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Sh. Sohan Lal Jain, (M : 9417939487).  
#1355, First Floor, Sector-68, SAS Nagar(Mohali)

.....Appellant

..Vs

**(Registered Post)**

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o Principal , Govt. Medical College, Patiala.  
**First Appellate Authority**  
O/o Principal , Govt. Medical College, Patiala.

.....Respondent

**AC No. 2935 of 2020**  
**Through CISCO Webex**

Present: (i) Sh Sohan Lal Jain, Appellant  
(ii) None for the Respondent

**ORDER**

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 07.04.2021.

2. The Appellant Sh. Sohan Lal Jain states that the complete information has not been provided to him till date.

3. No one has appeared on behalf of the Respondent today. They were not present on the previous date of hearing also. They have not even bothered to inform the Commission about their presence. After perusing the record available on file it emerges that PIO has delayed/ denied in providing the information to the complainant.

4. In view of the above, **PIO- Principal , Govt. Medical College, Patiala is directed** to show cause in writing or through affidavit under Section 20(1) of the RTI Act, as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for 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 detriment suffered.

In addition to his submission, the PIO is also hereby 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 note that in case he does not file his submission and does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the next 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.

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**AC No. 2935 of 2020**

5. To come up on **27.07.2021 at 11:00AM through CISCO-Webex (Video Conferencing application)**. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

**(CISCO-Webex ID:-1582069360)**

Sd/-

**Dated: 01.06.2021**

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Sh Rakesh Kumar Gupta, R/o 8/237, Jagraon road,  
Mandi Mullanpur, Distt Ludhiana-141101 (9814924851)

.....Appellant

..Vs

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o EO, MC, Mandi Gobindgarh  
Distt Fatehgarh Sahib  
**First Appellate Authority**  
O/o Deputy Director,  
Local Bodies, Ludhiana

.....Respondent

**AC No. 855 of 2021**  
**alongwith**  
**AC No. 856 of 2021**  
**AC No. 857 of 2021**  
**AC No. 858 of 2021**

Present: (i) Sh Rakesh Kumar Gupta, the Appellant  
(ii) For the Respondent: Sh Charanjit Singh, EO (96460-08771)

### **ORDER**

1. The RTI applications are dated 27.08.2020, 25.08.2020, 24.08.2020, 26.08.2020 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 18.02.2021 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). The parties in the abovementioned cases are same hence, these cases are clubbed together.
2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 01.06.2021 i.e. today.
3. The Respondent states that the information has been provided to the Appellant.
4. The Appellant states that the information provided to him is partial and he is not satisfied with it.

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**AC No. 855 of 2021**  
**alongwith**  
**AC No. 856 of 2021**  
**AC No. 857 of 2021**  
**AC No. 858 of 2021**

5. The perusal of the file ascertains that the complete information has not been provided to the Appellant till date. Hence, the Appellant is directed to visit the office of the respondent on 08.06.2021, inspect the relevant records, identify the documents copies whereof are required by him; and the respondent shall provided copies thereof, according to his RTI application, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

6. To come up on **27.07.2021 at 11:00AM through CISCO-Webex (Video Conferencing application)**. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

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Sh Rakesh Kumar Gupta, R/o 8/237, Jagraon road,  
Mandi Mullanpur, Distt Ludhiana-141101 (9814924851)

.....Appellant

..Vs

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o EO, MC, Sirhind  
Distt Fatehgarh Sahib

**First Appellate Authority**  
O/o Deputy Director,  
Local Bodies, Ludhiana

.....Respondent

**AC No. 863 of 2021**  
**Alongwith**  
**AC No. 864 of 2021**  
**AC No. 865 of 2021**

Present: (i) Sh Rakesh Kumar Gupta, the Appellant  
(ii) For the Respondent: Sh Gural Singh, E.O. (96461-40215)

### **ORDER**

1. The RTI applications are dated 18.07.2020, 17.07.2020, 19.07.2019 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 18.02.2021 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). The parties in the abovementioned cases are same hence, these cases are clubbed together.
2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 01.06.2021.
3. The Appellant Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta states that the information has not been provided to him till date.
4. The Respondent states that the information demanded by the Appellant is very voluminous. Hence, they had sent a letter to the Appellant to inspect the record in their office but the Appellant did not inspect the record. Hence, the information was not provided to him.

