



Sandeep Singh S/o Sh. Surinder Pal,  
V. P. O.- Malli,  
Tehsil - Garhshankar (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Block Development  
and Panchayat Officer,  
Mahilpur, Distt. - Hoshiarpur (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o The District Development  
and Panchayat Officer,  
Hoshiarpur(Punjab)

...Respondents

### Appeal Case No. 5750 of 2021

Present : Sh. Sandeep Singh, the appellant in person.  
i) Sh. Dharampal, B.D.P.O., in person ;  
ii) Sh. Jarnail Singh, Panchayat Secretary, on behalf of the respondent.

#### ORDER

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

The above-mentioned appeal case was earlier fixed for hearing on 17.02.2022 before the Commission. Hon'ble Chief Information Commissioner vide Office Order dated 21.01.2022, has re-allocated the case to the Bench of the undersigned for further hearing/hearings. Accordingly, the case is fixed for hearing for today i. e. 16.05.2022.

After examining the case-file, it is found that the notice of hearing in this case has been sent, inadvertently, in the name of appellant 'Sandeep Kumar Maluja S/o Sh. Om Parkash, Street No. 02, Near SHani Dev Mandir, Patel Nagar, MALOUT, Distt. – SriMuktsar Sahib' instead of 'Sandeep Singh S/o Sh. Surinder Pal, V. P. O.- Malli, Tehsil – Garhshankar', hence, it may be read as 'Sandeep Singh S/o Sh. Surinder Pal, V. P. O.- Malli, Tehsil – Garhshankar'.

Sh. Dharampal, Block Development and Panchayat Officer, who appeared in person with Sh. Jarnail Singh, Panchayat Secretary, in today's hearing, states that a point-wise reply has already been supplied to the appellant vide letter dated 26.08.2021 and a reply has also been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 318 dated 07.02.2022, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 3153 dated 14.02.2022. It, alongwith annexure is taken on record.

The appellant, Sh. Sandeep Singh, could not make himself audible to intimate the status of the instant appeal-case during the proceedings of the case.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether he received the information or not and also to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied to him, in writing, to the respondent PIO well in time so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned and also send a copy of the same to the Commission.

Another opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to supply the information, after removing the deficiencies, which would be pointed out by the appellant, to him by registered post before the next date of hearing with a copy to the Commission.

The case is adjourned to 14<sup>th</sup> September 2022 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

(Sanjiv Garg)

State Information Commissioner  
Punjab

Date 16<sup>th</sup> May, 2022

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First Appellate Authority,  
O/o The District Development  
and Panchayat Officer,  
SriMuktsar Sahib (Punjab)

...Respondents

**Appeal Case No. 5746 of 2021**

Present : Sh. Sandeep Kumar Maluja, the appellant in person.  
None on behalf of the respondent.

**ORDER**

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

The above-mentioned appeal case was earlier fixed for hearing on 17.02.2022 before the Commission. Hon'ble Chief Information Commissioner vide Office Order dated 21.01.2022, has re-allocated the case to the Bench of the undersigned for further hearing/hearings. Accordingly, the case is fixed for hearing for today i. e. 16.05.2022.

The RTI request is dated 23.06.2021. First appeal is dated 03.09.2021. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 15.12.2021.

The appellant, Sandeep Kumar Maluja, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that no information has been given to him by the respondent PIO till date

It is observed that one of the employee of Block Malout was present and he intimated that the concerned Superintendent has gone to next room.

As Neither the respondent PIO himself is present in today's hearing nor the requisite information has been supplied by the respondent PIO to the information seeker even after even after a period of nine months. The Commission took a serious view of this casual approach of the respondent PIO.

In view of the above, a show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act is issued to Public Information Officer concerned of office of Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Malout, as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay/denial in supplying the information to the RTI applicant under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

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 through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings', it will be presumed that he has nothing to say and the Commission shall proceed to take further proceedings against him ex-parte. A copy of this order be sent to him through registered post.

Last opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant as per queries raised by him through RTI request, through registered post with a copy to the Commission by the next date of hearing

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information or not. He is also advised to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied to him, in writing, to the respondent PIO so that the same could be removed.

