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Sh. Sukhdev Singh Pandher S/o Sh. Gurbachan Singh,  
R/o Village Chahal, (98157-62270)  
Block Nabha, District Patiala.

.....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,  
O/o Block Development & Panchayat Officer,  
Block Nabha,  
District Patiala.

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o District Development & Panchayat Officer,  
Mini Secretariat,  
District Patiala.

.....Respondents

**Appeal Case No. 2 of 2020**  
(Video Conference Proceeding)

Present:- Shri Sukhdev Singh, appellant.  
Shri Jagwant Singh, Panchayats Secretary, on behalf of the respondents.

## ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 28.02.2020 vide which Show Cause Notice for award of compensation was issued to Shri Ajaib Singh, Block Development and Panchayats Officer, Nabha was given. He was further directed to send his explanation to the Commission and may make use of next date of hearing for personal hearing before the next date of hearing.

2. Shri Jagwant Singh, PIO, states that information concerning points at Sr. No.1 and 2 has been supplied to the appellant to his satisfaction and queries concerning Sr. No.3 and 4 cannot not be answered as the appellant has raised questions. Information concerning point at Sr. No. 5, no resolution is available for opening a new account in Kotak Mohindra Bank, Bhadsan and a copy of instruction received from the Government for opening new accounts has been supplied to the appellant. .

3. The appellant confirms that he has received the information concerning points at Sr. No.1 and 2 and no reply has been received concerning remaining information.

4. After hearing both the parties and going through the record available on the case file, it is revealed that information concerning points at Sr. No.1 and 2 has been supplied to the appellant to his satisfaction. The respondents are directed to give in writing to the appellant with a copy to the Commission stating that no record is available except which has already been provided to the appellant before the next date of hearing. Shri Ajaib Singh, BDPO, Nabha is directed to send his explanation to the show cause notice issued to him on 28.02.2020 failing which action will be taken accordingly and SCN will be issued for imposition of penalty also..

5. To come up on 27.03.2020 at 3.00 P.M. to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Patiala.

Dated: 17.03.2020.

sd/-  
(Suresh Arora),  
Chief Information Commissioner,  
Punjab.

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Sh. Ram Karishan S/o Sh. Das Mal,  
R/o House No. 68, Ward No. 3,  
Marwaha Wali Gali, (98150-92472)  
Majitha, District Amritsar.

.....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,  
O/o Deputy Commissioner,  
Administrative Complex,  
District Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o Deputy Commissioner,  
Administrative Complex,  
Amritsar.

.....Respondents

## Appeal Cases No. 14, 15, 16 and 17 of 2020

(Video Conference Proceeding)

Present:- Shri N.S. Bhatti, Advocate, on behalf of the appellant.

Mr. Sarabjit Singh, Superintendent o/o Sub Divisional Magistrate, Ajnala  
alongwith Shri Dhian Chand, clerk, on behalf of the respondents.

### ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 28.02.2020 vide which the respondents stated that the matter is under inquiry and the next date is 09.03.2020. Hence, the information cannot be provided until the inquiry is complete.

2. Both the parties request for one more adjournment.

3. In view of the request of both the parties, the present case is adjourned to 07.04.2020.

4. To come up on 07.04.2020 at 3.00 P.M. to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the Deputy Commissioner, Amritsar.

Dated: 17.03.2020.

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Sh. Baldev Singh S/o Sh. Partap Singh,  
R/o Ujjagar Nagar, Opp. Sultanwind,  
New Amritsar, (78886-16242)  
Amritsar.

.....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,  
O/o Tehsildar,  
Amritsar -1,  
District –Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o Sub Divisional Magistrate,  
Administrative Complex,  
Amritsar.

.....Respondents

**Appeal Case No. 6 of 2020**  
(Video Conference Proceeding)

Present:- Shri Baldev Singh appellant.  
Shri Sukhwinder Singh, Clerk, on behalf of the respondents.

## ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 28.02.2020 vide which the respondents were directed to supply the information regarding point at Sr. No. 1 before the next date of hearing.

