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Sh. Kulwant Singh, A.E. (9815557019)

Ward No. 1, H.No. 54,  
Near ED Masid, Raikot  
District Ludhiana

....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer  
o/o the Financial Commissioner,  
Rural Development & Panchayat Deptt.,Pb.  
Vikas Bhawan, Sector 62, Mohali

First Appellate Authority  
o/o the Financial Commissioner,  
Rural Development & Panchayat Deptt.,Pb.  
Vikas Bhawan, Sector 62, Mohali

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3035 of 2020  
(Video Conference Proceedings)

Present:- Sh. Kulwant Singh, appellant, in person.  
Sh. Jagjit Singh 9855450100 in person on behalf of the respondents.

## ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 6.1.2021.

2. The appellant states that he has received the complete information except the ACR pertaining to year 2015-2016, 2016-2017 along with the covering letter and the documents on the basis of which the adverse remarks have been written.
3. Accordingly, the respondent-Public Information Officer is directed to supply the remaining information as enumerated in para 2 above to the appellant else give an undertaking in this regard.
4. To come up on 29.1.2021 at 12.30 PM at Chandigarh.

Dated: 11.1.2021

Sd/  
(Suresh Arora)  
Chief Information Commissioner,  
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Sh. Gurdeep Singh 9779508115  
c/o Kahlon Association Opposite Gurudwara,  
Sri Kutia Sahib Jamalpur  
District Ludhiana

....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer  
o/o Punjab Public Service Commission,  
Patiala

Ms Priya Uppal, Registered  
Public Information Officer  
-cum-Superintendent,  
Department of Personnel,  
Personnel Policy 3 Branch,  
Punjab Civil Sectt.-1,  
Chandigarh. 9888303906

....Respondent

Complaint Case No. 650 of 2020  
(Cisco Webex proceedings)

Present:- None on behalf of the complainant.

Sh. Khushpreet Singh, Sr. Asstt 9814255505 on behalf of the respondents.

## ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 24.11.2020.

2. The representative of the respondents states that the information pertaining to their branch has already been sent to the complainant vide letter dated 17.12.2020. Copy of the same has also been received in the Commission, which is taken on record. Since, the appellant is not present, therefore, the case is adjourned.

3. To come up on 21.1.2021 at 12.30 PM at Chandigarh.

Dated: 11.1.2021

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Sh. Narinder Pal Singh s/o Sh. Jagjit Singh 9914480753  
r/o Village Gajipur,  
Tehsil Samana,  
District Patiala.

....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer  
o/o Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panchayat, Gajipur,  
c/o Block Development and Panchayats Officer,  
Block Samana,  
District Patiala.

First Appellate Authority  
o/o District Development and Panchayats Officer,  
Mini Secretariat,  
District Patiala.

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1509 of 2020  
(Video Conference Proceedings)

Present:- Sh. Narinder Pal Singh, appellant.  
Sh. Brish Bhan, Panchayat Secretary on behalf of the respondents.

## ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 9.12.2020.

2. The representative of the respondents states that he has brought the information comprising 3139 pages duly certified along with him and he handed over the same to the appellant during the course of hearing. He has also filed the reply regarding show cause notice issued to him on 9.12.2020, which is taken on record.

3. After going through the information so supplied by the respondent-Public Information Officer during the hearing, the appellant requests for the adjournment so that the deficiency, if any, can be pointed out.

4. Accordingly, the appellant is advised to go through the information as supplied by the respondents and point out deficiencies, if any, to the respondent-Public Information Officer and the respondent-Public Information Officer is directed to remove the same in case any deficiency is pointed out by the appellant before the next date of hearing under intimation to the Commission. Also the decision regarding show cause notice issued to the respondent-Public Information Officer will be taken on the next date of hearing.

5. To come up on 29.1.2021 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Patiala/cisco webex.

Dated: 11.1.2021

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Sh. Paramjit Singh s/o Sh. Ram Singh 9592086158

Village Majra Manna Singh Wala

Tehsil Amlah,

Fatehgarh Sahib

....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer

o/o District Development and Panchayats Officer,

Fatehgarh Sahib

First Appellate Authority

o/o District Development and Panchayats Officer,

Fatehgarh Sahib

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2965 of 2020

(Video Conference Proceedings)

Present:- Sh. Paramjit Singh, appellant.

Sh. Sukhjeet Singh, Gram Sewak on behalf of the respondents.

## ORDER

The RTI application is dated 18.6.2020 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter called FAA) on 24.7.2020 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 7.10.2020 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter called RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today.