The case is adjourned to 14<sup>th</sup> September 2022 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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First Appellate Authority,  
O/o The District Development  
and Panchayat Officer,  
SriMuktsar Sahib (Punjab)

...Respondents

**Appeal Case No. 5745 of 2021**

Present : Sh. Sandeep Kumar Maluja, the appellant in person.  
None on behalf of the respondent.

**ORDER**

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

The above-mentioned appeal case was earlier fixed for hearing on 17.02.2022 before the Commission. Hon'ble Chief Information Commissioner vide Office Order dated 21.01.2022, has re-allocated the case to the Bench of the undersigned for further hearing/hearings. Accordingly, the case is fixed for hearing for today i. e. 16.05.2022.

The RTI request is dated 16.07.2021. First appeal is dated 03.09.2021. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 15.12.2021.

The appellant, Sandeep Kumar Maluja, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that no information has been given to him by the respondent PIO till date

It is observed that one of the employee of Block Malout was present and he intimated that the concerned Superintendent has gone to next room.

As Neither the respondent PIO himself is present in today's hearing nor the requisite information has been supplied by the respondent PIO to the information seeker even after even after a period of nine months. The Commission took a serious view of this casual approach of the respondent PIO.

In view of the above, a show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act is issued to Public Information Officer concerned of office of Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Malout, as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay/denial in supplying the information to the RTI applicant under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

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 through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings', it will be presumed that he has nothing to say and the Commission shall proceed to take further proceedings against him ex-parte. A copy of this order be sent to him through registered post.

Last opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant as per queries raised by him through RTI request, through registered post with a copy to the Commission by the next date of hearing

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information or not. He is also advised to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied to him, in writing, to the respondent PIO so that the same could be removed.

The case is adjourned to 14<sup>th</sup> September 2022 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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Vikas Bhawan, Sector 62,  
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O/o The Director,  
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...Respondents

### Appeal Case No. 5744 of 2021

Present : Sh. Sandeep Kumar Maluja, the appellant in person.  
Sh. Gurnam Singh, Senior Assistant, on behalf of the respondent.

#### ORDER

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

The above-mentioned appeal case was earlier fixed for hearing on 17.02.2022 before the Commission. Hon'ble Chief Information Commissioner vide Office Order dated 21.01.2022, has re-allocated the case to the Bench of the undersigned for further hearing/hearings. Accordingly, the case is fixed for hearing for today i. e. 16.05.2022.

The RTI request is dated 25.01.2021. First appeal is dated 10.03.2021. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 15.12.2021.

The appellant, Sh. Sandeep Kumar Maluja, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that incomplete information has been given to him by the respondent PIO till date

Sh. Gurnam Singh, Senior Assistant, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing in the office of the Commission, states that the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant vide letter no. 1462 dated 17.05.2021 through registered post and a reply has also been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 103 dated 18.01.2022, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 1599 dated 25.01.2022. It, alongwith annexure, is taken on record.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied to him, in writing, to the respondent PIO well in time so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned and also send a copy of the same to the Commission.

Another opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to supply the information, after removing the deficiencies, which would be pointed out by the appellant, to him by registered post before the next date of hearing with a copy to the Commission.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether he received complete information or not.

The case is adjourned to 14<sup>th</sup> September 2022 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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First Appellate Authority,  
O/o The District Development  
and Panchayat Officer,  
SriMuktsar Sahib (Punjab)

...Respondents

**Appeal Case No. 5740 of 2021**

Present : Sh. Sandeep Kumar Maluja, the appellant in person.  
None on behalf of the respondent.

**ORDER**

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

The above-mentioned appeal case was earlier fixed for hearing on 17.02.2022 before the Commission. Hon'ble Chief Information Commissioner vide Office Order dated 21.01.2022, has re-allocated the case to the Bench of the undersigned for further hearing/hearings. Accordingly, the case is fixed for hearing for today i. e. 16.05.2022.

The RTI request is dated 12.04.2021. First appeal is dated 22.07.2021. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 15.12.2021.

The appellant, Sandeep Kumar Maluja, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that no information has been given to him by the respondent PIO till date

It is observed that one of the employee of Block Malout was present and he intimated that the concerned Superintendent has gone to next room.

