



Ms. Niharika Choudhary  
H. No. 404, Tower No. 13,  
Bollywood Heights,  
Peer Mucchhala,  
Zirakpur – 160104 (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

(Regd. Post)

Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Director,  
Deptt. of Local Government, Punjab,  
Municipal Bhawan, Sector 35 - A,  
Plot No. 03, Chandigarh

Encl : RTI request

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o The Director,  
Deptt. of Local Government, Punjab,  
Municipal Bhawan, Sector 35 - A,  
Plot No. 03, Chandigarh

...Respondents

### Appeal Case No. 1721 of 2022

Present : Sh. Viney Kumar, Advocate, the appellant.  
None on behalf of the respondent.

#### ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 16.10.2021. First appeal is dated 31.12.2021. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 07.04.2022.

Sh. Viney Kumar, Advocate, who appeared on behalf of the appellant, in today's hearing, states that no information has been given to him 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, he (the respondent PIO) has not sent any document showing that the information has been supplied to the appellant. It reflects that after a lapse of more than ten months, the requisite information has not been supplied by the respondent PIO to the information seeker. 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 Director, Deptt. of Local Government, Punjab, Chandigarh, 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, 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.

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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 by the respondent concerned.

As I am demitting the office on 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 2022 and I have left with little time to decide the issues, which have been cropped in the instant appeal case, hence, next date of hearing in this case can not be fixed before the Bench of the under-signed.

Accordingly, this case-file be sent to the Deputy Registrar to place this case file before the Hon'ble Chief Information Commissioner for re-allocation of the instant appeal case.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 19<sup>th</sup> September, 2022

Encl : RTI request

**(Sanjiv Garg)**  
State Information Commissioner  
Punjab

CC: The Deputy Registrar

Encl : Case-File



Sant Singh  
Village – Kakrala Bhai-ka,  
Block - Samana,  
Distt. – Patiala (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Block Development  
and Panchayat Officer,  
Samana,  
Distt. – Patiala (Punjab)

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

...Respondents

### Appeal Case No. 1723 of 2022

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 06.03.2021. First appeal is dated 05.04.2021. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 07.04.2022.

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

The respondent PIO has not sent any forwarding letter (if the information has been sent to the appellant), moreover, the appellant has not sent any intimation whether he received the information 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 to intimate the status of the instant appeal-case or the case would be decided on merits.

As I am demitting the office on 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 2022 and I have left with little time to decide the issues, which have been cropped in the instant appeal case, hence, next date of hearing in this case can not be fixed before the Bench of the under-signed.

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State Information Commissioner  
Punjab

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Tejinder Singh, Advocate,  
Civil Courts, Tehsil Complex,  
Backside Sanjh Kender,  
Phillaur - 144410 (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Block Development  
and Panchayat Officer,  
Kalanaur, Distt. – Gurdaspur (Punjab)

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

...Respondents

### Appeal Case No. 1791 of 2022

Present : Sh. Tejinder Singh, Advocate, the appellant in person.  
None on behalf of the respondent.

#### ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 26.11.2021. First appeal is dated 31.12.2021. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 11.04.2022.

The appellant, Sh. Tejinder Singh, Advocate, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that incomplete information has been given to him by the respondent PIO as information at point no. 03 of the RTI request is still pending and he has pointed out deficiencies in the supplied information to the representative of the respondent through a telephonic communication.

Neither the respondent PIO nor any of his representative is present in today's hearing.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to point out deficiencies, 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.

Last opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to supply the certified copies of the remaining information at point no. 03 of the RTI request to the appellant 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 .

As I am demitting the office on 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 2022 and I have left with little time to decide the issues, which have been cropped in the instant appeal case, hence, next date of hearing in this case can not be fixed before the Bench of the under-signed.

Accordingly, this case-file be sent to the Deputy Registrar to place this case file before the Hon'ble Chief Information Commissioner for re-allocation of the instant appeal case.

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(Sanjiv Garg)

State Information Commissioner  
Punjab

Date : 19<sup>th</sup> September, 2022

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Tejinder Singh, Advocate,  
Civil Courts, Tehsil Complex,  
Backside Sanjh Kender,  
Phillaur - 144410 (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Block Development  
and Panchayat Officer,  
Dera Baba Nanak, Distt. – Gurdaspur (Punjab)

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

...Respondents

### Appeal Case No. 1793 of 2022

Present : Sh. Tejinder Singh, Advocate, the appellant in person.  
None on behalf of the respondent.

#### ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 26.11.2021. First appeal is dated 31.12.2021. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 11.04.2022.

The appellant, Sh. Tejinder Singh, Advocate, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that incomplete information has been given to him by the respondent PIO as information at point no. 03 of the RTI request is still pending.

Neither the respondent PIO nor any of his representative is present in today's hearing.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to point out deficiencies, 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.

Last opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to supply the certified copies of the remaining information at point no. 03 of the RTI request to the appellant 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 .

As I am demitting the office on 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 2022 and I have left with little time to decide the issues, which have been cropped in the instant appeal case, hence, next date of hearing in this case can not be fixed before the Bench of the under-signed.

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State Information Commissioner  
Punjab

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Phillaur - 144410 (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

(Regd. Post)

Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Block Development  
and Panchayat Officer,  
Dera Baba Nanak, Distt. – Gurdaspur (Punjab)

Encl : RTI request

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

...Respondents

### Appeal Case No. 1794 of 2022

Present : Sh. Tejinder Singh, Advocate, the appellant in person.  
None on behalf of the respondent.

#### ORDER

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.  
The RTI request is dated 26.11.2021. First appeal is dated 31.12.2021. Second  
appeal has been received in the Commission on 11.04.2022.

The appellant, Sh. Tejinder Singh, Advocate, who appeared in person in today's  
hearing, states that no information has been given to him 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, he (the  
respondent PIO) has not sent any document showing that the information has been supplied to  
the appellant. It reflects that after a lapse of more than eight months, the requisite information has  
not been supplied by the respondent PIO to the information seeker. 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, Dera Baba Nanak, 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, 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.

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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.

As I am demitting the office on 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 2022 and I have left with little time to decide the issues, which have been cropped in the instant appeal case, hence, next date of hearing in this case can not be fixed before the Bench of the under-signed.

Accordingly, this case-file be sent to the Deputy Registrar to place this case file before the Hon'ble Chief Information Commissioner for re-allocation of the instant appeal case.

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Date : 19<sup>th</sup> September, 2022

Encl : RTI request

**(Sanjiv Garg)**  
**State Information Commissioner**  
**Punjab**

CC: The Deputy Registrar

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Civil Courts, Tehsil Complex,  
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Phillaur - 144410 (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Block Development  
and Panchayat Officer,  
Dera Baba Nanak, Distt. – Gurdaspur (Punjab)

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

...Respondents

### Appeal Case No. 1790 of 2022

Present : Sh. Tejinder Singh, Advocate, the appellant in person.  
Ms. Gurpinder Kaur, Clerk, on behalf of the respondent.

#### ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 26.11.2021. First appeal is dated 31.12.2021. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 11.04.2022.

Ms. Gurpinder Kaur, Clerk, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that complete information has already been supplied to the appellant and he has not pointed out any deficiency in the information supplied to him till date .

The appellant, Sh. Tejinder Singh, Advocate, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that incomplete information has been given to him by the respondent PIO.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to point out deficiencies, 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.

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 has received the information or not .

As I am demitting the office on 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 2022 and I have left with little time to decide the issues, which have been cropped in the instant appeal case, hence, next date of hearing in this case can not be fixed before the Bench of the under-signed.

Accordingly, this case-file be sent to the Deputy Registrar to place this case file before the Hon'ble Chief Information Commissioner for re-allocation of the instant appeal case.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

(Sanjiv Garg)

State Information Commissioner  
Punjab

Date : 19<sup>th</sup> September, 2022

CC: The Deputy Registrar

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Harish Kumar Ghai  
S/o Sh. Raj Kumar,  
Ward No. Wali Ram Street,  
Ward No. 13, Ahmedgarh,  
Malerkotla(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Deputy Commissioner,  
Sangrur (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o The Deputy Commissioner,  
Sangrur (Punjab)

...Respondents

### Appeal Case No. 1795 of 2022

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.  
Sh. Hemant Kumar, Junior Engineer O/o Nagar Council, Ahmedgarh, on behalf of  
the respondent.

#### ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 21.09.2021. First appeal is dated .2022. Second appeal has  
been received in the Commission on 11.04.2022.