2. The appellant states that no information has been provided by the respondents so far. However, the representative of the respondents states that nothing is available on record that could be supplied to the appellant. Thereafter, the appellant states that he has sought the information from the office of the Public Information Officer o/o the District Development and Panchayats Officer but the respondent-Public Information Officer knowingly sent the Gram Sewak so he requests for the information from the Public Information Officer o/o the District Development and Panchayats Officer.

3. Since, the appellant has sought the information from the Public Information Officer o/o the District Development and Panchayats Officer, so he is directed to file the reply/supply the information before the next date of hearing to the appellant failing which the penalty provisions will be invoked.

4. To come up on 23.2.2021 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Fatehgarh Sahib/cisco webex.

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Dated: 11.1.2021

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Sh. Narinder Kumar, 9914122380

Ward No. 15, Preet Nagar

Akhara Road, Sirhind

Fatehgarh Sahib.

..Complainant

Vs

Ms Shailja, **Registered**

Public Information Officer

-cum-Superintendent

o/o Secretary Personnel, Punjab,

Personnel Policy 2 Branch,

Punjab Civil Sectt-1,

Chandigarh.

....Respondent

Complaint Case No. 554 of 2020

(Cisco Webex proceedings)

Present:- None on behalf of the complainant.

Sh. Jaswinder Singh, Sr. Asstt on behalf of the respondents on phone.  
9888303906

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 24.11.2020.

2. A request has been received from the complainant that he is not well and is not willing to go to the Secretariat due to Corona. However, he has requested that he has just sought the information pertaining to the implementation of the instructions Government of India, Department of Personnel and Training issued vide No. 14020/1/2014 dated 22.4.2015 in the State of Punjab. Smt. Shailja, Supdt PP2 Branch was contacted on phone who states that Sh. Jaswinder Singh, Sr. Asstt will appear in this case but when contacted Sh. Jaswinder Singh, Sr. Asstt on phone, he states that he is in a meeting at the Punjab Civil Secretariat-2, Chandigarh, so he is unable to attend the hearings. With regard to the information he states that the appellant has not come to the office as per the orders of the Commission so nothing has been done.

3. Since, the appellant has sent the submissions enumerated above and has just sought the implementation of the instructions issued by the Government of India in the State of Punjab as per para 2 above. Viewing the attitude in dealing with the RTI application dated 1.1.2019 of the appellant by the respondent-Public Information Officer, seriously, Smt Shailja, Supdt, PP2 Branch, Punjab Civil Secretariat-1, Chandigarh, 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 her for causing wilful delay/denial of the information to the RTI applicant.

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. She may take note that in case she does not file her written reply and does not avail herself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the next date, it will be presumed that she has nothing to say and the Commission will proceed ex-parte.

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Complaint Case No. 554 of 2020

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4. The respondent-Public Information Officer is also directed to file the specific reply/supply the information pertaining to Point No.1 of the RTI application before the next date of hearing ie 23.2.2021.

Dated: 11.1.2021

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Sh. Yash Pal Shori 9041008200

H.No. 851, Shori Gali, Adrash Nagar,  
Islamabad, District Amritsar

....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer

o/o Block Development and Panchayats Officer  
Tarsika, District Amritsar

....Respondent

Appeal Case No. 2936 of 2020 & Complaint Case No. 657 of 2020  
(Video Conference Proceedings)

Present:- Sh. Balram Dass s/o Ram Lubhaya on behalf of the appellant,  
Sh. Palwinder Singh, Supdt 8198012292 on behalf of the respondents.

## ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 24.11.2020.

2. Since, the information sought, appellant and respondent partie(s) remained the same, therefore, the titled cases are clubbed.
3. The appellant states that nothing has been supplied by the respondent-Public Information Officer pertaining to Point No. c, e and f. He also states that the respondents have misled the Commission that the information has been sent to him on 16.9.2020 whereas the respondent-Public Information Officer has sent the information in the month of October which clearly reflects from the dispatch register, copy of which has been sought under the RTI Act, 2005. Also a copy of the same has been sent to the Commission, which is taken on record.
4. Video Conference Facility was introduced for convenience of general public and for government officials. Viewing the attitude in dealing with the RTI application of the appellant by the respondent seriously, the Sh. Tara Singh, Block Development and Panchayats Officer, 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 him for causing wilful delay/denial of the information to the RTI applicant.

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 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.

5. Accordingly, the respondent-Public Information Officer is directed to file the reply/ supply the remaining information as mentioned in para 2 above and also directed to place on record the supporting documents related to the letter dated 16.9.2020 i.e. dispatch register/stamp register etc. before the next date of hearing.

6. To come up on 23.2.2021 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, District Amritsar/cisco webex.

Sd/

Dated:11.1.2021

(Suresh Arora)

Chief Information Commissioner, Punjab.

CC

**Director, Rural Development and Panchayat, Pb. Mohali**