As Neither the respondent PIO himself is present in today's hearing nor the requisite information has been supplied by the respondent PIO to the information seeker even after even after a period of nine months. The Commission took a serious view of this casual approach of the respondent PIO.

In view of the above, a show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act is issued to Public Information Officer concerned of office of Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Malout, as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay/denial in supplying the information to the RTI applicant under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

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 through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings', it will be presumed that he has nothing to say and the Commission shall proceed to take further proceedings against him ex-parte. A copy of this order be sent to him through registered post.

Last opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant as per queries raised by him through RTI request, through registered post with a copy to the Commission by the next date of hearing

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information or not. He is also advised to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied to him, in writing, to the respondent PIO so that the same could be removed.

The case is **adjourned to 14<sup>th</sup> September 2022 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.**

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First Appellate Authority,  
O/o The District Development  
and Panchayat Officer,  
SriMuktsar Sahib (Punjab)

...Respondents

**Appeal Case No. 5739 of 2021**

Present : Sh. Sandeep Kumar Maluja, the appellant in person.  
None on behalf of the respondent.

**ORDER**

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

The above-mentioned appeal case was earlier fixed for hearing on 17.02.2022 before the Commission. Hon'ble Chief Information Commissioner vide Office Order dated 21.01.2022, has re-allocated the case to the Bench of the undersigned for further hearing/hearings. Accordingly, the case is fixed for hearing for today i. e. 16.05.2022.

The RTI request is dated 12.04.2021. First appeal is dated 22.07.2021. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 15.12.2021.

The appellant, Sandeep Kumar Maluja, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that no information has been given to him by the respondent PIO till date

It is observed that one of the employee of Block Malout was present and he intimated that the concerned Superintendent has gone to next room.

As Neither the respondent PIO himself is present in today's hearing nor the requisite information has been supplied by the respondent PIO to the information seeker even after even after a period of nine months. The Commission took a serious view of this casual approach of the respondent PIO.

In view of the above, a show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act is issued to Public Information Officer concerned of office of Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Malout, as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay/denial in supplying the information to the RTI applicant under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

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 through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings', it will be presumed that he has nothing to say and the Commission shall proceed to take further proceedings against him ex-parte. A copy of this order be sent to him through registered post.

**Appeal Case No. 5739 of 2021**

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Last opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant as per queries raised by him through RTI request, through registered post with a copy to the Commission by the next date of hearing

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information or not. He is also advised to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied to him, in writing, to the respondent PIO so that the same could be removed.

The case is adjourned to 14<sup>th</sup> September 2022 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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....Appellant

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Malout, Distt. – SriMuktsar Sahib (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o The District Development  
and Panchayat Officer,  
SriMuktsar Sahib (Punjab)

...Respondents

**Appeal Case No. 5731 of 2021**

Present : Sh. Sandeep Kumar Maluja, the appellant in person.  
None on behalf of the respondent.

**ORDER**

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

The above-mentioned appeal case was earlier fixed for hearing on 17.02.2022 before the Commission. Hon'ble Chief Information Commissioner vide Office Order dated 21.01.2022, has re-allocated the case to the Bench of the undersigned for further hearing/hearings. Accordingly, the case is fixed for hearing for today i. e. 16.05.2022.

The RTI request is dated 16.07.2021. First appeal is dated 03.09.2021. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 15.12.2021.

The appellant, Sandeep Kumar Maluja, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that no information has been given to him by the respondent PIO till date

It is observed that one of the employee of Block Malout was present and he intimated that the concerned Superintendent has gone to next room.

As Neither the respondent PIO himself is present in today's hearing nor the requisite information has been supplied by the respondent PIO to the information seeker even after even after a period of nine months. The Commission took a serious view of this casual approach of the respondent PIO.

In view of the above, a show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act is issued to Public Information Officer concerned of office of Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Malout, as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay/denial in supplying the information to the RTI applicant under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

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 through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings', it will be presumed that he has nothing to say and the Commission shall proceed to take further proceedings against him ex-parte. A copy of this order be sent to him through registered post.

Last opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant as per queries raised by him through RTI request, through registered post with a copy to the Commission by the next date of hearing

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information or not. He is also advised to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied to him, in writing, to the respondent PIO so that the same could be removed.

