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r/o Soham Mohalla, Ward No.11, Fatehgarh Churian, Tehsil Batala, District Gurdaspur.	Vs.	Appellant.
Public Information Officer o/o Deputy Commissioner, District Administrative Complex, Amritsar.		
First Appellate Authority o/o Deputy Commissioner, District Administrative Complex, Amritsar.		Respondents.

Appeal Case No.3440 of 2019

(Video Conference Proceedings)

Present:- None on behalf of the appellant.

Shri Amandeep Singh, Tehsildar (Elections) on behalf of the

respondents.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 08.11.2019 the respondents were directed to provide information of the particular employee before the next date of hearing. When the representative of the respondents asked for issue of show cause notice, he stated that he did not receive hearing notice. Taking lenient view, the show cause notice issued to him was dropped with the direction to be cautious while dealing the applications under the provisions of RTI Act, 2005 and the case was adjourned to 4.12.2019. This case could not be heard on 4.12.2019, due to technical problem in the video conference facility and the case was adjourned for today.

- 2. The appellant is absent today without any intimation.
- 3. The respondent-PIO states that complete information has been provided to the appellant vide their letter dated 5383 dated 20.11.2019. The appellant vide his letter dated 4.12.2019 asked the respondents who was put on duty in place of Shri Nagesh Kumar. He further states that Shri Harkanwalpreet Singh, clerk was put on election duty in place of Shri Nagesh Kumar and Shri Nagesh Kumar was kept as leave reserve.

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- 4. After hearing the representative of the respondents and going through the record available on the case file, it is revealed that complete information has been provided to the appellant. Last opportunity is afforded to the appellant to revert back to the authorities with a copy to the Commission, in case of deficiency, in the information so provided to him. On receipt of deficiency, the respondents are directed to remove the same before the next date of hearing.
- 4. To come up on 17.01.2020 at 3.00 P.M. to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Amritsar.

Dated: 06.01.2020

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Shri Jagbir Singh
s/o Shri Harjinder Singh,
VPO Fatehgarh Rajputtan,
Amritsar.

..... Appellant.

Vs

Public Information Officer o/o Sub Divisional Magistrate, Amritsar-1.

First Appellant Authority o/o Sub Divisional Magistrate, Amritsar-1.

...... Respondents.

Appeal Case No.3462 of 2019 (Video Conference Proceedings)

Present:- Shri Jagbir Singh, appellant.

None on behalf of the respondents.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 08.11.2019 vide which the respondents were directed to get the record inspected from the appellant on 19.11.2019 at 11.00 A.M. and supply copies of documents after identification under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005, on the spot. The case was adjourned to 4.12.2019 to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the o/o Deputy Commissioner, Amritsar, which could not be heard due to technical problem in the Video Conference Facility and the case was adjourned for today.

- 2. The appellant states that he visited the office of the respondents on 19.11.2019 but no inspection was got done by the respondents. He further states that no information has been provided to him after the previous date of hearing.
- 3. None is present on behalf of the respondents. Video Conference Facility was introduced for convenience of general public and for government officials. Viewing the absence of the respondent-PIO seriously, Shri Manjit Singh, Tehsildar, Amritsar-1-cum- PIO 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 his for causing willful delay/denial of the information to the RTI applicant and why the compensation be not awarded to the information-seeker under Section 19(8)(b)of the Act for the detriment suffered by him.

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- 3. In addition to the written reply, the PIO 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 note that in case he does not file his written rely and does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the 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. He is further directed to supply the information before the next date of hearing.
- 4. To come up on 24.01.2020 at 3.00 P.M. to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Amritsar.

Dated: 06.01.2020 (Suresh Arora)
Chief Information Commissioner
Punjab

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Shri Manjit Singh, Tehsildar, Amritsar-1, (Regd.) o/o Deputy Commissioner, District Administrative Complex, Amritsar.

The Deputy Commissioner, Amritsar

for information and to ensure the presence of the PIO or his representative during the Video Conference proceedings in future.

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Sh. Jogi Ram S/o Sh. Nathuni Ram,(94635	2651	7)
R/o H No. 2, Manmohan Nagar,		
New Aman Nagar Extention,		
Near Makkar Chaki, Bahadar ke Road,		
PO –Netaji Nagar, Salem Tabri,		
District- Ludhiana.		Appellant
	Vs	• •

Public Information Officer, O/o District Revenue Officer, Administrative Complex, Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Deputy Commissioner,
Administrative Complex,
Ferozepur Road, District Ludhiana.

..... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 4058 of 2019

Present:- None on behalf of the appellant.