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**AC No. 863 of 2021**  
**alongwith**  
**AC No. 864 of 2021**  
**AC No. 865 of 2021**

5. In view of the above, the Appellant is again directed to visit the office of the respondent and inspect the record in the office of Respondent on **08.06.2021 at 02:00PM**, identify the documents copies whereof are required by him; and the respondent shall provided copies thereof, according to his RTI application, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the RTI Act, 2005. The Respondent is directed to provide upto 100 pages for free, for the rest of the information the Appellant shall pay.

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Sh Kuldeep Singh, (M-99157-83555)  
S/o Shri Amarjeet Singh, VPO Salodi, Tehsil Samrala,  
Distt Ludhiana

.....Appellant

..Vs

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o SSP, Sangrur

**First Appellate Authority-cum-**  
O/o IGP, Patiala Range, Patiala

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o SSP, Patiala

.....Respondent

**AC No. 1493 of 2020**  
**(Through CISCO-Webex)**

Present: (i) Sh Satinder Pal Singh Dhaliwal, Advocate on behalf of the Appellant  
(ii) For the Respondent: Sh Gurinder Singh Bal, DSP and Sh Hakam Singh, ASI  
(9464392733) O/o SSP, Patiala

**ORDER**

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 15.02.2021.

2. The Appellant states that the information has not been provided to them so far.
3. No one has appeared on behalf of Respondent no.1 today. They were not present on the previous date of hearing also. This shows that the respondent, o/o SSP, Sangrur has no regard for the orders issued by the Commission.
4. In view of the above, **PIO- O/o SSP Sangrur** is directed to show cause in writing or through affidavit under Section 20(1) of the RTI Act, as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for 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 detriment suffered.

In addition to his submission, the PIO is also hereby 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 note that in case he does not file his submission and

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**AC No. 1493 of 2020**

does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the next 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.

Further, Respondent no.2 i.e. PIO, o/o SSP, Patiala is directed to provide complete information to the Appellant and file their reply through affidavit, before the next date of hearing.

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Sh. Baljit Singh, S/o Sh. Tarlok Singh, (M : 9779675455)  
House No 6680, Street No 1.1/2,  
New Hargobind Nagar, Ludhiana-141008

.....Appellant

..Vs

**Registered post :** **Public Information Officer,**  
O/o SSSB, PB,  
Vidya Bhawan, Sector-62, SAS Nagar

**First Appellate Authority**  
O/o SSSB, PB, Mohali.  
Vidya Bhawan, Sector-62, SAS Nagar

.....Respondent

**AC No. 2937 of 2020**  
**Through CISCO-Webex**

Present: (i) Sh. Baljit Singh the appellant  
(ii) For the Respondent: Sh. Rohit Kalia, Sr. Assistant (94634-04290)

**ORDER**

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 07.04.2021 vide which a show cause notice was issued to the respondent-PIO.

2. Today, Sh. Rohit Kalia -the respondent states that the information, as exists, in the record has already been sent to the appellant.

3. The appellant Sh. Baljit Singh states that no information has been given to him so far.

4. The perusal of the file shows that the appellant has filed RTI with the PIO, o/o SSSB, Board, Punjab, but till today no information has been given to him. The respondent was absent for last two hearings. It is observed that the respondents are being represented by very low level officials who are not in a position to satisfy the Commission and the appellant. From the next date of hearing, no person below the PIO or APIO will be allowed to appear.

5. The perusal of the file shows that during the last hearing dated 07.04.2021, a show cause notice was issued to the respondent-PIO, but till today he has not file any reply to the show cause notice. Hence, it is derived that the respondent-PIO is intentionally delaying the supply of information and he has no respect for the orders of the Commission to be present, either himself or through his representative in the Court.

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6. In view of the defying attitude of the respondent-PIO neither attending the Court nor submitting any explanation for the delay in supplying the information within the time schedule as prescribed under the RTI Act 2005, the court comes to a logical conclusion that it is a fit case for the imposition of penalty amounting to Rs. 25000/- (Rupees Twenty five thousand only) on the PIO. Therefore, taking a lenient view, I impose a penalty of **Rs. 5000/- (Rs. Five thousands only) on the respondent-PIO**. The Director Health and Family Welfare is directed to deduct the amount of penalty of Rs. 5000/- from the salary of Respondent-PIO and deposited in the State Treasury in the following Head of Account and to report its compliance to the Commission:-

"0070-Other Administrative Services

60 other Services

800-Other Receipts

86-Fee under the RTI Act, 2005"

7. Further, the Respondent-PIO is also directed to be present personally on the next date of hearing alongwith the complete information.

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Dated: 01.06.2021

Sd/-  
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State Information Commissioner  
Punjab

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CC: Director Health and Family Welfare, Parivar Kalyan Bhawan, Sector 34, Chandigarh