The case is adjourned to 14<sup>th</sup> September 2022 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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S/o Sh. Surjan Singh,  
Village – Tong,  
P. O. – Rayyia,  
Tehsil – Baba Bakala Sahib,  
Distt. - Amritsar(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

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O/o The Block Development  
and Panchayat Officer,  
Rayyia, Tehsil – Baba Bakala Sahib,  
Distt. - Amritsar (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o The Director,  
Rural Development and Panchayats, Punjab,  
Vikas Bhawan, Sector 62,  
S.A.S. Nagar(Mohali) (Punjab)

...Respondents

**Appeal Case No. 5711 of 2021**

Present : Sh. Ranjit Singh, the appellant in person.  
Sh. Pardeep Kumar. Panchayat Secretary, Block Rayyia, for the respondent.

**ORDER**

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

The above-mentioned appeal case was earlier fixed for hearing on 17.02.2022 before the Commission. Hon'ble Chief Information Commissioner vide Office Order dated 21.01.2022, has re-allocated the case to the Bench of the undersigned for further hearing/hearings. Accordingly, the case is fixed for hearing for today i. e. 16.05.2022.

The RTI request is dated 19.08.2021. First appeal is dated 14.09.2021. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 14.12.2021.

Sh. Pardeep Kumar, Panchayat Secretary, Block Rayyia, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant and the deficiencies pointed by the appellant has also been removed. He also intimates that a copy of a reply has also been sent to the Commission through an e-mail. It is taken on record.

The appellant, Sh. Ranjit Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that incomplete information has been given to him by the respondent PIO and through a letter dated 07.05.2022, he has pointed out deficiencies in the supplied information and a copy of the same has also been sent to the Commission through an e-mail dated 15.05.2022. It is taken on record.

Nevertheless, the appellant is advised to visit the office of the respondent PIO to inspect the relevant official record on 17.05.2022 at 11:00 A. M. to identify and collect the remaining information.

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The respondent PIO concerned is directed to facilitate the appellant to inspect the relevant official record during his visit to the office on 17.05.2022 at 11:00 A. M. and to supply the remaining information to the appellant (which would be identified by him after inspection) with a copy to the Commission.

Sh. Pardeep Kumar, Panchayat Secretary, would remain present during the inspection of the relevant official record.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information, which would be supplied to him by the respondent PIO after inspection, or not.

Both the parties mutually agreed to it during the hearing today.

The case is adjourned to 14<sup>th</sup> September 2022 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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Badhni Kalan,  
Distt. - Moga(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Commandant,  
75<sup>th</sup> Battalion,  
Punjab Armed Police PAP,  
Jalandhar Cantt. (Punjab)

Encl:RTI request

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o The Inspector General of Police,,  
Punjab Armed Police PAP-2,  
Jalandhar Cantt. (Punjab)

...Respondents

### Appeal Case No. 5675 of 2021

Present : Ms. TarmeJ Kaur, the appellant in person.  
None on behalf of the respondent.

#### ORDER

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

The above-mentioned appeal case was earlier fixed for hearing on 17.02.2022 before the Commission. Hon'ble Chief Information Commissioner vide Office Order dated 21.01.2022, has re-allocated the case to the Bench of the undersigned for further hearing/hearings. Accordingly, the case is fixed for hearing for today i. e. 16.05.2022.

The RTI request is dated 08.03.2021. First appeal is dated 09.09.2021. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 14.12.2021.

The appellant, Ms. TarmeJ Kaur, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that no information has been given to her by the respondent PIO till date.

Neither the respondent PIO nor any of his representative is present in today's hearing. He has also not sent any intimation regarding his non-availability. Moreover, the requisite information has not been supplied by the respondent PIO to the information seeker even after a period of seven months. The Commission took a serious view of this casual approach of the respondent PIO.

In view of the above, a show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act is issued to Public Information Officer concerned of office of Commandant, 75<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Punjab Armed Police PAP, Jalandhar as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay/denial in supplying the information to the RTI applicant and why the compensation be not awarded to the information-seeker under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

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 in the office of State Information Commission, Punjab, Chandigarh, it will be presumed that he has nothing to say and the Commission shall proceed to take further proceedings against him ex-parte. A copy of this order be sent to him through registered post.

