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Sh. Navneet Kumar s/o Sh. Parshotam Dass,  
Village Shama Khanke,  
PO Behak Khas,  
Tehsil & Distt. Fazilka 152 123

....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer  
o/o Block Development and Panchayats Officer  
Block Khuiya Server,  
District Fazilka.

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

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2187 of 2020  
(Cisco Webex proceedings)

Present:- Sh. Navneet Kumar, appellant.  
Sh. Gyan Singh, VDO on behalf of the respondents.

## ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 5.10.2020.

2. The appellant states that the partial information has been supplied. He also states that the respondent-Public Information Officer has charged Rs.1890/- in excess as fee for providing the information. He further requests to refund the excess money paid to the respondent-Public Information Officer along with the complete information. He has also sent the deficiencies in the information so supplied by the respondent-Public Information Officer.

3. However, the respondent-Public Information Officer assured that the complete information will be supplied to the appellant before the next date of hearing.

4. Accordingly, the respondent-Public Information Officer is given last opportunity to file the reply by way of a self attested affidavit regarding show cause notice issued to him on 15.10.2020. He is also directed to submit the reply regarding excess amount charged from the appellant in lieu of the information. In addition, he is also directed to remove the deficiencies, in the information before the next date of hearing failing which the penalty provisions will be invoked. A copy of the deficiencies so submitted by the appellant is **sent** with this order.

5. To come up on 4.1.2021 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Fazilka/cisco webex.

Dated:17.11.2020

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Sh. Balram S/o Sh. Ram Narain,  
R/o Village -Dharampura,  
Tehsil Abohar,  
Distt Fazilka.M : 9463974663

..Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,  
O/o Panchayat Secretary,  
Gram Panchayat, Dharampura,  
c/o BDPO, Khuiyan Sarvar, at Abohar,  
Distt Fazilka.

First Appellate Authority  
O/o District Development and Panchyat Officer,  
Fazilka.

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2557 of 2020

(Video Conference/Cisco Webex/Phone proceedings)

Present:- Sh. Balram, appellant on phone.  
Sh. Ashok Kumar, Panchayat Secretary and Sh. Ranjeet Singh, Samiti Patwari  
on behalf of the respondents.

## ORDER

The RTI application is dated 4.6.2020 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter called FAA) on 7.7.2020 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 9.9.2020 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter called RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today.

2. The appellant states that no information has been provided by the respondents so far and also requests to direct the respondent-Public Information Officer to provide the information free of cost as per the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

3. However, the representative of the respondents states that the information pertaining to the RTI application is ready comprising 60 pages and will be transmitted to the appellant duly certified within a day. But the appellant states that he will collect the same personally from the office of the respondent-Public Information Officer.

4. Accordingly, the respondent-Public Information Officer is directed to supply the complete information to the appellant as per the assurance given by him.

5. To come up on 27.11.2020 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Fazilka/cisco webex.

Dated: 17.11.2020

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Sh. Gurdeep Singh, s/o Sh. Kartar Singh  
Village Narainpura,  
Tehsil Abohar,  
Distt Fazilka.

....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer  
o/o Block Development and Panchayats Officer,  
Block Abohar,  
Distt Fazilka

First Appellate Authority  
o/o District Development and Panchayats Officer  
Fazilka.

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1832 of 2020  
(Cisco Webex proceedings)

Present:- Sh. Gurdeep Singh, appellant.  
Sh. Raja Singh Samiti Patwari and Sh. Gurwinder Singh, Panchayat Secretary  
on behalf of the respondents.

## ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 15.10.2020.

2. The appellant states that he has received 357 pages of information sent by the respondents but could not go through the same and point out deficiencies. He also states that the respondent-Public Information Officer may be directed to attest the same as the provided information has been sent unattested. He also requests for the adjournment of the case.

3. According to the request of the appellant the case is adjourned with the advice to go through the same and point out deficiencies within 15 days, if any, and the respondent-Public Information Officer is directed to remove the same in case any deficiency is pointed out by the appellant before the next date of hearing. The appellant is advised to go to the office of the respondent-Public Information Officer along with the information supplied and the respondent-Public Information Officer is directed to attest the same.

4. To come up on 4.1.2021 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Fazilka/cisco webex.

Dated: 17.11.2020

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Sh. Harnek Singh s/o Rakha Singh 9872590758

VPO Chaklan, Tehsil Chamkaur Sahib,

District Ropar.

....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer

o/o Block Development and Panchayats Officer,

Block Morinda,

District Ropar.

First Appellate Authority

o/o District Development and Panchayats Officer,

Mini Secretariat,

Ropar.

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1308 of 2020  
(Cisco webex/phone Proceedings)

Present:- Sh. Harnek Singh, appellant.

Sh. Bahadur Singh, Panchayat Secretary 9417781063 on behalf of the respondents.

