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Dr. Sandeep Kumar Gupta 9929331181  
# 1722, Sector 14,  
Hissar 125001

....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer  
o/o Deptt of Revenue and Rehabilitation  
& Disaster Management,  
Punjab, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority  
o/o Deptt of Revenue and Rehabilitation  
& Disaster Management,  
Punjab, Chandigarh.

Public Information Officer  
o/o the Principal Secretary,  
Local Government,  
Sector 35, Chandigarh.

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 4775 of 2021  
(Video Conference Proceedings)

Present:- Dr. Sandeep Kumar Gupta, on telephone.  
Sh. Arshdeep Singh Sr. Asstt on telephone on behalf of the respondents.

## ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 17.11.2021 but due to administrative reasons the case could not be heard on the said date and further adjourned for 27.12.2021 and again for 25.1.2022 and thereafter, for today i.e. 5.4.2022.

2. The representative of the respondents has sent the written submissions that the record pertaining to the sought information is not available in the official record. The respondent-Public Information Officer has further transferred the RTI application to the Local Government Department under Section 6(3) of the RTI Act, 2005.

3. Accordingly, the Public Information Officer o/o the Principal Secretary Local Government, Punjab is impleaded as necessary party in this case to file the reply/supply the information before the next date of hearing. Also a copy of the RTI application is being sent to him along with this order.

4. To come up on 4.5.2022 at 12.30 PM at Chandigarh.

Dated: 5.4.2022

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Chief Information Commissioner, Punjab.

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Sh. Nirmal Singh Dhiman  
895, Phase XI  
Sector 65,  
Mohali.

....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer  
o/o Under Secretary, Revenue,  
o/o Financial Commissioner, Revenue,  
Punjab Civil Secretariat-1, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority  
o/o Under Secretary, Revenue,  
o/o Financial Commissioner, Revenue,  
Punjab Civil Secretariat-1, Chandigarh.

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 4776 of 2021

Present:- Sh. Nirmal Singh Dhiman, appellant.  
Smt. Jagroop Malhotra, Sr. Asstt, 9915338007 on behalf of the  
respondents on telephone.

Order

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 23.12.2021 vide which the case was adjourned for 25.1.2022 but due to administrative reasons the case could not be heard on the said date and further adjourned for today i.e. 5.4.2022.

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

Dated: 5.4.2022

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Sh. Bachittar Singh Maur  
s/o Sh. Balwinder Singh  
r/o Village Rukan Shah Wala,  
Tehsil & Distt. Ferozepur.

....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer  
o/o Panchayat Secretary  
Gram Panchyat, Rukan Shah Wala,  
Block Ghal Khurd,  
Ferozepur

First Appellate Authority  
o/o District Development and Panchayats Officer,  
Ferozepur.

Sh. Jagdeep Singh, **Registered**  
Block Development and Panchayats Officer  
Ghal Khurd, Ferozepur.

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2941 of 2021

Present:- Sh. Bachittar Singh Maur, appellant, in person.  
Sh. Balwinder Singh, Panchayat Secretary in person on behalf of the respondents.

## ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 21.3.2022.

2. The appellant submits that neither the information nor the compensation amounting to Rs.5000/- has been paid by the respondent-Public Information Officer-cum-Block Development and Panchayats Officer. Also, the respondent Panchayat Secretary is present but without having the original record pertaining to the sought information.

3. Sh. Jagdeep Singh, Block Development and Panchayats Officer assured during the last hearing that the complete information will be supplied to the appellant along with the compensation amount. But today neither he is present nor has the compensation been paid by him. Also, the office contacted Sh. Jagdeep Singh, Public Information Officer-cum-Block Development and Panchayats Officer and he assured that the order of the Commission will be complied with. Also a copy of the last order dated 21.3.2022 was sent to him through whatsapp. Despite these efforts, he is still absent without intimation. Therefore, considering the harassment caused to the appellant in getting the information, since RTI application was filed by the appellant on 26.2.2021 to the Block Development and Panchayats Officer and till date no information has been supplied, the compensation amounting to Rs.5000/- is increased to Rs.10,000/- to be paid from the State Exchequer by the Public Information Officer-cum-Block Development and Panchayats Officer, Ghal Khurd, Ferozepur.

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Appeal Case No. 2941 of 2021

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Also, a copy of the order is being sent to the Secretary, Rural Development & Panchayats Punjab with the recommendation that the disciplinary proceedings be initiated against Sh. Jagdeep Singh, Block Development and Panchayats Officer for wilfully disobedience of the order of the Commission as per the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005 and an action taken be place on record before the next date of hearing.

