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Sh. Satwantbir Singh,  
S/o Late Sh. Kartar Singh,  
House No. B-7/1131, Near New Ashoka Model School  
Bathinda Road, Kotkapura, Distt. Faridkot

.... Appellant

Versus

**Regd. Post: Public Information Officer,**  
O/o Deputy Commissioner (Sadar Kanugo Branch)  
Ferozepur

**First Appellate Authority**  
O/o Deputy Commissioner, Ferozepur

..Respondent

**Appeal Case No.3034 of 2018**  
**Alongwith**  
**Appeal case no. 3035 of 2018**  
**Appeal case no.3038 of 2018**

Present: (i) Sh. Satwantbir Singh the appellant  
(ii) For the respondent : Sh. Mangat Ram, Naib Sadar Kaunugo-I

## **ORDER**

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 15.07.2019 vide which the respondent was absent.

2. Today the respondent states that he has brought reply, which is handed over to the appellant.
3. The appellant states that he is not satisfied with the reply.
4. After hearing both the parties and examining the case file , It is observed that the respondent- Sh. Mangat Ram , N.S.K-1 is not aware about the facts of the case. It is ascertained 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. Appearance of low level officials will amount to disrespect to the RTI Act besides invoking the provisions of imposition of penalty and also award of compensation to the appellant and also recommendation of disciplinary action against the PIO under Section 20 of RTI Act, 2005.

Respondent may take note that the RTI Act 2005 is meant for promoting transparency in governmental functioning by bringing to light governmental actions done behind closed doors

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so that the common man is kept well informed of the goings on in the public authorities with a view to strengthening democracy. The RTI Act 2005 is not to be used as a substitute for availing of services available under various statutes for matters not involving the bringing to light the mannerism of / flaws in the working of public authority.

5. Last opportunity is given to Sh. Amit Gupta (PCS)-cum-PIO to appear before the Commission alongwith complete information and reply in the Commission on the next date of hearing, failing which action under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act 2005 will be initiated.

6. During the hearing dated 26.11.2018, a show cause notice was issued to Sh. Manjit Singh, DRO-cum-PIO, o/o DC (Sadar Kanugo Branch), Ferozepur, but till today he has not filed his reply. He is again directed to file his reply in response to the show cause notice.

7. To come up on **10.10.2019 at 11.00 AM**. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

**Chandigarh**  
**Dated: 05.09.2019**

**(Preety Chawla)**  
**State Information Commissioner**

**Through registered post**

CC: 1. Sh. Amit Gupta, PCS-cum-PIO, O/o Deputy Commissioner (Sadar Kanugo Branch), Ferozepur  
2. Sh. Manjit Singh, Tehsildar –I, Amritsar

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Dr. Balwinder Singh Bhatti  
House No. 367, Anand Nagar A,  
Tirpri Town, Patiala - 147004

.... Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o Punjab State Scheduled Castes Commission, Punjab  
Main Civil Secretariat, Fourth Floor,  
Room No. 8, Sector 9, Chandigarh

**First Appellate Authority**  
O/o Punjab State Scheduled Castes Commission, Punjab  
Main Civil Secretariat, Fourth Floor,  
Room No. 8, Sector 9, Chandigarh

**Public Information Officer**  
o/o Department of Social Justice  
Empowerment and Minority (Welfare Cell) Punjab Chandigarh  
Punjab Civil Secretariat II, Sector 9, Chandigarh

..Respondent

**Appeal Case No.899 of 2019**

Present: (i) Dr. Balwinder Singh the appellant  
(ii) For the respondent : Sh. Swinder Singh, Sr. ASsistnat, Sh. Sunil Kumar, Sr.  
Assistant, Sh. Rajinder Kumar, Smt. Jaswinder Kaur, Clerk

**ORDER**

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 16.07.2019 vide which PIO, o/o Health and Family Welfare was directed to come present.

2. The respondent, o/o Health and Family Welfare, Punjab states that he has brought the information today in the Commission. The appellant has gone through the same and states that he is not satisfied with same.

3. Sh. Bhag Singh, Supdt, E-4 Branch, o/o Health and Family Welfare, Punjab is directed to come present on the next date of hearing alongwith complete record, failing which action under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act will be initiated.