Shri Ranjit Singh, Patwari, SK Branch on behalf of the respondents.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 4.12.2019 vide which the respondents were directed to supply information concerning points at Sr. No. 2 to 4 before the next date of hearing.

- 2. The appellant is absent without intimation.
- 3. The representative of the respondents states that in compliance to the previous order, he has brought complete information concerning points at Sr. No.2 to 2 to be handed over to the appellant, who is absent.
- 4. After hearing the representative of the respondents, he is directed to send the information brought by him to be handed over to the appellant, to the appellant through registered post with a copy to the Commission for its record as early as possible.
- 5. To come up on 13.1.2020 at 3.00 P.M. to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana.

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# 2015/2 A,	ınder Aggarwal, Shiv Mandir Street, oad, Ludhiana.		Appellant
		Vs	•
	mation Officer, rar (West), Ludhiana.		
	ate Authority nmissioner, Ludhiana.		Respondents
			<u>Proceeding)</u>
Present:-	None on behalf of tghe ap Shri Kanwar Narinder Sin- the respondents.	•	Registrar (West), Ludhiana on behalf of

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 04.11.2019, in which it is mentioned that complete information had been provided to the appellant to his satisfaction and he did not want to pursue the matter any further. Hence, for supply of information, the instant case was disposed of and closed. The District Revenue officer was directed to send compliance report after paying the compensation to the appellant and send copies of challan after deducting Rs.5000/- from the salary of Shri Kanwar Narinder Singh, Sub Registrar, Ludhiana (West) in the Government Treasury.

2. In compliance to the previous order dated 04.11.2019, the District Revenue Officer, Ludhiana has informed this office vide his letter dated 17.12..2019 stating that a sum of Rs.5000/- has been sent to Shri Shiv Sunder Aggarwal vide Demand Draft No.041055 dated 03.12.2019 of State Bank of India, Kitchlu Nagar, Ludhiana and Rs.5000/- has been deducted from the salary of Shri Kanwar Narinder Singh, Naib Tehsildar, Ludhiana (West) and deposited in the requisite Head. In view of the compliance sent by District Revenue Officer, Ludhiana, the present case is disposed of and closed. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/Dated: 06.01.2020. (Suresh Arora),
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Sh. Balwinder Singh s/o Shri Sadhu Singh	
r/o village Ran Kalan, Tehsil Shahkot, District Jalandhar.	Annellant
District Jaiandriai.	Vs
Public Information Officer, O/o Block Development and Panchayat C Lohian Khas, District Jalandhar.	Officer,
First Appellate Authority O/o Block Development and Panchayat C Lohian Khas, District: Jalandhar.	Officer, Respondents.

Appeal Cases No.2548 of 019

(Video Conference Proceeding)

Present:- None on behalf of the appellant.

None on behalf of the respondents.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 02.12.2019 vide which the case was disposed of and closed. After the hearing was over, Shri S.P.S. Dhaliwal, appeared on behalf of the respondents and stated that information has been supplied to him but he requested for imposition of penalty and award of compensation to the appellant as the information was supplied to the appellant after the lapse of 13 months.

- 2. The counsel for the appellant is absent but he has requested to adjourn the present case due to some personal difficulty.
- 3. The respondents are absent without intimation.
- 4. Last opportunity is afforded to the respondent-PIO to appear and file explanation for not supplying the information within stipulated period as mentioned under the provisions of RTI Act, 2005 before the next date of hearing, which is fixed for 24.01.2020 at 3.00 P.M. to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Jalandhar.

Dated: 06.01.2020 (Suresh Arora)
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Shri Hardeep Singh, H.No.210, Sudarshan Nagar, Sultanwind Road, Amritsar.	Vs.	Appellant.
Public Information Officer,	V 5.	
Tehsildar, Amritsar -2.		
First Appellant Authority, o/o Sub Divisional Magistrate,		
Amritsar-2.		Respondents

Appeal Case No.3511 of 2019

(Video Conference Proceedings)

Present:- Shri Hardeep Singh, appellant.

None on behalf of the respondents.

ORDER

Dated: 06.01.2020

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 08.11.2019 vide which the respondent-PIO requested for one more adjournment to supply the information regarding action taken report on the application of the appellant under the provisions of RTI Act, 2005 before the next date of hearing and the case was adjourned to 4.12.2019. The case could not be heard due to technical problem in Video Conference Facility and the case was adjourned to 06.01.2020.