Last opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant as per queries raised by him through RTI request, through registered post or e-mail with a copy to the Commission by the next date of hearing

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information or not. He is also advised to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied to him, in writing, to the respondent PIO so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned.

Both the parties i. e. the appellant and the respondent PIO are directed to represent this case in person or through their representative alongwith the information (already/would be supplied in the instant appeal-case) during the proceedings of the instant appeal-case on the next date of hearing fixed before the bench of the undersigned in the office of State Information Commission, Punjab so that facts of this case could be cleared or the case would be decided on merits.

The case is adjourned to 3<sup>rd</sup> August, 2022 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing in Court Room office of State Information Commission, Punjab, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

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Encl:RTI request

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and Panchayat Officer,  
Nurmahal,  
Distt. - Jalandhar(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o The District Development  
and Panchayat Officer,  
Jalandhar (Punjab)

...Respondents

### Appeal Case No. 5674 of 2021

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.  
None on behalf of the respondent.

#### ORDER

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

The above-mentioned appeal case was earlier fixed for hearing on 17.02.2022 before the Commission. Hon'ble Chief Information Commissioner vide Office Order dated 21.01.2022, has re-allocated the case to the Bench of the undersigned for further hearing/hearings. Accordingly, the case is fixed for hearing for today i. e. 16.05.2022.

The RTI request is dated 11.05.2021. First appeal is dated 16.07.2021. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 14.12.2021.

Neither the appellant, Sh. Ashok Lal, nor the respondent is present in today's hearing. They have also not sent any intimation regarding their non-availability

An opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to send a copy of the information (if was/would be supplied to the appellant) to the Commission.

An opportunity is given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information or not. He is also advised to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied to him, in writing, to the respondent PIO so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned.

Nevertheless, another opportunity is also given to both the parties to represent this case in person or through their representative on the next date fixed through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings' or the case would be decided on merits.

The case is adjourned to 14<sup>th</sup> September 2022 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date 16<sup>th</sup> May, 2022

(Sanjiv Garg)  
State Information Commissioner  
Punjab

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Ravi Kumar S/o Sh. Avtar Chand,  
V.P.O. – Pasla, Patti Chokkran,  
Tehsil – Phillaur, Distt. - Jalandhar(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Block Development  
and Panchayat Officer,  
Rurka Kalan,  
Distt. - Jalandhar(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o The District Development  
and Panchayat Officer,  
Jalandhar (Punjab)

...Respondents

### Appeal Case No. 5673 of 2021

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.  
Sh. Surjit Singh, Samiti Patwari, on behalf of the respondent.

#### ORDER

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

The above-mentioned appeal case was earlier fixed for hearing on 17.02.2022 before the Commission. Hon'ble Chief Information Commissioner vide Office Order dated 21.01.2022, has re-allocated the case to the Bench of the undersigned for further hearing/hearings. Accordingly, the case is fixed for hearing for today i. e. 16.05.2022.

The RTI request is dated 13.08.2021. First appeal is dated 27.09.2021. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 14.12.2021.

Sh. Surjit Singh, Samiti Patwari, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant vide letter no. 1514 dated 11.01.2022 and a reply has also been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 86 dated 12.01.2022, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 950 dated 17.01.2022. It, alongwith copy of supplied information, is taken on record.

The appellant, Sh. Ravi Kumar, is not present in today's hearing.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied to him, in writing, to the respondent PIO well in time so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned and also send a copy of the same to the Commission.

Another opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to supply the information, after removing the deficiencies, which would be pointed out by the appellant, to him by registered post before the next date of hearing with a copy to the Commission.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether he received the complete information or it would be assumed that the appellant has received the required information and is satisfied with the same and the case would be decided on merits

The case is adjourned to 14<sup>th</sup> September 2022 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date 16<sup>th</sup> May, 2022

(Sanjiv Garg)  
State Information Commissioner  
Punjab

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**Gurbagh Singh**  
S/o Sh. Mohinder Singh,  
V. P. O. – Jindwari,  
Tehsil – Nangal,  
Distt. – Roopnagar - 140133(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Executive Engineer,  
Punjab Water Supply And Sanitation,  
SriAnandpur Sahib (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o The Superintending Engineer,  
Punjab Water Supply and Sanitation Deptt.,  
Chandigarh

...Respondents

### **Appeal Case No. 3897 of 2021**

Present : Sh. Gurbagh Singh, the appellant in person with Sh. Jagdeep Singh Minhas, Advocate.  
Sh. Harjit Pal Singh, Executive Engineer , in person.