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**Appeal Case No.899 of 2019**

4. To come up on **10.10.2019 at 11.00 AM**. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Chandigarh  
Dated: 05.09.2019

Sd/-  
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CC: Sh. Bhag Singh, Supdt, E-4 Branch, o/o Health and Family Welfare, Punjab, Parivar Kalyan Bhawan, Sector 34, Chandigarh

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Sh Manmohan Lal,(M: 9915378950)

S/o Bhagwant Kishor,

R/o Nilo Kalan, Tehsil-Samrala,

Distt- Ludhiana

.....Appellant

**Vs**

**1.Public Information Officer,**

O/o BDPO, Block –Machiwara,

Distt Ludhiana

**First Appellate Authority-cum-**

O/o DDPO, Ludhiana

.....Respondent

**AC .No. 368 of 2018**

Present: (i) Sh. Manmohan Lal, the appellant  
(ii) For the respondent : Sh. Raghubir Singh, Panchayat Secretary

**ORDER**

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 08.07.2019.

2. Today the respondent has brought an affidavit as directed during the last hearing.
3. The appellant states that he is not satisfied with the information provided by the respondent.
4. I have gone through an affidavit and have not satisfied with the same. Hence, last opportunity is given to the respondent – PIO to submit an affidavit.
5. To come up on **10.10.2019 at 11.00 AM**. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

**Chandigarh**  
**Dated: 05.09.2019**

**Sd/-**  
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Sh Tejinder Singh,  
R/o Village Bholapur,  
PO Ramgarh, Chandigarh Road,  
Ludhiana (M-9041004313)

.....Complainant.

**Vs**

**Registered post :- Public Information Officer,**  
O/o SHO, Police Station City-I,  
Barnala

.....Respondent

**CC .No.135 of 2019**

Present: None for the parties.

**ORDER**

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 09.07.2019.

2. Today, neither the complainant nor the respondent is present.
3. The perusal of the file shows that the respondent has not attended any hearing in the Commission. During the last hearing, even a show cause notice was issued to the respondent, but he has not bothered to attend the hearing in the Commission. This is very serious matter. Last opportunity is given to the respondent to appear before the Commission.
4. SSP, Barnala is directed to take necessary action against the PIO, o/o SHO, Police Station City-I , Barnala as per Law.
5. To come up on **14.10.2019 at 11.00 AM**. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

**Chandigarh**  
**Dated: 05.09.2019**

**Sd/-**  
**(Preety Chawla)**  
**State Information Commissioner**

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CC: SSP, Barnala to take necessary action.

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Sh. Gurnam Singh, S/o Shri Bachtar Singh  
R/o House No. 10, Mohalla Mahitia Wala,  
Banaur, Distt.Mohali

..... Appellant

**Vs**

**Registered post:- Public Information Officer,**  
o/o Naib Tehsildar, Sub Tehsildar Mullanpur Dakha  
Distt. Ludhiana

**Registered post First Appellate Authority**  
o/o SDM, Mini Sectt., Ludhiana

.....Respondent

**Appeal Case No. 3211 of 2018**

Present: None for the parties.

**ORDER**

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 09.07.2019.

2. Today neither the appellant nor the respondent is present.
3. The perusal of the file shows that during the last hearing, last opportunity was given to Sh. Gurpyar Singh, Naib Tehsildar to appear before the Commission, but today again he is absent. Even during the hearing dated 09.05.2019 an amount of Rs. 2500/- was awarded as compensation, but till today the orders of the Commission has not been complied with. This shows that the respondent Sh. Gurpyar Singh has not obeyed the orders of the Commission.
4. SDM, Ludhiana is directed to take necessary action against Sh. Gurpyar Singh, o/o Naib Tehsildar, Sub Tehsildar Mullanpur Dakha, Distt. Ludhiana.
5. To come up on **14.10.2019 at 11.00 AM**. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

**Chandigarh**  
**Dated: 05.09.2019**

**Sd/-**  
**(Preety Chawla)**  
**State Information Commissioner**

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CC: SDM, Ludhiana to take necessary action.

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Sh Tejinder Singh,  
R/o Village Bholapur,  
Post Office-Ramgarh, Chandigarh Road,  
Ludhiana

.....Complainant.

**Vs**

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o Secretary,  
Regional transport Authority, Patiala

**First Appellate Authority,**  
O/o State Transport Commissioner, PB,  
Sector-17, Chandigarh

.....Respondent

**AC .No. 4178 of 2018**

Present: (i) None is present on behalf of the appellant  
(ii) For the respondent : Sh. Gurpreet Singh, Thind, PIO

**ORDER**

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 09.07.2019 vide which Sh. Gurpreet Singh Thind, RTA was directed to come present to file his show cause reply.

2. Today the appellant is absent.

3. Respondent Sh. Gurpreet Singh Thind has filed a reply in response to the show cause notice issued to him.

4. Copy of the reply is taken on record. The perusal of the file shows that the respondent has already sent information to the appellant. He has also sent acknowledgment given by the appellant in token of having received the information.

5. I have gone through the reply of Sh. Gurpreet Singh Thind – the respondent and agree with the reply of the Respondent resultantly, the proceedings under Section 20(1) of the RTI are dropped.