- 2. The appellant states that he has received complete information from the respondents to his satisfaction and he does not want to pursue the matter any further. He further requests that the case may be disposed of and closed.
- 3. The respondent-PIO is absent without intimation.
- 4. In view of the request of the appellant, the present case is disposed of and closed as he has received the information to his satisfaction and does not want to pursue the matter any further. Hence, the present case is disposed of and closed. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

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Sh. Mander Singh S/o Sh. Pritai	m Singh,
R/o Ghunas,	
Tehsil –Tappa,	
District –Barnala. 148108	Complainant
	Vs
Public Information Officer,	
O/o Block Development & Panc	havat Officer.
Block - Sehna,	- , ,
District- Barnala.	Respondent
Co	omplaint Case .No. 954 of 2019

ORDER

This case could not be heard due to technical problem in Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Barnala. Hence the present case is adjourned to 24.01.2020 at 3.00 P.M. to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Barnala.

Dated :06 01.2020 (Suresh Arora)
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Sh. Ankur Goyal, (9216532324)

R/o H No. 76, Balaji-2, Lohgarh Road,	
Zirakpur -140603.	Appellant
•	Vs
Public Information Officer,	
O/o Secretary,	
Punjab Public Service Commission,	
Patiala.	
First Appellate Authority,	
O/o Secretary,	
Punjab Public Service Commission,	
Patiala.	Respondents
Appeal (Case No. 4113 of 2019
(Video C	onference Proceedings)

Present:- Shri Ravinder Garg on behalf of the appellant at Chandigarh.

Shri Avtar Singh, Officer on Special Duty and PIO on behalf of the respondents.

ORDER

Dated: 06.01.2020

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 04.12.2019 vide which the respondents were directed to reconsider the decision taken by Punjab Public Service Commission, Patiala regarding supply of copies of candidate's own answer sheets before the next date of hearing.

- 2. In response to the previous order dated 04.12.2019, the respondent-PIO has sent their response dated 4.12.2019 stating that a CWP of the appellant was dismissed by the Hon'ble Punjab and Haryana High Court, Chandigarh on 27.5.2019 rejecting the candidature of the appellant. As he was no longer a candidate in the examination of Punjab State Civil Services Combined Competitive Exam 2018, photocopies of his answer sheets could not be provided. He further states that reply was sent to the appellant vide their letter dated 03.09.2019 and 3.10.2019 and fee deposited by him was refunded on 19.11.2019.
- 3. The representative of the appellant requests for an adjournment as the appellant is not feeling well.
- 4. After hearing the respondent-PIO and going through the record available on the case file, final order in this case is reserved to be pronounced on 24.01.2020 at 3.00 P.M. through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Patiala.

Sd/-(**Suresh Arora**) Chief Information Commissioner Punjab

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Sh. Satinde # 524, Sect	er Kumar Khera, tor-7.	
Panchkula-	,	Complainant.
		Vs
Public Infor	mation Officer,	
Deputy Cor	mmissioner Cum	
Collector A	grarian,	
Distt: Ludhi	ana.	Respondent
	Complaint Ca	ase .No. 697 of 2019 and CC No.716 of 20219.
Present:-	None on behalf	of the complainant.
	Shri Ranjit Sing the respondent-	h, Patwari-cum-Assistant to Sadar, Kanugo, on behalf of PIO.
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Dated: 06.01.2020

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 03.12.2019 vide which last opportunity was afforded to the respondent-PIO to supply the information to the complainant otherwise proceedings for imposition of penalty would be initiated on the next date of hearing. On receipt of the information, the complainant was directed to revert back to the authorities in case of deficiencies with a copy to the Commission.

The representative of the respondent-PIO states that complete information has been provided to the complainant, who is absent today. The complainant has confirmed on telephone to the office that he has received the information to his satisfaction and does not want to pursue the matter any further. Accordingly, the present cases are disposed of and closed. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

> Sd/-(Suresh Arora)

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Sh. Manoj Kumar Karwasra,(94160 41014) R/o H No. 612, Navdeep Colony,	
Hisar, Haryana.	Complainant
Vs	·
Public Information Officer,	
O/o Controller of Panchayat Raj,	
C/o Director, Rural Development & Panchayat,	
Govt. of Punjab,	
Vikas Bhawan, Sector- 62,	
S.A.S. Nagar.	Responden

Complaint Case No. 947 of 2019

Present:- None on behalf of the complainant.

Shri Bipan Kumar alongwith Ms. Kamaljit Kaur, both Senior Assistants on

behalf of the respondent-PIO.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 04.12.2019 vide which the respondent-PIO was directed to send appropriate reply after taking action on his application for seeking information, if the information is not available then take assistance/transfer application for seeking information to the concerned public authority under Section 5(4)/6(3) of RTI Act, 2005 before the next date of hearing.