2. The appellant states that he has received information except point at Sr. No. 1 of his RTI application. The representative of the respondents hands over information concerning point at Sr. No. 1 to the appellant, during the hearing, to his satisfaction as per his application under the provisions of RTI Act, 2005. He further states that he does not want to pursue the matter and requests for closure of the case.

3. In view of the request of the appellant, the present case is disposed of and closed. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 17.03.2020.

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Sh. Vikram Singh,  
# 983-E, Benipal Colony,  
Machhiwara, Distt: Ludhiana-141115

.....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,  
O/o Tehsildar, Samrala,  
Distt: Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority  
O/o Sub Divisional Magistrate,  
Samrala, District- Ludhiana.

.....Respondents

**Appeal Case No. 3082 of 2019**  
(Through Video Conference Facility)

Present:- None on behalf of the appellant.

Shri Navdeep Singh, Tehsildar, Samrala on behalf of the respondents.

## ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 11.03.2020 vide which the respondents were directed to give a fresh affidavit specifically mentioning that no information is available in their record as sought by the appellant in his RTI application dated 13.05.2019.

2. The appellant is absent without intimation.

3. In compliance to the previous order dated 11.03.2020, the respondent-Tehsildar, Samrala states that a fresh affidavit has been handed over to the appellant to his satisfaction after taking his receipt.

4. After hearing the respondent-PIO and going through the record available on the case file, it is revealed that fresh affidavit had been given to the satisfaction of the appellant. Accordingly, the present case is disposed of and closed. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated : 17.03.2020

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Sh. Amin Chand  
S/o Sh. Tek Chand,  
R/o H.No.205, Ghumar Mandi,  
Ludhiana.

.....Appellant

**Vs**

Public Information Officer,  
O/o Tehsildar, Ludhaina (East).

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o Deputy Commissioner,  
Ludhaina.

.....Respondents.

**Appeal Case No. 3562 of 2019**  
(Video Conference Proceedings)

Present:- Shri Amin Chand appellant.

Shri Harminder Singh, Clerk, on behalf of the respondents.

## ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 05.02.2020 vide which last opportunity was afforded to the respondents to send point-wise reply to the appellant with a copy to the commission failing which punitive action would be initiated on the next date of hearing.

2. The appellant states that he has received information from the respondents to his satisfaction. He further states that for getting the names of legal heirs of Shri Tek Chand entered in the revenue record, the appellant has applied separately under the provisions of Revenue Act.

3. After hearing both the parties and going through the record available on the case file, it is revealed that action taken on the application of the appellant has already been given to him to his satisfaction. Accordingly, the present case is disposed of and closed. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated : 17.03.2020

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Mrs. Jarnail Kaur

w/o Shri Jagmail Kaur,

r/o Hargobind Nagar (Mini Chapar),

Tehsil and District Ludhiana.

.....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,

O/o Block Development & Panchayat Officer,

Pakhawal Block, District Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority

o/o Deputy Commissioner,

District Administrative Complex,

Ludhiana.

..... Respondents

## Appeal Case No. 4211 of 2019

(Video Conference Proceeding)

Present:- None on behalf of the complainant.

Shri Vipin, Block Development and Panchayats Officer, Pakhowal on behalf of the respondents.

### ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 26.02.2020 vide which the respondents were directed to attest the same and help the appellant to open the concerned site before the next date of hearing.

2. The appellant is absent but she has sent an e-mail stating that she has received the information after a lapse of 6 months and 9 days. She has further stated in the said e-mail that the case may be disposed of and she will be awarded compensation for loss and detriments suffered by her.

3. After hearing the respondent-BDPO and going through the record available on the case file, it is revealed that information-seeker remained absent on 11.12.2019, 08.01.2020, 28.01.2020, 26.02.2020 and today. It has been brought to the notice of the Commission that the information sought by the appellant was sent to the appellant on 08.01.2020 through registered post. As per the request of the appellant, the present case is disposed of and closed with the direction to the respondent-PIO to be careful in future while dealing with the applications received under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

sd/-

Dated: 17.03.2020.

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Sh. Tarsem Lal S/o Sh. Karam Chand,  
R/o House No.482, Street No. 5,  
Vishnu Nagar, Rahon Road,  
Ludhiana.

