



Sh. Baldev Singh, S/o Sh Sarwan Singh,
R/o 302, Street NO-5, New Deep Nagar,
Civil Lines, Ludhiana. .

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o XEN, PSPCL,
Distribution Division, Batala.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o XEN, PSPCL,
Distribution Division, Batlala.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 543 of 2019

PRESENT: Sh.Baldev Singh as the Appellant
Sh.Mohtam Singh, Addl.SE, PSPCL Sub-Dviision, Batala for the
Respondent

ORDER: The case was first heard on 13.05.2019. The appellant informed that the PIO has not provided the information. The respondent was absent. The PIO was directed to provide the information to the appellant within 15 days and send a compliance report to the Commission. The PIO was also directed to explain the reasons for not attending to the RTI application within the time prescribed under the RTI Act.

The case was again heard on **25.07.2019**. The appellant claimed that the PIO has not provided the information. The respondent was absent on 2nd hearing. The PIO was issued a **show cause notice under section 20** of the RTI Act and directed to file an affidavit in this regard. The PIO was again directed to provide the information to the appellant within 10 days.

The case was last heard on **29.10.2019**. The appellant claimed that the PIO has not provided the information. The PIO did not file reply to the show cause notice for delay in providing the information. The respondent present pleaded that the record being 20 years old is not traceable and the information cannot be provided. The PIO was directed to conduct an enquiry into the matter and submit a complete enquiry report. The PIO was also directed to submit reply to the show cause notice otherwise the Commission will be constrained to penalize the PIO under section 20 of the RTI Act.

Hearing dated 13.01.2020:

The respondent present pleaded in compliance with the order of the Commission, an enquiry was conducted and the responsibility has been fixed for the concerned person under whose custody the record was missing. The respondent has brought complete enquiry report and handed over to the appellant. The respondent has also submitted a reply to the show cause notice on an affidavit which is taken on the file of the Commission.

However, the Commission is of the view that since the appellant has had to suffer undue inconvenience to get the information, it is a fit case for awarding compensation to the appellant u/s 19(8)(b) of the RTI Act.

The PIO is directed to pay an amount of **Rs.2500/-** via demand draft drawn through Govt. Treasury as compensation to the appellant for the loss and detriment suffered by him of having to file the appeals and not getting information in time. The PIO is directed to duly inform the Commission of the compliance of the order and send proof of having compensated the appellant within 15 days.

With the above order, the case is **disposed off and closed**.

Chandigarh
Dated 13.01.2020

Sd/-
(Khushwant Singh)
State Information Commissioner



Smt.Narinder Kaur, W/o Lt Sh.Sukhwinder Singh,
R/o VPO SarhaliKalan, Patti Khasi Ki,
Tehsil and Distt Tarn Taran.

... Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Executive Engineer,
PSPCL, Division Patti, Patti,
Distt Tarn Taran.

...Respondent

Complaint Case No. 1257of 2018

Present: Sh.Shubham Mehta, Advocate for the complainant
None for the the Respondent

ORDER:

The case was first heard on 12.03.2019. The respondent brought the information and handed over to the complainant. The complainant had received the information.

The Commission found that there is an enormous delay in providing the information. The PIO was directed to explain the reasons for not attending to the RTI application within the prescribed time under the RTI Act. and be present personally on the next date of hearing alongwith the reply on an affidavit.

The case was again heard on **14.05.2019**. The respondent did not bring any reply regarding delay in providing the information. The PIO was given one more opportunity to file detailed reply on an affidavit for not attending to the RTI application within the time prescribed under the RTI Act and be present personally on the next date of hearing.

The case was further heard on **16.07.2019**. The information had been provided. Regarding delay in providing the information, the respondent submitted an affidavit which was taken on the file of the Commission.

The respondent pleaded that he has just joined as PIO on 26.06.2019 and the delay is on the part of the earlier PIO Sh.Gurmukh Singh, who is now posted as Sr Xen, PSPCL, Industrial Division, Hall Gate, Amritsar. The respondent further pleaded that since their office is not equipped with the dedicated staff having requisite qualifications, the information was delayed. The Superintending Engineer, PSPCL, Amritsar was directed to look into the matter and resolve the matter.