2. The representatives of the respondent-PIO submit letter dated 06.01.2020 annexing copies of documents sought by the complainant without attestation. It is mentioned in that letter that information regarding point at Sr. No.1 has already been provided to the complainant vide their letter dated 15.10.2019, regarding point at Sr. No.2, it is mentioned in the letter that copies of notings since 16.03.2018 till date are annexed, information regarding point at Sr. No.3, the names of dealing Assistants are Ms. Neelam Malhotra, Shamsher Singh, Bipan Kumar, all Senior Assistants. Information regarding Point at Sr. No. 4(a), it is mentioned that no documents has been received from the District Development and Panchayats Officer, SAS Nagar for filing

suit against the defaulter in response to your letter dated 14.03.2018. Information regarding point at Sr. No. 4(c) and (d), it is mentioned that action against Prof. Gurmeet Singh Kapoor, Organizing Secretary under Section 16(a) and 17 has been taken by the District Development and Panchayats Officer, SAS Nagar. The department is only issuing sanction letters for grants issued by Chief Minister/Cabinet Minister and all the record has been maintained by the District Development and Panchayats Officer, Mohali. Information regarding points at Sr. No.5 and 6, no action has been initiated for recovery of the said amount.

- 4. The appellant is absent without intimation.
- 5. After hearing the representatives of the respondent-PIO and going through the record available on the case file, it is revealed that complete information brought by the representatives is unattested. They are directed to attest the same before sending it to the complainant. In compliance to the previous order dated 4.12.2019, the respondent-PIO is directed to attach English translation with forwarding letter before the next date of hearing, which is fixed for 24.01.2020..
- 6. To come up on 24.01.2020 at 11.00 A.M.

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	er Kumar S/o Jamna Das, 68, Sector- 22 A,	Vs		Appellant
O/o Supdt. /	mation Officer, Accounts -1 Branch, Secretariat,	VS		
	Secretariat,	jab,		Respondents
Onanaigann		oeal Case No	. 4074 of 2019	respondent
Present:	Shri Mohinder Kumar, a	nnellant in ne	rson	

Shri Mohinder Kumar, appellant in person.

Ms. Rajvinder Kaur, Senior Assistant-cum-APIO on behalf of the respondents.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 04.12.2019 vide which the appellant stated that he would be satisfied, if present pay scale alongwith grade pay of Mr. Vivek Swami is provided to him, which is in public domain. The representative of the respondents assured that she would supply the same before the next date of hearing.

- In compliance to the previous order dated 04.12.2019, the representative of the respondents places on record of the case file, a copy of letter dated 03.01.2020, which is taken on record of the case file stating that grade pay of Shri Vivek Swami, Senior Law Officer is 15600-391100+7400.
- 3. The appellant states that he is satisfied with the information supplied to him.
- After hearing both the parties and going through the record available on the case 4. file, it is revealed that the appellant is satisfied with the information supplied to him. Accordingly, the present case is disposed of and closed. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-(Suresh Arora) Chief Information Commissioner Punjab

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Smt. Kanchan Lata, R/o H. No.1739,Main Bazaar, Manimajra, Chandigarh.	Appellant
Public Information Officer, O/o Tehsildar, Khanna, District- Ludhiana.	Vs
PIO/Tehsildar, Payal, District Ludhiana.	
First Appellate Authority, O/o Sub Divisional Magistrate, Khanna, District- Ludhiana.	Respondents\

Appeal Case No. 3415 of 2019

Present:- Shri Gopal Bhalla on behalf of the appellant at Chandigarh.

Shri Harminder Singh Hundal, Tehsildar, Khanna-cum-PIO on behalf of the respondents.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 03.12.2019 vide which the respondent-PIO was directed to supply information to the appellant after getting assistance of another official of his office under Section 5(4) and transfer application for seeking information to the concerned officer, who is the custodian of the record, under Section 5(4) of the RTI Act, 2005.

2. In compliance to the previous order dated 07.11.2019, the respondent-PIO hands over a Demand Draft of Rs.10000/- (being compensation awarded to the appellant) bearing No.ALLA0212331 dated 06.01.2020 of Allahabad Bank to the representative of the appellant. He further places on record of the case file reply dated 31.12.2019 stating that he has tried to trace the record available in the office of Kanungo, Khanna and found that entries in Nambardars' Registrar, Khanna starts only from 20.10.2005. Record prior to this date may be available with the office of Tehsildar, Payal, District Ludhiana. In this context, he has sent a letter dated 29.11.2019 to Tehsildar, Payal for supplying the information within two days but no response has been received from him till date.