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**AC .No. 4178 of 2018**

6. Since the order of the Commission has been complied with, no cause of action is left, the appeal filed by the appellant is, therefore, **disposed of and closed**. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

**Chandigarh**  
**Dated: 05.09.2019**

**Sd/-**  
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Sh Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia,  
Ward No.18, Street No-2,  
Kartar Nagar, Amlah Road,  
Khanna, Distt –Ludhiana-141401

.....Complainant.

**Vs**

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o EO, MC, Khanna  
Distt Ludhiana  
**First Appellate Authority,**  
Regional Deputy Director,  
Urban Local Government,  
Ludhiana

.....Respondent

**AC No. 4218 of 2018**  
**AC No. 4219 of 2018**  
**alongwith**  
**AC No. 4220 of 2018**

Present: (i) Sh. Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia the appellant  
(ii) For the respondent : Sh. Harmel Singh, JE

**ORDER**

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 09.07.2019 vide which an amount of Rs. 2500/- as penalty and Rs. 2000/- as compensation was awarded.

2. Today the appellant states that no information has been given to him so far.

3. Respondent states that the penalty has been deposited in the Treasury. He has submitted copy of challan today in the Commission. He further states that he has also brought demand draft of compensation i.e. Rs. 2000/- today in the Commission, which is handed over to the appellant.

4. The perusal of the file shows that during the hearing dated 09.05.2019, respondent was directed to bring original record, but till today the respondent has not brought the original record. Even the PIO Sh. Ranveer Singh has not bothered to attend any of the hearing in the Commission, which shows that he has no regard for the orders issued by the Commission.

5. The Commission has taken a serious view of this. Accordingly, Director Local Govt. is directed to take necessary disciplinary action against Sh. Ranveer Singh, EO-cum-PIO under Section 20 (2) of the RTI Act for disobeying the orders of the Commission and to intimate to the Commission the action taken against him before the next date of hearing.

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**AC.No. 4218 of 2018**  
**AC No. 4219 of 2018**  
**alongwith**  
**AC No. 4220 of 2018**

6. To come up on **14.10.2019 at 11.00 AM**. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

**Chandigarh**  
**Dated: 05.09.2019**

**Sd/-**  
**(Preety Chawla)**  
**State Information Commissioner**

**Through registered post**

CC: Sh. Ranveer singh, EO-cum-PIO, O/o MC,Khanna, Distt. Ludhiana

Director Local, Governemnt Punjab, Plot No. 3,Sector 35A, Dakshin Marg, Chandigarh -160035

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Sh Rakesh Kumar Gupta, Advocate,  
8/237, Jagraon Road,  
Mandi Mullanpur, Distt-Ludhiana(Punjab)

.....Complainant

**Vs**

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o The Deputy Registrar,  
Co-operative Societies,  
Kartar Singh Sarabha Market,  
Janta Nagar, Ludhiana(Punjab)

.....Respondent

**CC-2068 of 2015**

Present: (i) None is present on behalf of the Complainant  
(ii) For the respondent: Sh. Parminder Pal Singh, Supdt.-cum-PIO

**ORDER**

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 08.07.2019.

2. Today the appellant is absent. He has sent a mail.
3. After hearing the respondent and going through the case file, it is observed that it is complicated case and requires adjudication by the Double Bench/Larger Bench.
4. In view of the foregoing, the case file is sent to Deputy Registrar for placing the same before the Hon'ble Chief Information Commissioner for appropriate orders.

**Sd/-**

**Chandigarh**  
**Dated: 05.09.2019**

**(Preety Chawla)**  
**State Information Commissioner**

**D.R.**

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.....Complainant

**Vs**

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O/o The Deputy Registrar,  
Co-operative Societies,  
Kartar Singh Sarabha Market,  
Janta Nagar, Ludhiana(Punjab)

.....Respondent

**CC-2067 of 2015**

Present: (i) None is present on behalf of the complainant  
(ii) For the respondent : Sh. Parvinder Pal Singh, Supdt.-cum-APIO

**ORDER**

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 08.07.2019.

2. The complainant is absent today. He has a letter.
3. Respondent states that the information demanded by the complainant is lying with Sabha, therefore cannot be provided to the complainant.
4. After hearing the respondent and going through the case file, it is observed that it is complicated case and requires adjudication by the Double Bench/Larger Bench.
4. In view of the foregoing, the case file is sent to Deputy Registrar for placing the same before the Hon'ble Chief Information Commissioner for appropriate orders.

**Chandigarh**  
**Dated: 05.09.2019**

**Sd/-**  
**(Preety Chawla)**  
**State Information Commissioner**

**D.R.**