Sh.Gurmukh Singh, Sr.Xen, PSPCL-Industrial Division, Hall Gate, Amritsar was impleaded in the case and issued a show caused **under Section 20 of the RTI Act 2005 for not supplying the information within the statutorily prescribed period of time and directed to** file an affidavit in this regard.

The case was last heard on **29.10.2019**. The information had been provided. Sh.Gurmukh Singh, Sr.Xen, PSPCL Industrial Division, Amritsar who was impleaded in the case, was absent nor has sent any reply to the show cause notice.

Sh.Gurmukh Singh, Sr.Xen was given one last opportunity to appear before the Commission on the next date of hearing alongwith the reply to the show cause notice on an affidavit, otherwise it will be presumed that he has nothing to say in the matter and the Commission will be constrained to penalize the PIO under section 20 of the RTI Act.

Hearing dated 13.01.2020:

Sh.Gurmukh Singh, Sr.Xen is absent nor has sent any reply to the show cause notice. Sh.Gurmukh Singh, Sr.Xen is given one more opportunity to appear before the Commission on the next date of hearing alongwith the reply to the show cause notice on an affidavit, otherwise it will be presumed that he has nothing to say in the matter and the Commission will be constrained to penalize the PIO under section 20 of the RTI Act.

To come up on **18.02.2020 at 11.00 AM** for further hearing.

Chandigarh
Dated: 13.01.2020

Sd/-
(Khushwant Singh)
State Information Commissioner

CC to 1. Sh.Gurmukh Singh, Sr.Xen,
PSPCL-Industrial Division, Hall Gate, Amritsar
2. Superintending Engineer, PSPCL, Amritsar



Sh Sat Pal Sharma, S/o Shgjan Chand Sharma,
H NO-3623, St No-1, DurgaPuri,
Haibowalkalan Ludhiana.

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Commissioner Of Police,
Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Commissioner of Police,
Ludhiana

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 3685 of 2018

PRESENT: None for the Appellant
Sh.Pawandeep Singh, SI and Sh.Malkiat Singh, HC for the Respodent

ORDER:

The case was first heard by Sh.S.S.Channy, CIC on 21.01.2019. The appellant was absent. Sh.Dev Raj Inspector appeared on behalf of the respondent brought the information to be supplied to the appellant. The respondent was directed to send the information to the appellant through registered post and the appellant was directed to point out the discrepancies. The case was again heard on 27.02.2019. The appellant was absent. The respondent informed that the information has been sent to the appellant vide letter dated 23.02.2019. The appellant was directed to send his observations, if any with a copy to the Commission.

The case was again heard on 08.04.2019. The appellant was absent. The appellant sent his observations through email and the respondent present was directed to sort out the discrepancies.

The case was last heard on 23.10.2020 by this bench. The appellant informed that he has received the information on points-3 & 4 only. Regarding points-1 & 2, the respondent informed that the record is missing. The Commission directed the department to conduct an enquiry into the matter and fix responsibility of the person under whose custody the record has gone missing.

The PIO was directed to provide the information on point 5. The respondent also does not know about the case fully. The PIO was directed to appear personally or send a representative who is well aware of the case so that the time of the Commission is not wasted.

Hearing dated 13.01.2020:

The respondent present informed that they have traced out the record and brought the information. The appellant is absent and vide email has sought exemption. However, the appellant vide said email has requested that he will collect the information by visiting the office of the PIO. The PIO is directed to contact the appellant and provide the requisite information as desired by the appellant and send a compliance report to the Commission.