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- 3. After hearing the respondent-PIO and going through the record available on the case file, it is revealed that the present PIO/Tehsildar, Khanna has sent a letter to the PIO-cum-Tehsildar, Payal on 29.11.2019 requesting him to send reply regarding entries made in Nambardar's Register from 1,1,1990 to 3.10.1991 within two days. In view of the written submission of the PIO/Tehsildar, Khanna, he is exempted from appearance on the next date of hearing in this case. PIO/Tehsildar (Shri Pardeep Singh Bains, M.No.98558-00024), Payal, District Ludhiana is made necessary party with the direction to supply the information to the appellant before the next date of hearing, which is fixed for 17.01.2020, if the information is not available in their record, then file an affidavit in this regard. A copy of this order be sent to Shri Pardeep Singh, PIO/Tehsildar, Payal on his M.No.98558-00024) through Whatsapp.
- 4. To come up on 17.01.2020 at 11.00 A.M.

Dated: 06.01.2020

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S/o Late S. Kartar Singh,		
Village-Tandi, PO Laroya,		
Distt Jalandhar.	Appellant	
	Vs	
Shri Paramjit Singh,		
Public Information Officer-cum-Panchay o/o Block Development and Panchayats Bhogpur, Distt Jalandhar.	•	
First Appellate Authority, O/o Block Development and Panchayat Bhogpur, District- Jalandhar.	Officer,Respondents	

Appeal Case No. 3233 of 2019

Present:- Shri Jasbir Singh Sekhon, appellant in person.

Shri Paramjit Singh, Panchayat Secretary, on behalf of the respondents.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 04.12.2019 vide which penalty of Rs.5000/- was imposed on Shri Paramjit Singh, Panchayats Secretary-cum-PIO and an amount of Rs.5000/- was awarded compensation to be paid via Government treasury.

2. The brief history of this case is that the appellant filed Second Appeal in this Commission on 03.09.2019 and hearing notice was issued to the parties for appearance on 11.10.2019, which was received back undelivered in the office of the Commission on 26.09.2019. On 11.10.2019, Shri Jagdish Chander, Development Assistant appeared on his behalf and brought to the notice of the Commission that information on three points has been prepared by Shri Paramjit Singh, Panchayats Secretary-cum-PIO and sent to the appellant through registered post. On 29.10.2019, Shri Paramjit Singh, Panchayats Secretary-cum-PIO appeared and stated that he has not authorized Shri Jagdish Chander, Development Assistant, who has marked his presence wrongly in his place. For not appearing on the previous date of hearing, show cause notice for imposition of penalty and award of compensation was issued to Shri Paramjit Singh, Panchayat Secretary-cum-PIO with the direction to file his written explanation before the next date of hearing which was fixed for 20.11.2019. On 20.11.2019,

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Shri Paramjit Singh, Panchayats Secretary-cum-PIO informed the office of the Commission that due to death of his mother, he was unable to appear before the Commission and the case was adjourned to 4.12.2019. None appeared on behalf of the respondent-PIO on 4.12.2019 without intimation. A penalty of Rs 5000/- was imposed on him for not appearing and an amount of Rs.5000/- was awarded to be paid to the appellant via government treasury for loss and detriment suffered by the appellant.

- 3. Shri Paramjit Singh, Panchayat Secretary-cum-PIO places a letter from BDPO, Bhogpur dated 27.12.2019 stating that order dated 20.11.2019 was received in their office on 5.12.2019 at 3.30 P.M. when the date of hearing was 4.12.2019 at 11.00 A.M. He hands over a copy of the information dated nil to the appellant with a copy to the Commission.
- 4. The appellant states that one short adjournment may be given to him for perusal of the information.
- 5. After hearing both the parties and going through the record available on the case file, it is revealed that notice for imposition of penalty and award of compensation was issued to the respondent-PIO for not appearing on 29.10.2019. He informed the Commission on 20.11.2019, that he is unable to appear today due to the death of his mother. Taking lenient view, an adjournment was afforded and the case was adjourned to 4.12.2019 at 11.00 A.M. Copy of order dated 20.11.2019 was received in the office of the Block Development and Panchayts Officer, Bhogpur only on 5.12.2019 at 3.30 P.M. In view of the explanation submitted by the respondent-PIO, order regarding imposition of penalty and award of compensation to the appellant is withdrawn. On the request of the appellant, last opportunity is afforded to him to go through the same and revert back to the authorities in case of deficiencies in the information handed over to him during the hearing and the case is adjourned to 22.1.2020 at 3.00 P.M. to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Jalandhar.

Dated: 06.01.2020 (Suresh Arora)
Chief Information Commissioner
Punjab