4. To come up on 18.5.2022 at 12.30 PM at Chandigarh.

Dated: 5.4.2022

sd  
(Suresh Arora)  
Chief Information Commissioner,  
Punjab

cc  
Sh. Rahul Bhandari, IAS  
Secretary,  
Rural Development & Panchayat Deptt., Pb.  
Vikas Bhawan, Sector 62, Mohali

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Sh. Jagtar Singh 9463064909  
# 2028 Sector 66,  
SAS Nagar 160062.

....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer  
o/o Secretary,  
Punjab School Education Board, Punjab,  
Sector 62, Mohali.

First Appellate Authority  
o/o Secretary  
Punjab School Education Board, Punjab,  
Sector 62, Mohali.

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 5650 of 2021

(Video Conference/Telephone/Cisco Webex Proceedings)

Present:- Shri Jagtar Singh, appellant  
Shri Mohinder Singh Additional Director, 8288004688 Sh. Manpreet  
and Sh. Kapil Sr. Asstt. on behalf of the respondents.

## ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 31.1.2022.

2. The respondent-Public Information Officer placed on record a copy of correspondence related to the sought information. After detailed deliberations with both the parties, the order in this case is 'RESERVED' and will be pronounced later on.

Dated: 5.4.2022

sd  
(Suresh Arora)  
Chief Information Commissioner,  
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Shri Nishan Singh, S/o Shri Ravinder Singh,  
R/o Village Valoor,  
Tehsil & Distt. Ferozepur.

.....Complainant  
**Vs**

Public Information Officer,  
O/o BDPO, Ghal Khurd,  
Ferozepur.

.....Respondent

## **Complaint Case No. 16 of 2021**

(Video Conference/Telephone Proceedings)

**Present:-** Shri Nishan Singh, complainant/applicant.  
Sh. Sourav Sharma, APO, Ghal Khurd, Sh. Raman Sachdeva through V.C.  
and Sh. Balwinder Singh, Panchayat Secretary in person 9914412211 on  
behalf of the respondents.

## **ORDER**

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 31.1.2022.

2. The representative of the respondents requested for the adjournment of the case. Also, Sh. Balwinder Singh, Panchayat Secretary made the submissions, which are taken on record, to reconsider the order of penalty as has been imposed upon him in this case amounting to Rs.10,000/-.

3. Accordingly, the request of the respondent is accepted and the case is adjourned. The decision regarding the imposition of penalty as has been requested by Sh. Balwinder Singh, Panchayat Secretary will be taken on the next date of hearing. So far the penalty imposed upon Sh. Charanjit Singh, APO amounting to Rs.10,000/- is concerned, his services have already been terminated by the Rural Development & Panchayat Deptt., Pb. as he was the contractual employee. Therefore, after consideration, the penalty ordered against Sh. Charanjit Singh, APO, in this case, is hereby withdrawn.

4. To come up on 27.4.2022 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Ferozepur.

sd

Dated: 5.4.2022

(Suresh Arora)

Chief Information Commissioner, Punjab.

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CC - (Regd.)

Sh. MS Chhatwal, IAS  
Director, Rural Development & Panchayat, Pb.,  
Vikas Bhawan, Sector 62, Mohali

Additional Deputy Commissioner (Dev.),  
Ferozepur.

Mr. Balwinder Singh, Public Information Officer  
-cum-Panchayat Secretary,  
Gram Panchayat  
Valoor, Block Ghal Khurd.

Mr. Charanjit Singh, Public Information Officer  
-cum-APO, MANREGA, Block Ghall Khurd

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Sh. Vipin Grover (Journalist),

Fatehgarh Panjtoor,

Moga.

M : 9877086735

Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,

O/o Punjab State Information Commission,

Sector 16,

Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority

O/o ACFA,

Punjab State Information Commission,

Sector 16,

Chandigarh.

Respondents

Appeal Case No. 128/2022

Present:- Sh. Vipin Grover, appellant.

Sh. Sudhir Kumar, S.O. on behalf of the respondents.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 17.2.2022.

2. After hearing the submissions made by the appellant, both the parties are directed to remain present on the next date of hearing along with the original record/information supplied to take the matter to its logical end. It is also clarified that in case of absence of any party in this case on the next date, the decision will be taken ex-parte, on merit.

3. To come up on 27.4.2022 at 12.30 PM at Chandigarh.

sd

Dated: 5.4.2022

(Suresh Arora)  
Chief Information Commissioner,  
Punjab.



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Shri Bakhshish Singh, S/o Shri Balwinder Singh,  
Village Jandwala Kharta,  
Tehsil & Distt. Fazilka.