To come up for compliance on **16.03.2020 at 11.00 AM.**

Chandigarh
Dated 13.01.2020

Sd/-
(Khushwant Singh)
State Information Commissioner



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P.O Netaji Nagar, Sale, Tabri,
Ludhiana

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Secretary, 6th Pay Commission,
Punjab, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Chairman, 6th Pay Commission,
Punjab, Chandigarh.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 3983 of 2018

PRESENT: None for the Appellant
None for the Respondent

ORDER:

The case was first heard by Sh.S.S.Channy, CIC on 07.01.2019. Sh.Rajinder Singh, Section Officer appeared and informed that the information has been sent to the appellant vide letter dated 20.12.2018. The appellant was absent. The appellant was directed to go through the information and send his observations. The case was again heard on 05.02.2019. Both the parties were absent. The appellant vide letter dated 22.01.2019 sent deficiencies in the provided information and a copy of same was sent to the PIO with the direction to remove the same. The case was again heard on 13.03.2019. None was present. The appellant vide letter dated 02.03.2019 sought exemption due to ill health and furnished deficiencies. The respondent was also absent. Copies of both the letters dated 22.01.2019 and 02.03.2019 were sent to the PIO to supply complete information and directed to submit status report.

The case was again heard on 08.04.2019. Both the parties were absent. The appellant vide letter dated 29.03.2019 informed that the PIO has not replied/removed the discrepancies. The PIO was again directed to sort out the discrepancies before the next date of hearing.

The case was last heard on by this bench on 23.10.2020. The appellant sought exemption due to ill health but has pointed out deficiencies which the PIO had been asked to remove. The respondent was continuously absent. The PIO was issued a show **cause notice under section 20 of the RTI Act and directed to** file reply on an affidavit. The PIO was again directed to sort out the discrepancies in the information.

Hearing dated 13.01.2020:

The appellant is absent and vide letter received in the Commission on 07.01.2020 has sought exemption due to illness. The appellant in the same letter has informed that the PIO has not provided the complete information.

The respondent is absent nor has sent any reply to the show cause notice. The PIO is given one last opportunity to provide the complete information to the appellant and be present on the next date of hearing alongwith written reply to the show cause notice on an affidavit, otherwise it will be presumed that the PIO has nothing to say in the matter and the Commission will be constrained to take action under section 20 of the RTI Act.

To come up for further hearing on **03.03.2020 at 11.00 AM.**

Chandigarh
Dated 13.01.2020

Sd/-
(Khushwant Singh)
State Information Commissioner



through registered post.

Sh. Hans Raj, S/o Sh Lal chand,
R/o Dani Dada, Nirania, Backside Chanvi,
Hanumangarh Road, Abohar, Distt Fazilka.

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Tehsildar, Abohar,
Distt Fazilka.

First Appellate Authority,
SDM,
Abohar, Distt Fazilka.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 1140 of 2019

PRESENT: None for the Appellant
Sh.Ashwani Kumar, Clerk O/o, Tehsildar Abohar for the Respondent

ORDER:

The case was first heard on **29.07.2019**. The respondent present submitted a letter of the PIO dated 19.07.2019 wherein the PIO had mentioned that the reply has been sent to the appellant vide letter dated 17.05.2019 and the appellant was asked to contact the concerned patwari and collect the required information by depositing the requisite fee.

Having gone through the record, the Commission observed that since the appellant has sought information under the RTI Act, the PIO was directed to raise fee under the RTI Act and provide the information as per the RTI application. The information be provided within 15 days after the requisite fee is deposited by the appellant.

The case was last heard on **06.11.2019**. The appellant claimed that the PIO has not provided the information. The respondent present stated that the appellant basically needs the translated version of the documents pertaining to the revenue record which is available in urdu. The respondent further informed that the information is in the custody of Patwari Sh.Swaran Singh.

The Commission directed the concerned patwari to fix a mutually convenient date and time with the appellant and provide the information that the appellant is seeking, to the best possible extent.

The Commission further observed that this is a peculiar case where the petitioner wants translated version of the revenue record which is in urdu. There are various such cases that come to the Commission. With a view to give maximum benefit to the appellant, the Commission recommends to the Deputy Commissioner, Fazilka to help this petitioner in getting the translated version of the documents that he requires. The Commission also recommended to the Deputy Commissioner to find a permanent solution to this issue which crops up time and again in the Commission.

Appeal Case No. 1140 of 2019

Hearing dated 13.01.2020:

The case has come up for hearing through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Fazilka. The respondent present pleaded that they have already written to the office of Deputy Commissioner, Fazilka for providing a translator for translation of urdu document and as & when the translator is available, they will provide the information to the appellant.