.....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,  
O/o Deputy Commissioner,  
Administrative Complex,  
Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o Commissioner,  
Patiala Division,  
Patiala.

.....Respondents

**Appeal Case No. 4635 of 2019**  
**(Video Conference Proceeding)**

Present:- Shri Tarsem Lal, appellant.  
Ms. Rajni Bala, Senior Assistant alongwith Shri Shri Ranjit Singh, NSK-1 o/o Sadar Kanugo, Ludhiana and Shri Gurmeet Singh, Senior Assistant o/o Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana on behalf of the respondents.

## ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 26.02.2020 vide which PIO/Tehsildar, Ludhiana (East) and Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana were directed to take appropriate action on the complaint and intimate the appellant about action taken before the next date of hearing.

2. The appellant states till date no information has been supplied to him by the respondents.

3. Ms. Rajni Bala, appearing on behalf of the PIO/Tehsildar, Ludhiana (East) states that the matter is under inquiry and information sought by the appellant will be supplied on its completion. Shri Gurmeet Singh, Senior Assistant states that they have received report from the office of the Civil Surgeon, Ludhiana which is handed over to the appellant during the hearing.

4. After hearing the representatives of the respondents and going through the record available on the case file, it is revealed that the matter is under inquiry and the information sought by the appellant will be supplied to him on its completion. Information regarding point at Sr. No.2 has been supplied to the appellant, who is advised to peruse the same and revert back to the authorities, in case of deficiencies, in the information, so supplied to him.

5 To come up on 01.04.2020 at 3.00 P.M. to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana.

Dated: 17.03.2020.

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Sh. Jasveer Singh S/o Sh. Joginder Singh,  
R/o Village –Megha Panjgrain Hithar,  
Panje ke Uttar, (97815-99959)  
Tehsil –Guruharsahai,  
District –Ferozepur.

.....Appellant

Vs

Shri Sarabjit Singh Brar (M.No.70090-19161,  
PIO/Block Development and Panchayats Officer,  
Guru Har Sahai, District Ferozepur.

Public Information Officer,  
O/o Director,  
Rural Development & Panchayat Department,  
Vikas Bhawan, Sector- 62,  
SAS Nagar.

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o Director, Rural Development & Panchayat Department,  
Vikas Bhawan, Sector- 62,  
SAS Nagar.

.....Respondents

## **Appeal Case No. 9 of 2020** (Video Conference Proceeding)

Present:- None on behalf of the appellant.  
Shri Chanda Singh, Panchayats Secretary on behalf of the respondents.

### ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 28.02.2020 vide which Shri Sarabjit Singh Bara, BDPO (M.No. 7009099161) was directed to supply the information as sought by the appellant before the next date of hearing failing which punitive action would be initiated against him on the next date of hearing.

2. The appellant is absent but he has sent a letter dated 5.3.2020 vide which he has sought adjournment due to appearance before the Hon'ble Punjab and Haryana High Court on 17.03.2020. He has further requested that on 28.02.2020, Shri Chanda Singh has mislead stating that no letter has been received from the Directorate of Rural Development and Panchayats, Punjab, Mohali in the office of BDPO, Guru Har Sahai. However, a letter has been received in their office from the Directorate of Rural Development and Panchayats, Punjab, Mohali vide diary No.346 dated 18.07.2019. For this misleading statement, Shri Chanda Singh be penalized.

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3. The representative of the respondents states that their office received the letter vide diary No.346 dated 18.07.2019 and BDPO is conducting the inquiry. He further states that inquiry is going on and after completion of inquiry, the sought for information will be supplied to the appellant..

3. After hearing the representative of the respondents and going through the record available on the case file, it is revealed that no information has been provided to the appellant till date. The respondents are directed to expedite the inquiry and supply the sought for information before the next date of hearing.

4. To come up on 08.04.2020 at 3.00 P.M. to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Ferozepur.

Dated: 17.03.2020.