..... Appellant

**Vs**

**Sh. Lakhbir Singh,**  
**(Regd.)** Public Information Officer-cum-  
Block Development and Panchayat Officer,  
Fazilka.

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o District Development and Panchayat Officer,  
Fazilka.

.....Respondent

## **Appeal Case No. 4001 of 2020**

(Video Conference/Telephone Proceedings)

**Present:-** Shri Bakhshish Singh, appellant on telephone.  
None on behalf of the PIO, O/o Block Development and Panchayat  
Officer, Fazilka. **9646698926**

### **ORDER**

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 31.1.2022.

2. None is present on behalf of the respondent-Public Information Officer-cum-Block Development and Panchayats Officer. Also, nobody is appearing in this case since its first date i.e. on 16.3.2021, 1.6.2021, 27.7.2021, 15.9.2021, 1.11.2021, 17.11.2021, 15.12.2021 and on 31.1.2022.

3. Due to non supply of information in this case, the penalty has been imposed upon the respondent-Public Information Officer-cum-Panchayat Secretary o/o the Block Development and Panchayats Officer, Fazilka amounting to Rs.25,000. Also the compensation amounting to Rs.5000/- has been awarded as compensation to the appellant due to harassment caused to him in getting the information.

4. Keeping in view the above facts, Sh. Lakhbir Singh, Block Development and Panchayats Officer was contacted by the office and also sent him a copy of the last order. He also assured that he will attend the hearing on 5.4.2022 but he is not present.

5. Due to non supply of information and non payment of compensation amount the compensation is enhanced from Rs.5000/- to Rs.10,000/- which is to be paid by the office of the Block Development and Panchayats Officer from the State Exchequer before the next date of hearing.

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## **Appeal Case No. 4001 of 2020**

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6. Also, a copy of this order is being sent to the Secretary, Rural Development & Panchayat Deptt., Pb. with the directions to take disciplinary action against Sh. Lakhbir Singh, Block Development and Panchayats Officer-cum-Public Information Officer due to the absence of the Public Information Officer during the hearing. He is also directed to remain present on the next date of hearing in person at Chandigarh along with the original record.

7. To come up on 7.6.2022 at 12.30 PM at Chandigarh.

Dated: 5.4.2022

sd  
(Suresh Arora)  
Chief Information Commissioner,  
Punjab.

CC  
Sh. Rahul Bhandari, IAS  
Secretary,  
Rural Development & Panchayat Deptt., Pb.  
Vikas Bhawan, Sector 62, Mohali

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Sh. Baldev Singh s/o Sh. Swaran Singh  
H.No. 933/7 A, Street No. 5,  
New Deep Nagar,  
Civil lines, District Ludhiana 141001 9814715043

...Appellant

Vs

Sh. Gurjinder Bainipal,  
Public Information Officer (Registered)  
-cum-Distt. Revenue Officer,  
o/o Deputy Commissioner,  
District Ludhiana.

Sh. Rahul Chaba, IAS **Registered**  
A.D.C.(General)-cum-  
First Appellate Authority  
o/o Deputy Commissioner,  
District Ludhiana

Public Information Officer **Registered**  
o/o Tehsildar,  
Ludhiana East, District Ludhiana

Sh. Kuldeep Singh 9872222543  
Public Information Officer **Registered**  
o/o Tehsildar,  
Balachaur,  
SBS Nagar

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1971 of 2021

(Video Conference/Cisco Webex/Telephone Proceedings)

Present:- Sh. Baldev Singh, in person.  
Sh. Jiwan Garg, Tehsildar 9872222543 on behalf of the respondents.  
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## ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 23.12.2021 vide which the case was adjourned for 25.1.2022 but due to administrative reasons the case was further adjourned for today i.e. 5.4.2022.

2. The appellant submits that he has already received the compensation amounting to Rs.5000/- as has been awarded by the Commission. Regarding the inspection of the record pertaining to the sought information, both the parties

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Appeal Case No. 1971 of 2021

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requested for the adjournment of the case. Accordingly, the case is adjourned.

3. Also a show cause notice was issued to Sh. Kuldeep Singh, Tehsildar-cum-Public Information Officer but no reply has been given by him. As he has already transferred as Tehsildar, Balachaur, therefore, one opportunity is granted to him to file his reply before the next date of hearing failing which the decision will be taken on the next date of hearing ex-parte, on merit.

4. To come up on 4.5.2022 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, District Ludhiana.

Dated: 5.4.2022

sd  
(Suresh Arora)  
Chief Information Commissioner,  
Punjab.