#### **ORDER**

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

The RTI request is dated 18.05.2021. First appeal is dated 19.07.2021. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 31.08.2021.

On the last date of hearing, held on 07.02.2022 ;

- i) Sh. Ranjit Singh Dayal, Advocate (representative of the appellant) stated that through RTI request, the appellant demanded copy of complaints submitted to office of Deputy Commissioner by local residents against the appellant (Sh. Gurbagh Singh) and newspaper cuttings and documents, on the bases of which Sh. Gurbagh Singh was terminated.
- ii) Sh. Harjit Pal Singh, Executive Engineer, stated that number of verbal complaints were received against Sh. Gurbhag Singh from Deputy Commissioner's Office and local residents.
- iii) Another opportunity was given to the respondent-PIO concerned to send the certified copies of the required information or send a detailed reply to the queries raised by the appellant through RTI request alongwith supporting documents i. e. complaints submitted to office of Deputy Commissioner by local residents, Newspaper cuttings and order passed/documents, on the bases of which Sh. Gurbagh Singh was terminated to the appellant as well as to the Commission.
- iv) An opportunity was given to the appellant to confirm whether he received the information/reply and also to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied to him, in writing, to the respondent PIO well in time so that the same could be removed by respondent concerned.

Sh. Gurbagh Singh, the appellant, who appeared in person with Sh. Jagdeep Singh Minhas, Advocate, in today's hearing, states that incomplete information has been given to him by the respondent PIO and through a letter dated 13.05.2022, he has pointed out deficiencies in the supplied information and a copy of the same has also been sent to the Commission through an e-mail. It is taken on record.

Sh. Harjit Pal Singh, Executive Engineer, who appeared in person, in today's hearing, states that available information as per official-record has already been supplied to the appellant and the appellant is demanding demanded copy of complaints, verbally submitted to office of Deputy Commissioner by local residents against the appellant (Sh. Gurbagh Singh), on the bases of which Sh. Gurbagh Singh was terminated. He also intimates the Commission that a reply dated 16.03.2022 as declaration has also been sent to the Commission, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 5620 dated 17.03.2022. It is taken on record.

Nevertheless, both the parties i. e. the appellant and the respondent PIO are directed to represent this case in person or through their representative alongwith the information (already supplied in the instant appeal-case) during the proceedings of the instant appeal-case on the next date of hearing fixed before the bench of the undersigned in the office of State Information Commission, Punjab so that facts of this case could be cleared or the case would be decided on merits.

The case is adjourned to 25<sup>th</sup> May, 2022 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing in Court Room office of State Information Commission, Punjab, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date 16<sup>th</sup> May, 2022

(Sanjiv Garg)  
State Information Commissioner  
Punjab

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Nasib Singh S/o Sh. Behal Singh,  
Village – Tuttwala, Tehsil – Abohar,  
Distt. – Fazilka (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Executive Engineer,  
Punjab Water Supply And Sanitation,  
Abohar, Distt. - Fazilka (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o The Superintending Engineer,  
Punjab Water Supply and Sanitation Circle,  
SriMuktsar Sahib(Punjab)

...Respondents

**Appeal Case No. 3673 of 2021**

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.  
None on behalf of the respondent.

**ORDER**

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.  
The RTI request is dated 15.04.2021. First appeal is dated 22.06.2021. Second  
appeal has been received in the Commission on 16.08.2021.

On the last date of hearing, held on 07.02.2022 ;

- i) Sh. Kuldip Kumar, Clerk, stated that the requisite information was supplied to the appellant vide letter no. 17 dated 03.01.2022 through registered post.
- ii) The appellant stated that he pointed out certain deficiencies in the supplied information through a letter dated 27.01.2022.
- iii) Sh. Kuldip Kumar, Clerk, stated that letter dated 27.01.2022 was not received in office.
- iv) An opportunity was given to the appellant to send the letter dated 27.01.2022 again to the respondent PIO so that the deficiencies could be removed by the respondent concerned. Another opportunity was given to the respondent PIO concerned to supply the information, after removing the deficiencies, which would be pointed out by the appellant, to him by registered post with a copy to the Commission.