The appellant is absent. The PIO is directed to provide the information to the appellant once a translator is available and send a compliance report to the Commission.

With the above order, the case is **disposed off and closed**.

Chandigarh
Dated:13.01.2020

Sd/-
(Khushwant Singh)
State Information Commissioner



through registered post.

Sh. Hans Raj, S/o Sh Lal chand,
R/o Dani Dada, Nirania, Backside Chanvi,
Hanumangarh Road, Abohar, Distt Fazilka.

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Tehsildar, Abohar,
Distt Fazilka.

First Appellate Authority,
SDM,
Abohar, Distt Fazilka.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 1141 of 2019

PRESENT: None for the Appellant
Sh.Ashwani Kumar, Clerk O/o Tehsildar Abohar for the Respondent

ORDER:

The case was first heard on **29.07.2019**. The respondent present submitted a letter of the PIO dated 19.07.2019 wherein the PIO had mentioned that the reply has been sent to the appellant vide letter dated 17.05.2019 and the appellant was asked to contact the concerned patwari and collect the required information by depositing the requisite fee.

Having gone through the record, the Commission observed that since the appellant has sought information under the RTI Act, the PIO was directed to raise fee under the RTI Act and provide the information as per the RTI application. The information be provided within 15 days after the requisite fee is deposited by the appellant.

The case was last heard on **06.11.2019**. The appellant claims that the PIO has not provided the information. The respondent present stated that the appellant basically needs the translated version of the documents pertaining to the revenue record which is available in urdu. The respondent further informed that the information is in the custody of Patwari Sh.Swaran Singh.

The Commission directed the concerned patwari to fix a mutually convenient date and time with the appellant and provide the information that the appellant is seeking, to the best possible extent.

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Hearing dated 13.01.2020

The case has come up for hearing through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Fazilka. The respondent present pleaded that they have already written to the office of Deputy Commissioner, Fazilka for providing a translator for translation of urdu document and as & when the translator is available, they will provide the information to the appellant.

The appellant is absent. The PIO is directed to provide the information to the appellant once a translator is available and send a compliance report to the Commission.

With the above order, the case is **disposed off and closed.**

Chandigarh
Dated:13.01.2020

Sd/-
(Khushwant Singh)
State Information Commissioner



Sh Prem Singh, S/o Sh Jaspal sikh,
VPO Amar Pura, Tehsil Abohar,
Distt Fazilka.

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o SDM, Abohar,
Distt Fazilka.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o SDM, Abohar,
Fazilka.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 1167 of 2019

PRESENT: Sh.Prem Singh as the Appellant
Sh.Ram Rattan,Supterintendent for the Respondent

ORDER: The case was last heard on 31.07.2019. The respondent submitted a letter signed by the PIO-cum-SDM-Abohar dated 26.07.2019 stating that since the record regarding nomination form was taken from the returning officer of the concerned block, after taking necessary action, the record files had been deposited in sealed cover with the ADC(Development), Fazilka. The respondent further pleaded that since the information relates to the District Development and Panchayat Officer-cum-Returning Officer, Abohar, the RTI application had been transferred to them vide letter dated 16.01.2019 and the reply was sent to the appellant.

The appellant was absent and vide email sought adjournment. The PIO-DDPO-cum-Returning Officer, Abohar was impleaded in the case and directed to provide the information to the appellant.

The case was last heard on 19.12.2019. Both the parties were absent. The appellant vide email informed that the PIO has not provided the information. The PIO-DDPO-cum-Returning Officer, Abohar was given one last opportunity to provide the information and be present on the next date of hearing.

Hearing dated 13.01.2020:

The respondent present pleaded that since as per order of the Deputy Commissioner, the record stands sealed and it can only be opened with the order of the Court or the State Election Commission, Punjab.

The PIO-State Election Commission, Punjab is impleaded in the case and directed to take note of the Deputy Commissioner, Fazilka and file a suitable reply to the Commission. A Copy of reply/note of DC, Fazilka is enclosed with the order for State Election Commission.