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Sh. Rakesh Kumar Singla,  
Voice Organization (Retd.)  
Opp. Tehsil Office,  
Lehragaga, District Sangrur 148031

...Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer-cum-V.D.O.,  
Gram Panchayat Bhutal kalan,  
c/o Block Development and Panchayats Officer,  
Lehragaga, Sangrur

First Appellate Authority,  
o/o District Development and Panchayats Officer,  
Sangrur

....Respondents

**Appeal Case No. 3948 of 2019**  
(Video Conference Proceeding)

Present:- Shri Rakesh Kumar Singla, appellant.  
None on behalf of the respondents.

## ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 11.03.2020 in which it is mentioned that information as sought by him has been sent to the appellant vide their letter dated 06.03.2020. On receipt of the information from the respondents, the appellant was advised to go through the same and revert back to the authorities in case of deficiencies in the information so supplied to him.

2. The appellant states that he has received photocopies of bills comprising of about 200 pages vide their letter dated 6.3.2020 to his satisfaction. He further states that on the demand of PIO, he has sent a cheque of Rs.6020/- which was returned to him after the lapse of four month stating that it should be sent in the name of PIO-cum-Panchayats Secretary instead of PIO/Sarpanch, Gram Panchayat. He further states that he has again sent another cheque of Rs.6020/- in the name of PIO-cum-Panchayats Secretary which was also returned by them on 08.01.2020. The information asked for by the appellant has been supplied to him after the delay of about one year. Hence, penalty should be imposed on PIO and compensation be awarded to him.

3. Complete information has been supplied to the appellant. For the information, the instant case is disposed of and closed.

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4. The respondents-remained absent on 11.03.2020 and today without intimation. Thus the Commission draws the inference that the PIO, without any reasonable cause, has delayed the information about one year and has malafidly asked fee of Rs.6020/- in supplying the information. Thus, he has rendered himself liable for punishment as provided under the RTI Act, 2005. However, it is, therefore, a fit case to issue a notice under Section 19(8)(b) of the Right to Information Act, 2005 to Shri Gurnet Singh (M.No.98764-52257), Block Development and Panchayats Officer, Lehragaga, District Sangrur and Shri Rajinder Singh, Village Development Organizer (M.No.98723-70063) for their absence and for not supplying the information within stipulated period as provided under the RTI Act, 2005 to show cause why compensation should not be awarded to the appellant for loss and detriment suffered. The written explanation of the PIO may be filed before the next date of hearing when he may also avail the opportunity of personal hearing.

4. To come up on **07.04.2020** at **3.30 P.M.** through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Sangrur.

Dated: 17.03.2020.

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(Suresh Arora),  
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Punjab.

CC  
Shri Gurneet Singh,  
Block Development and Panchayats Officer,  
Lehragaga, District Sangrur.

(Regd.)

Shri Rajinder Singh,  
Village Development Organizer,  
o/o Block Development and Panchayats Officer,  
Lehragaga, District Sangrur.

(Regd.)

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Sh. Rakesh Kumar S/o Sh. Nem Chand,  
C/o Sh. Pankaj Verma, Advocate,  
Chamber No. 506, Yadvinder Court Complex,  
Patiala.

.....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,  
O/o Pr. Secretary, Technical Education, Govt. of Punjab,  
Punjab Mini Secretariat -2, Sector -9,  
Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o Chief Secretary, Govt. of Punjab,  
Punjab Civil Secretariat -1, Sector -1,  
Chandigarh.

.....Respondents

**Appeal Case No. 3 of 2020**  
(Video Conference Proceeding)

Present:- Shri J.M. Singh, Advocate, on behalf of the appellant.  
Shri Kuldeep Singh, Senior Assistant-cum-APIO, on behalf of the respondents..

## ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 11.03.2020 vide which PIO/Chief Secretary to Government of Punjab, Chandigarh was directed to intimate on which date the complaint has been transferred to which office before the next date of hearing.

2. The representative of the appellant states that no information has been provided to the appellant.

3. The representative of the respondents states that application dated 18.09.2017 was sent to the Secretary to Government of Punjab, Department of Vigilance, Chandigarh vide Chief Secretary to Government of Punjab, Chandigarh's dispatch No.15534 dated 19.9.2020.

4. After hearing both the parties and going through the record available on the case file, it is revealed that complete information has been supplied to the appellant as sought by him as per his RTI application. Accordingly, the present case is disposed of and closed. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 17.03.2020.

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