Neither the appellant, Sh. Nasib Singh, nor the respondent is present in today's hearing. They have also not sent any intimation regarding their non-availability.

Moreover, the appellant has not sent any intimation whether he sent the letter dated 27.01.2022 to the respondent PIO (through which he pointed out certain deficiencies) or not.

The respondent PIO has also not intimated about the fact whether the letter dated 27.01.2022 of the appellant (through which he pointed out certain deficiencies) has been received in the their office or not. If received, information has been supplied or not.

Nevertheless, last and final opportunity is given to both the parties to represent this case in person or through their representative on the next date fixed through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings' to intimate the status of the instant appeal-case or the case would be decided on merits.

The case is adjourned to 14<sup>th</sup> September 2022 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date 16<sup>th</sup> May, 2022

(Sanjiv Garg)  
State Information Commissioner  
Punjab



Baljeet Singh,  
64 - H, B. R. S. Nagar,  
Ludhiana - 141012(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Commissioner of Police,  
Ludhiana (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o The Commissioner of Police,  
Ludhiana (Punjab)

...Respondents

### Appeal Case No. 4269 of 2021

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.  
Sh. Ramesh Kumar, A. S. I., on behalf of the respondent.

#### ORDER

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

The hearing in the instant case, which was fixed to be heard on 21.02.2022, could not held due to technical fault in connection of network and the case was adjourned for today i. e. 16.05.2022.

The RTI request is dated 30.04.2021. First appeal is dated 24.07.2021. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 21.09.2021.

Sh. Ramesh Kumar, A. S. I., who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that the requisite information(after collecting the report from Thana Sarabha Nagar) has already been supplied to the appellant vide letter no. 114 – D dated 21.02.2022 and a reply has also been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 114 dated 21.02.2022 through an e-mail. It, alongwith a copy of supplied information, is taken on record.

The appellant, Sh. Baljeet Singh, is not present in today's hearing.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information or not and also to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied to him, in writing, to the respondent PIO well in time so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned and also send a copy of the same to the Commission.

Another opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to supply the information, after removing the deficiencies, which would be pointed out by the appellant, to him by registered post before the next date of hearing with a copy to the Commission.

The case is adjourned to 14<sup>th</sup> September 2022 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date 16<sup>th</sup> May, 2022

(Sanjiv Garg)  
State Information Commissioner  
Punjab



P. C. Sharma, Advocate,  
378, M M Malviya Road,  
Amritsar (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Asstt. Taxation Commissioner,  
(State Tax), AETC – 1 Court Road,  
Amritsar (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o The Deputy Commissioner,  
(State Tax), Amritsar (Punjab)

...Respondents

### Appeal Case No. 4277 of 2021

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.  
Ms. Navreet Kaur, Excise and Taxation Officer, on behalf of the respondent.

#### ORDER

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

The hearing in the instant case, which was fixed to be heard on 21.02.2022, could not held due to technical fault in connection of network and the case was adjourned for today i. e. 16.05.2022.

The RTI request is dated 10.03.2021. First appeal is dated 15.04.2021. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 21.09.2021.

Ms. Navreet Kaur, Excise and Taxation Officer, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that the requisite information, after collecting the report from 'Nazarat Branch' has already been supplied to the appellant vide letter no. 71 dated 26.04.2022 and a reply has also been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 70 dated 26.04.2022, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 8973 dated 29.04.2022. It, alongwith annexure (report of 'Nazarat Branch'), is taken on record.

The appellant, Sh. P. C. Sharma, Advocate, is not present in today's hearing,

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied to him, in writing, to the respondent PIO well in time so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned and also send a copy of the same to the Commission.

Another opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to supply the information, after removing the deficiencies, which would be pointed out by the appellant, to him by registered post before the next date of hearing with a copy to the Commission.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether he received the complete information or it would be assumed that the appellant has received the required information and is satisfied with the same and the case would be decided on merits.

The case is adjourned to 14<sup>th</sup> September 2022 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date 16<sup>th</sup> May, 2022

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State Information Commissioner  
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