## ORDER

The above titled case was last heard on 5.8.2020 vide which according to the satisfaction of the appellant, the case was disposed of and closed. Thereafter, the appellant made the request dated 27.8.2020 vide which he has requested that he has sought the information pertaining to Hud Bast (ਹੁੱਦ ਬੱਸਤ) Number 292 whereas the respondents have replied regarding Hud Bast (ਹੁੱਦ ਬੱਸਤ) Number 295. After considering the facts brought to the notice of the Commission the case was reheard today i.e. 17.11.2020 and the notice was issued to the parties.

2. The representative of the respondents states that the information pertaining to Hud Bast (ਹੁੱਦ ਬੱਸਤ) Number 292 has already been sent to the appellant comprising four pages and the same has been sent to the Commission, which are taken on record and the same has been sent to him through whatsapp. The office tried number of times to contact him regarding the hearing but the appellant neither responded to the call nor he has sent any submissions in this regard.

3. After going through the record it has transpired that the appellant has sought the information pertaining to Hud Bast (ਹੁੱਦ ਬੱਸਤ) Number 292 and nowhere in the information supplied has written that the same pertains to Hud Bast (ਹੁੱਦ ਬੱਸਤ) Number 292. The representative of the respondents further assures that the information pertains to Hud Bast (ਹੁੱਦ ਬੱਸਤ) No. 292 and the letter will also be written to the appellant in this regard with a copy to the Commission.

4. Since, the appellant is absent without intimation, one last opportunity is granted to him to file the deficiencies, if any, to the respondent-Public Information Officer with a copy to the Commission. The information so received from the respondents is **sent** with this order.

5. To come up on 6.1.2021 to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Ropar/cisco webex.

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Dated: 17.11.2020

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Sh. Dalip Singh S/o Sh. Lachhman Singh,  
R/o Village – New Salem Shah, (94173-76444)  
Tehsil & District- Fazilka.

.....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer  
o/o Block Development and Panchayats Officer,  
Block Fazilka.  
Fazilka

First Appellate Authority  
o/o District Development and Panchayats Officer,  
Fazilka.

Sh. Paramjit Singh, Registered  
Block Development and Panchayats Officer,  
Block Fazilka, Fazilka.

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 276 of 2020  
(Cisco Webex proceedings)

Present:- Sh. Dalip Singh, appellant on phone.  
Sh. Santokh Singh, 9692009004 on behalf of the respondents.

## ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 15.10.2020.

2. The appellant has sent the deficiencies in the information so supplied by the respondents regarding auction of Panchayat Land. However, the representative of the respondents states that the auction was held as per the orders of the Deputy Director, Rural Development and Panchayats, Ferozepur vide No. 1801-06 dated 16.9.2015.

3. The perusal of the file shows that in this case, application for information was filed on 15.04.2019 but after lapse of more than a year, incomplete information has been supplied to the appellant. It is, thus apparent from the response of the respondent-Public Information Officer that there has been delay in providing the information. Appellant had also suffered financial loss in getting the information. There are systemic deficiencies in the manner of receiving and disposing of applications. The department still does not appear to be properly tuned to the performance of its obligations enshrined under the RTI Act.

4. I am, therefore, of the view that ends of justice would be met by awarding a sum of Rs. 5000/- (Rupees Five thousand only) by way of compensation to the Appellant. This amount shall be payable to the appellant from the State Exchequer by the office of the Block Development and Panchayats Officer, Fazilka before the next date of hearing.

5. Accordingly, the respondent-Public Information Officer is directed to place on record the letter dated 16.9.2015. A copy of the deficiencies pointed out by the appellant is **sent** with this order with the directions to the respondent-Public Information Officer to file the reply/supply the information as per record before the next date of hearing failing which the penalty provisions will be invoked.

6. To come up on 4.1.2020 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Fazilka /cisco webex.

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Distt Fazilka.

First Appellate Authority  
O/o District Development and Panchyat Officer,  
Fazilka.

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2559 of 2020

(Video Conference/Cisco Webex/Phone proceedings)

Present:- Sh. Balram, appellant on phone.  
Sh. Ashok Kumar, Panchayat Secretary and Sh. Ranjeet Singh, Samiti Patwari  
on behalf of the respondents.

## ORDER

The RTI application is dated 8.4.2020 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter called FAA) on 19.6.2020 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 9.9.2020 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter called RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today.

2. The appellant states that no information has been provided by the respondents so far. The representative of the respondents submitted a letter bearing No. 2830 dated 16.11.2020, which is taken on record.

3. The response letter has been sent to the appellant by the respondents on 16.11.2020. However, the copy of the same is sent to the appellant to point out deficiency, if any, before the next date of hearing. Also the respondent-Public Information Officer is directed to ensure reply to the appellant as well as the Commission at least five days prior to the hearing.

4. To come up on 5.1.2021 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Fazilka.

Dated: 17.11.2020

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