To come up for further hearing on **25.03.2020 at 11.00 AM** through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, **Fazilka**. Copy of order be sent to both the parties through **registered post**. **PIO-State** Election Commission to appear at Chandigarh.

Sd/-

Chandigarh
Dated:13.01.2020

(Khushwant Singh)
State Information Commissioner

CC to :1. PIO-State Election Commission,Punjab
SCO-49,Sector 17-E, Chandigarh.

2. ADC(Development) Fazilka



Sh Prem Singh,
VPO Amarpura (Bahab Wala),
Tehsil Abohar, Distt Fazilka

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o SDM, Abohar,
Distt Fazilka.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o SDM, Abohar,
Distt Fazilka.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 2125 of 2019

PRESENT: Sh.PremSingh as the Appellant
Sh.Ram Rattan, Superintendent for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant through RTI application dated 22.02.2019 has sought information regarding list of notified public services to be rendered by SDM office Abohar, the person responsible for providing the notified public services, action taken against tehsildar for not providing demarcation and other information concerning the office of SDM Abohar. The appellant was not provided the information after which the appellant filed a first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 02.04.2019 which took no decision on the appeal.

The case was last heard on 30.10.2019. Since both the parties were absent, in the interest of justice, one more opportunity was granted and the case was adjourned.

Hearing dated 13.01.2020:

The case has come up for hearing through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Fazilka. The respondent present pleaded that the information has been provided to the appellant. The appellant has received the information and is satisfied.

Since the information has been provided, no further course of action is required. The case is **disposed off and closed.**

Chandigarh
Dated 13.01.2020

Sd/-
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VPO Amarpura (Bahab Wala),
Tehsil Abohar, Distt Fazilka
Versus
Public Information Officer,
O/o BDPO, Abohar,
Distt Fazilka.

... Appellant

First Appellate Authority,
O/o BDPO, Abohar,
Distt Fazilka.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 2126 of 2019

PRESENT: Sh.Prem Singh as the Appellant
Sh.Raj Kumar for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant through RTI application dated 12.03.2019 has sought information regarding statement of account through which undisbursed amount of old age/widow/handicapped pension has been sent to SSSO Fazilka from 01.11.2008 to 31.12.2008 by Pabnchayat Secretary of village Amarpur through BDPO Abohar and other information concerning the office of BDPO Abohar. The appellant was not provided the information after which the appellant filed a first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 27.04.2019 which took no decision on the appeal.

The case was last heard on 30.10.2019. Since both the parties were absent, in the interest of justice, one more opportunity was granted and the case was adjourned.

Hearing dated 13.01.2020:

The case has come up for hearing through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Fazilka. The respondent present pleaded that the information has been provided to the appellant. The appellant has received the information and is satisfied.

Since the information has been provided, no further course of action is required. The case is **disposed off and closed.**

Chandigarh
Dated 13.01.2020

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(Khushwant Singh)
State Information Commissioner

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Sh. Akashdeep Singh, S/o sh Balvir Singh,
R/o Village Khubban, Teshil Abohar,
Distt Fazilka.

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o SSP,
Fazilka.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o IGP, Ferozpur Range,
Ferozpur.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 2259 of 2019

PRESENT: None for the Appellant
Sh.Kuldeep Singh for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant through RTI application dated 06.04.2019 has sought information regarding copy of complaint filed against the appellant by Baldev Kaur w/o Balveer Singh on 16.01.2019 alongwith statement of witnesses and other information concerning the office of SSP Fazilka. The appellant was not provided the information after which the appellant filed a first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 09.05.2019 which took no decision on the appeal.

The case was last heard on 04.11.2019. The respondent present pleaded that the information has been sent to the appellant vide letter dated 22.10.2019 and a copy of the same is submitted to the Commission. The appellant was absent. The appellant was directed to point out the discrepancies, if any and send his observations to the PIO. The PIO was directed to remove the same.

Hearing dated 13.01.2020:

The case has come up for hearing through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Fazilka. The respondent present pleaded that the information has been supplied to the appellant. The respondent further stated that the appellant has informed telephonically that he has received the information and does not want to pursue the case further.

