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Sh. S.P. Verma, R/o 143, NMS Colony,  
Tripuri, Patiala – 147004,  
M: 7589328784.

.....Appellant

Vs.

Smt. Gurmeet Kaur, Superintendent cum-  
Public Information Officer  
O/o D.E.O. (SE), Patiala.

(For Compliance)

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

.....Respondents

**Appeal Case No. 563 of 2022.**

**ORDER**

Due to administrative reasons the case could not be heard and the parties have been informed accordingly.

2. To come up on 10.10.2022 at 12.30 PM at Chandigarh.

Dated: 7.9.2022

(Suresh Arora)  
Chief Information Commissioner,  
Punjab.

CC

Smt. Harinder Kaur D.E.O.(SE)  
cum-FAA, Patiala.

(For Compliance)

Sh. Avtar Singh, Superintendent,  
Guru Teg Bahadur Public School,  
Patiala.

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Sh. Gurmel Singh Nahar, Advocate  
(Ex District Attorney)  
Dy. Advocate General,  
4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Near Public Lift,  
Court Complex,  
Ludhiana 141001

.. appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer  
o/o The Financial Commissioner,  
Rural Dev. & Panchayats, Pb.  
Vikas Bhawan Sector 62,  
Mohali

First Appellate Authority  
o/o The Financial Commissioner,  
Rural Dev. & Panchayats, Pb.  
Vikas Bhawan Sector 62,  
Mohali

.. respondents

Appeal Case No. 4278 of 2021  
(Video Conference Proceedings)

Present:- None on behalf of the parties.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 4.7.2022 vide which the case was adjourned for 3.11.2022. The case was earlier heard by the bench of Sh. Sanjiv Garg, SIC but due to administrative reasons the case was reallocated to this bench and fixed for hearing today.

2. None is present on behalf of the parties. Also no response has been received from the parties. The case is adjourned with the directions to both the parties to remain present on the next date of hearing to pursue the case failing which the case will be decided ex-parte on merit.

3. To come up on 29.9.2022 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana/Mohali.

Dated: 7.9.2022

(Suresh Arora)  
Chief Information Commissioner,  
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Sh. Sukhjinder Singh

s/o Sh. Major Singh

Vilalge Poohla, Tehsil Nathana,

Bathinda 62845 53359

.. appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer

o/o Nagar Panchayat

Block Nathana, Bathinda

Sh. Rupinder Singh, Panchayat Secretary

Public Information Officer

o/o Village Development Officer,

Gram Panchayata Poohla,

Block nathana Bathinda

First Appellate Authority

o/o Block Development and Panchayats Officer ,

Nathinda, Bathinda.

.. respondents

Appeal Case No. 1675 of 2021

(Video Conference Proceedings)

Present:- Sh Sukhjinder Singh, appellant

Sh. Nazam Singh, 9815142527 on behalf of the respondents

## ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 5.7.2022 vide which the case was adjourned for 18.11.2022. The case was earlier heard by the bench of Sh. Sanjiv Garg, SIC but due to administrative reasons the case was reallocated to this bench and fixed for hearing today.

2. The respondent Sh. Nazam Singh submits that he has already been transferred and Sh. Rupinder Singh, Panchayat Secretary has joined in his place. Also the appellant submits that he has received the information but there are deficiencies in the same. The appellant also submits that he has received Rs. 3600/- taken in excess by the respondent. He has also handed over the deficiencies to Sh. Nazam Singh during the hearing. The appellant is also directed to send the deficiencies pointed out by him to the Commission through email.

3. Sh. Rupinder Singh, Panchayat Secretary is also directed to remove the deficiencies pointed out by the appellant before the next date of hearing.

4. To come up on 30.9.2022 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Bathinda.

Dated: 7.9.2022

(Suresh Arora)  
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Sh. Balram

s/o Sh. Puran Ram

Village Roherian Wali

Abohar, Fazilka

.. appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer

o/o the Panchayat Secretary,

Gram Panchayat,

Roherian Wali, Abohar, Fazilka.

