

**PUNJAB STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION**

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Shri Jagsir Singh s/o Sh. Gian Singh,  
H.No. 9/20, Backside Pandori Nursing Home,  
Mandi Mullanpur Dakha, Distt. Ludhiana.

...Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer  
O/O District Social Security Officer, Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,  
O/O Additional Director,  
Social Security & Welfare of Women & Children,  
SCO No.102-103, Sector 34A, Chandigarh.

... Respondents

**Appeal Case No. 842 of 2017**

Present: Shri Jagsir Singh, appellant, in person.  
Shri Harmesh Singh, DSSO, Ludhiana, on behalf of respondents.

**ORDER:**

Today, both the parties are present in the court.

2. Shri Harmesh Singh, District Social Security Officer, Ludhiana is present in the court and states that the information has already been supplied to the appellant. He places on record a letter vide which the information has been provided to the appellant and the appellant has signed in his own hand in lieu of having received the information.

3. The appellant states that the respondents have supplied the information which he has not sought. He states that he has sought information vide his RTI application dated 30-04-2016 for the period from 01-01-2011 onwards, which the respondents have not provided so far.

4. A perusal of case file shows that on 25-09-2018, a show cause notice under Section 20(1) of the RTI Act was issued to Ms. Inderpreet Kaur, the then DSSO-cum-PIO, Ludhiana and Shri Harmesh Singh, DSSO-cum-PIO to explain reasons, through duly attested affidavit, as to why not a penalty be imposed upon them for the delay.

5. On 01-11-2018, Ms. Inderpreet Kaur, the then DSSO, Ludhiana and the present DSSO Shri Harmesh Singh attended the court, but did not submit their written explanations.

6. Today Shri Harmesh Singh, present DSSO-cum-PIO is present in the court and submits his written explanation which is taken on record and placed in the case file.

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7. Ms. Inderpreet Kaur, the then DSSO, Ludhiana, now DSSO, Moga is absent without any intimation to the court. She has also not submitted her written explanation in the court.

8. The Court takes a serious view of this lapse on the part of respondents in not taking seriously the orders of the court and for not providing the sought for information to the appellant even a lapse of almost three years.

9. After taking all the facts and circumstances in view, the respondents are directed to provide the sought for information, as per RTI application of the appellant before the next date of hearing. And Ms. Inderpreet Kaur, the then DSSO-cum-PIO and Shri Harmesh Singh, present DSSO-cum-PIO are directed to be present in the court, in person, along with their written explanations on the next date of hearing.

10. After going through the facts available on the record and in view of the request of the appellant for awarding him a suitable compensation, it comes out that the respondents have not supplied the complete information to the appellant even after the lapse of 32 months. During this period, he has attended six hearings in the Commission while travelling from Mullanpur Dakha, Ludhiana to Sector-16, Chandigarh and back. In view of the loss and detriment suffered by him during this long period in obtaining the information in the instant case, I find full justification in awarding him a suitable compensation. Therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by Section 19 (8) (b) of the RTI Act, 2005, a compensation of Rs. 4,000/- (Rupees Four thousand only ) is awarded to Shri Jagsir Singh, appellant, to be paid by the Public Authority i.e. District Social Security Officer, Ludhiana through a Bank Draft, within 30 days and confirmation to this effect will be furnished to the Commission. Adjourned.

11. To come up for hearing on **27-02-2019 at 11.00 AM.**

12. Copy of order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

Place: Chandigarh,  
Dated: 30-01-2019

( Hem Inder Singh )  
State Information Commissioner

CC: Ms. Inderpreet Kaur,  
District Social Security Officer, Moga.