Keeping the statement of the respondent present from the office of SSP Fazilka, I see no further course of action and **dispose off the case.**

Chandigarh
Dated 13.01.2020

Sd/-
(Khushwant Singh)
State Information Commissioner

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Malout Road, Opposite Gandhi Petrol Pump,
Abohar, Distt Fazilka.

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o SSP,
Fazilka.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o IGP, Ferozpur Range,
Ferozpur.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 2353 of 2019

PRESENT: None for the Appellant
Sh.Kuldeep Singh for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant through RTI application dated 27.03.2019 has sought information regarding action taken on the complaint dated 11.07.2015 filed against Nawab Singh s/o Nek Ram for issuing fake ID proof in different names at Bhatinda address and other information concerning the office of SSP Fazilka. The appellant was not provided the information after which the appellant filed a first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 09.05.2019 which took no decision on the appeal.

The case was last heard on 04.11.2019. The respondent present pleaded that the appellant had sought action taken report on his complaint dated 11.07.2015. However, as per report of SHO Police Station City-1 Abohar, the said complaint was not found in their record. The respondent also stated that the appellant might have given wrong information and hence the appellant be asked to provide exact complaint number. The appellant was absent.

The appellant was directed to clarify the exact complaint number to the PIO so as to enable them to provide the information.

Hearing dated 13.01.2020:

The case has come up for hearing through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Fazilka. The respondent present pleaded that the information has been supplied to the appellant. The respondent further stated that the appellant has informed telephonically that he has received the information and does not want to pursue the case further. The respondent has also sent acknowledgement of the appellant through whatsapp having received the information.

Since the information has been provided, no further course of action is required. The case is **disposed off and closed.**

Chandigarh
Dated 13.01.2020

Sd/-
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VPO Amar Pura, Tehsil Abohar,
Distt Fazilka.

... Appellant

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Public Information Officer,
O/o SDM-cum-RO,
Abohar, Distt Fazilka.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o SDM-cum-RO,
Abohar, Distt Fazilka.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 1641 of 2019

PRESENT: Sh.Prem Singh as the Appellant
Sh.Ram Rattan, Superintendent for the Respondent

ORDER: The appellant through RTI application dated 30.01.2019 has sought information regarding copy of voter list and ballot paper receipt of Mrs.Poonam Rani voter ID NO>FDR1549765 ward No.02 part No.114 and other information concerning the office of SDM-cum-RO Abohar. The appellant was not provided the information after which the appellant filed first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 13.03.2019 which took no decision on the appeal.

The case was last heard on 14.11.2019. The respondent present pleaded that since the information relates to returning officer of concerned block, the RTI application was transferred to Sh.Lal Chand, Manager Punjab Agro Abohar-cum-Returning Officer, village Amarpura. The concerned returning officer sent his reply vide letter dated 25.02.2019 stating that since the voters record being personal information of the voter, is kept secret, the information cannot be provided. The reply was sent to the appellant vide letter dated 26.02.2019 and again on 16.09.2019. The appellant was absent. The case was adjourned.

Hearing dated 13.01.2020:

The case has come up for hearing through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Fazilka. The respondent pleaded that the voter record being personal information of the voter, the information cannot be provided. The respondent further informed that the record can only be opened with the permission of the Court or State Election Commission, Punjab.

The appellant contended that he has not sought information of the voters list and ballot paper but merely asking the marked copy of the voters list and ballot papers which are no way infringements on the privacy of any individual.

The PIO-State Election Commission, Punjab is impleaded in the case and directed to send a suitable reply on the matter.

The case is adjourned. To come up for further hearing on **25.03.2020 at 11.00 AM** through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, **Fazilka**. Copy of order be sent to both the parties through **registered post. PIO-State**. Election Commission to appear at Chandigarh.

Chandigarh
Dated:13.01.2020

Sd/-
(Khushwant Singh)
State Information Commissioner

CC to : PIO-State Election Commission,Punjab
SCO-49,Sector 17-E, Chandigarh.