Commissioner

30.07.2019