Sh. Hemant Kumar, Junior Engineer office of Nagar Council, Ahmedgarh, who  
appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that a letter no. 245 dated  
25.05.2022 has been received from the office of Deputy Commissioner, Malerkotla to attend  
today's hearing but RTI request dated 21.09.2021 has not been received in the office. He also  
intimates that a similar RTI on the same subject has been filed by the appellant in the office of  
Nagar Council, Ahmedgarh and the requisite information has already been given to the appellant  
in that case on 07.02.2022.

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

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 relevant  
official-record and the information (already supplied) during the proceedings of the instant  
appeal-case on the next date of hearing fixed 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.

As I am demitting the office on 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 2022 and I have left with little time  
to decide the issues, which have been cropped in the instant appeal case, hence, next date of  
hearing in this case can not be fixed before the Bench of the under-signed.

Accordingly, this case-file be sent to the Deputy Registrar to place this case file  
before the Hon'ble Chief Information Commissioner for re-allocation of the instant appeal case.

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Date : 19<sup>th</sup> September, 2022

(Sanjiv Garg)  
State Information Commissioner  
Punjab

CC: The Deputy Registrar

Encl : Case-File



Vishal Kumar S/o Sh. Janak Raj,  
Ward No. - 05, Near Krishna Mandir,  
Makhu, Distt. – Ferozepur - 142044(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,  
O/o The District Education Officer (Elem.),  
Ferozepur

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o The District Education Officer (Elem.),  
Ferozepur

...Respondents

### Appeal Case No.1799 of 2022

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

#### ORDER

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.  
The RTI request is dated 03.01.2022. First appeal is dated 05.02.2022. Second  
appeal has been received in the Commission on 11.04.2022.

Neither the respondent PIO nor any of his representative is present in today's  
hearing.

After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that the respondent  
PIO through a reply vide letter no. 229167 dated 26.08.2022 signed by The District Education  
Officer (Elem.), Ferozepur, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 19612  
dated 31.08.2022, has intimated the Commission that the requisite information has already been  
given to the appellant through registered post vide letter no. 216830-31 dated 16.08.2022. It is  
taken on record.

The appellant, Sh. Vishal Kumar, who appeared in person in today's hearing,  
states that incomplete information has been given to him by the respondent PIO and despite the  
fact that he has deposited the required fee as demanded by the respondent PIO.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to point out deficiencies, 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.

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 has received  
the information or not .

As I am demitting the office on 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 2022 and I have left with little time  
to decide the issues, which have been cropped in the instant appeal case, hence, next date of  
hearing in this case can not be fixed before the Bench of the under-signed.

Accordingly, this case-file be sent to the Deputy Registrar to place this case file  
before the Hon'ble Chief Information Commissioner for re-allocation of the instant appeal case.  
Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

(Sanjiv Garg)

State Information Commissioner  
Punjab

Date : 19<sup>th</sup> September, 2022

CC: The Deputy Registrar

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Vishal Kumar  
S/o Sh. Janak Raj,  
Ward No. - 05, Near Krishna Mandir,  
Makhu, Distt. – Ferozepur - 142044(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,  
O/o The District Education Officer (Elem.),  
Ferozepur

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o The District Education Officer (Elem.),  
Ferozepur

...Respondents

**Appeal Case No.1798 of 2022**

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

**ORDER**

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

The RTI request is dated 28.12.2021. First appeal is dated 31.01.2022. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 11.04.2022.

Neither the respondent PIO nor any of his representative is present in today's hearing.

After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that the respondent PIO through a reply vide letter no. 229163 dated 26.08.2022 signed by The District Education Officer (Elem.), Ferozepur, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 19621 dated 31.08.2022, has intimated the Commission that the requisite information has already been given to the appellant through registered post vide letter no. 216841 dated 16.08.2022. It is taken on record.

The appellant, Sh. Vishal Kumar, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that incomplete information has been given to him by the respondent PIO and whatever information is supplied is not attested.

Nevertheless, another opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to supply the remaining information and also supply the information (already supplied) after getting it certified, to the appellant with a copy to the Commission.

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

As I am demitting the office on 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 2022 and I have left with little time to decide the issues, which have been cropped in the instant appeal case, hence, next date of hearing in this case can not be fixed before the Bench of the under-signed.

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Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

(Sanjiv Garg)

State Information Commissioner  
Punjab

Date : 19<sup>th</sup> September, 2022

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