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Sh. Daljit Singh s/o Sh. Gopal Singh  
r/o H.No. 477/4 A  
Street No. 00, Hargobind Nagar,  
Near Hargobind Sahib, Gurudwara Sahib  
District Ludhiana 9592313001

....Appellant

Vs

Sh. Jiwan Garg, **Registered**  
Public Information Officer  
o/o Circle Revenue Officer-cum-  
Tehsildar East,  
District Ludhiana -9872222543

First Appellate Authority  
o/o S.D.M. (East)  
District Ludhiana

Sh. Kuldeep Singh, **Registered**  
Public Information Officer  
-cum-Tehsildar,  
Balachaur, SBS Nagar.  
9872222543

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2332 of 2021  
(Video Conference Proceedings)

Present:- Sh. Sukhbir Singh, on telephone, on behalf of the appellant.  
Sh. Jiwan Garg, Tehsildar 6280186509 on behalf of the respondents.  
9872222543

## ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 16.12.2021 vide which the case was adjourned for 25.1.2022 but due to administrative reasons the case was further adjourned for today i.e. 5.4.2022.

2. The appellant is absent but he has sent the written submissions in this case, which are taken on record. Accordingly, the same are being sent to the respondent-Public Information Officer with the directions to file specific reply/supply the information before the next date of hearing failing which penalty provisions will be invoked on the next date of hearing.

3. Also an opportunity is granted to Sh. Kuldeep Singh, Tehsildar East now posted as Tehsildar, Balanchaur to file the reply regarding show cause notice issued to him on 7.9.2021 failing which the decision will be taken on the next date of hearing ex-parte, on merit.

3. To come up on 19.5.2022 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, District Ludhiana.

sd

Dated: 5.4.2022

( Suresh Arora)  
Chief Information Commissioner, Punjab.

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Sh. H.S. Hundal Advocate,  
# 203, Judicial Courts,  
Mohali.-160071.M : 9878500082

Appellant

Vs

Dr. Vinay Bansal,  
Tehsildar -cum-  
Public Information Officer,  
Ludhiana West, Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority  
O/o SDM (West),  
Ludhiana.

Respondents

## Appeal Case No. 4488/2021

(Video Conference/ Telephone Proceedings)

Present:- None on behalf of the appellant.  
Sh. Kulwant Singh, Reader to Tehsildar West, District Ludhiana 7009051936 on behalf of the respondents.

### ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 18.11.2021 vide which the case was adjourned for 27.12.2021. But due to administrative reasons the case could not be heard on the said date and further adjourned for 25.1.2022 thereafter for today i.e. 5.4.2022.

2. The appellant is absent but he has sent the written submissions in this case, which are taken on record. Also he has shown his inability to attend the hearing. However, no satisfactory reply has been given by the respondent.

3. Video Conference Facility was introduced for the convenience of general public and for government officials. Viewing the attitude in dealing with the RTI application of the respondent seriously, Dr. Vinay Bansal, Public Information Officer-cum-Tehsildar, Ludhiana West, 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 willful delay/denial of the information to the RTI applicant.

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. 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. Both the parties are also directed to remain present on the next date of hearing along with the original record/information supplied, if any, to take the matter to its logical end. It is also clarified that in case of absence of any party on the next date of hearing the case will be decided ex-parte on merit.

5. To come up on 11.5.2022 at 12.30 PM at Chandigarh.

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Dated: 5.4.2022

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Sh. H.S. Hundal Advocate,  
# 203, Judicial Courts,  
Mohali.-160071.

M : 9878500082

Appellant

Vs

Dr. Vinay Bansal,  
Tehsildar -cum-  
Public Information Officer,  
Ludhiana West, Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority  
O/o SDM (West),  
Ludhiana.

Respondents

## Appeal Case No. 4489/2021

(Video Conference/ Telephone Proceedings)

Present:- None on behalf of the appellant.

Sh. Kulwant Singh, Reader to Tehsildar West, District Ludhiana 7009051936 on behalf of the respondents.

### ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 18.11.2021 vide which the case was adjourned for 27.12.2021. But due to administrative reasons the case could not be heard on the said date and further adjourned for 25.1.2022 thereafter for today i.e. 5.4.2022.

2. The appellant is absent but he has sent the written submissions in this case, which are taken on record. Also he has shown his inability to attend the hearing. However, no satisfactory reply has been given by the respondent.

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4. Both the parties are also directed to remain present on the next date of hearing along with the original record/information supplied, if any, to take the matter to its logical end. It is also clarified that in case of absence of any party on the next date of hearing the case will be decided ex-parte on merit.

5. To come up on 11.5.2022 at 12.30 PM at Chandigarh.

Dated: 5.4.2022

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(Suresh Arora)  
Chief Information Commissioner,  
Punjab.