First Appellate Authority

o/o The Distt. Dev. & Panchayat Officer,

Ferozepur.

Sh. Maninder Singh,

Tehsildar Abohar, Fazilka

.. respondents

Appeal Case No. 990 of 2022  
(Video Conference Proceedings)

Present:- Sh. Balram, appellant

Sh. Sham Lal, Panchayat Secretary-cum-Public Information Officer  
9417310101 on behalf of the respondents.

### ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 6.7.2022 vide which the case was adjourned for 4.11.2022. The case was earlier heard by the bench of Sh. Sanjiv Garg, SIC but due to administrative reasons the case was reallocated to this bench and fixed for hearing today.

2. The respondent-Public Information Officer submits that the information sought pertaining to Point No. 1 & 2 of the RTI application has already been supplied to the appellant and the appellant can inspect the record concerning these points. Regarding Point No. 3 & 4 of the RTI application, the respondent-Public Information Officer submits that the same relates to Sh. Maninder Singh, Tehsildar, Abohar and Patwari Sh. Paramjit Singh 9417517423. Accordingly, he is directed to transfer these points to the said office under Section 6(3) of the RTI Act, 2005. He is also directed to send a copy of the same to the Commission for record.

3. Also, Sh. Maninder Singh, Tehsildar, Abohar is impleaded as necessary party in this case to file the reply/supply the information before the next date of hearing. A copy of the RTI application is also **being sent** to him along with this order.

4. To come up on 30.9.2022 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Fazilka

Dated: 7.9.2022

(Suresh Arora)  
Chief Information Commissioner,  
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Sh. Amarjit Singh Dhamotia,  
Whistle Blower, NCAG Office,  
Street No. 5 #1331-5,  
Vishkarma Bhawan,  
Down Canal Road, Simlapuri  
Ludhiana. M 9888710031

Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,  
o/o Chief Secretary, Punjab,  
Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,  
o/o Chief Secretary, Punjab,  
Chandigarh.

Sh. Manjit Singh, Under Secy.-cum-  
Public Information Officer  
o/o Principal Secretary to Govt. of Punjab,  
Department of Local Government,  
Sector 35, Chandigarh.

Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3330 of 2022  
(Video Conference Proceedings)

Present: Sh. Amarjit Singh Dhamotia, appellant  
None on behalf of the respondents.

## ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 17.8.2022.

2. The appellant submits that the directions may be issued to the respondent-Public Information Officer to supply the complete information.

3. The Public Information Officer o/o Principal Secretary to Govt. of Punjab, Department of Local Government was impleaded as necessary party in this case to file the reply/supply the information but none is present on behalf of him. Also no response has been filed by the said Public Information Officer. Video Conference Facility was introduced for the convenience of general public and for government officials. Viewing the attitude in dealing with the RTI application by the respondent casually, Sh. Manjit Singh, Under Secy.-cum- Public Information Officer, is, thus, issued a show cause notice to explain in a self-attested affidavit as to why a penalty

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Appeal Case No. 3330 of 2022

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@ 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 and to show cause why a compensation under section 19(8) of the RTI Act, 2005, may not be paid to the appellant for causing willful delay/denial of the information for detriment suffered by him.

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.

3. To come up on 10.10.2022 at 12.30 PM at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana for the appellant and at Chandigarh, in person for the respondents.

Dated: 7.9.2022

(Suresh Arora)  
Chief Information Commissioner,  
Punjab.

CC

Principal Secretary to Govt. of Punjab,  
(By name)  
Department of Local Government,  
Punjab Civil Secretariat-2, Chandigarh

For compliance of this order.

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Sh. Baljeet Singh  
Civil Engineer,  
# 64 H, B.R.S. Nagar,  
Ludhiana 141012

.. appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer  
o/o Chief Secretary, Pb.  
Punjab Civil Secretariat-1, Chandigarh

First Appellate Authority  
o/o Chief Secretary, Punjab,  
Punjab Civil Secretariat-1, Chandigarh

Sh. Manjit Singh Under Secy-cum-  
Public Information Officer,  
o/o Principal Secretary,  
Local Government, Sector 35,  
Chandigarh. 9814569877

..Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3358 of 2022  
(Video Conference Proceedings)

Present:- Sh. Baljeet Singh, appellant  
None on behalf of the respondent.

### ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 18.8.2022.

2. The appellant submits that the directions may be issued to the respondent- Public Information Officer to supply the complete information.
3. The Public Information Officer o/o Principal Secretary to Govt. of Punjab, Department of Local Government was impleaded as necessary party in this case to file the reply/supply the information but none is present on behalf of him. Also no response has been filed by the said Public Information Officer. Video Conference Facility was introduced for the convenience of general public and for government officials. Viewing the attitude in dealing with the RTI application by the respondent casually, Sh. Manjit Singh-cum- Public Information Officer, is, thus, issued a show cause notice to explain in a self-attested affidavit as to why a penalty @

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Appeal Case No. 3358 of 2022

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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 and to show cause why a compensation under section 19(8) of the RTI Act, 2005, may not be paid to the appellant for causing willful delay/denial of the information for detriment suffered by him.

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.

3. To come up on 29.9.2022 at 12.30 PM at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana for the appellant and at Chandigarh, in person for the respondents.

Dated: 7.9.2022

(Suresh Arora)  
Chief Information Commissioner,  
Punjab.

CC

Principal Secretary to Govt. of Punjab,  
Local Government, Sector 35,  
Chandigarh.



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Smt Kalamdeep Kaur w/o Sh. Ajaipal Singh  
VPO Guntala Opp, Govt. Dispensary  
Ward No. 5, Amritsar.

.. appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer  
o/o the Commissioner,  
Municipal Corporation,  
Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority  
o/o the Commissioner,  
Municipal Corporation,  
Amritsar.

.. respondents

Appeal Case No. 5112 of 2021  
(Video Conference Proceedings)

Present:- None on behalf of the appellant.  
Sh. Dharminderjit Singh, Estate Officer on behalf of the respondents

### ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 9.6.2022.

2. The appellant is absent but she has sent the written submissions vide which she has informed that the respondent has not supplied the information pertaining to Point No. 2,3 & 4 of the RTI application. She has also requested to fix the date of hearing in October, as she is out of station.

3. It is also a fact on record that the appellant sought the information related to the 3<sup>rd</sup> party and as per the Punjab RTI Rules, 2017, they were impleaded as necessary party in the interest of natural justice. The response has already been received from Sh. Iqbalpreet Singh Randhawa, MTP, Sh. Parminderjit Singh, ATP and Sh. Angand Singh, Building Inspector but no response has been received from Sh. Sushant Bhatia, Then Estate Officer, Sh. Satnam Singh, Inspector Estate Officer and Sh. Tejinder Singh, Patwari. One more opportunity is granted to them to file their submissions, if any, before the

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Appeal Case No. 5112 of 2021

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next date of hearing failing which the decision will be taken ex-parte on merit. The decision regarding show cause notice issued to Ms Madhvi, Building Inspector will be taken on the next date of hearing.

4. The decision regarding supply of information pertaining to Point No. 2,3 and 4 of the RTI application will be taken on the next date of hearing.

5. To come up on 28.10.2022 at 12.30 PM at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Amritsar.

Dated:7.9.2022

(Suresh Arora)  
Chief Information Commissioner,  
Punjab.

Ms Madhvi, Building Inspector  
o/o Municipal Corporation  
Amritsar.

1. Sh. Iqbalpreet Singh Randhawa, ATP  
o/o Municipal Corporation  
Amritsar.
2. Sh. Parminderjit Singh, ATP  
o/o Municipal Corporation  
Amritsar.
3. Sh. Angand Singh, Building Inspector  
o/o Municipal Corporation  
Amritsar.
4. Sh. Sushant Bhatia (Then Estate Officer)  
o/o Municipal Corporation  
Amritsar.
5. Sh. Satnam Singh (Inspector Estate Officer)  
o/o Municipal Corporation  
Amritsar.
6. Sh. Tejinder Singh Patwari  
o/o Municipal Corporation  
Amritsar.