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Sh. Prem Kumar 9815591032
B 11, 261 karta Niwas,
Gurdaspur road, Sri Hargobindpur,
Tehsil Batala, Gurdaspur

....Appellant

Vs

Sh. Shavinder Singh,
District Development and Panchayats Officer
Barnala.

Ms Sarabjit Kaur,
Public Information Officer-cum- **Registered**
Block Development and Panchayats Officer,
Andana at Munak,
Sangrur.

Ms. Paramjit Kaur,
Block Development and Panchayats Officer,
Through Director,
Rural Development & Panchayat Deptt.,Pb.
Vikas Bhawan, Mohali.

....Respondent

Complaint Case No. 660 of 2020

ORDER

The case was reserved on 17 August 2021 on the submissions made by the Block Development and Panchayats Officer that the remaining information in this case pertaining to point number 3 and 4 of the RTI application is in the custody of Mrs Parmjit Kaur, Block Development and Panchayats Officer, who has not handed over the record. She was already impleaded as necessary party in this case on 19.1.2021. During the hearing on 17.8.2021, Mrs Parmjit Kaur, Block Development and Panchayats Officer, Patran submitted that the information pertaining to point number 3 and 4 of the RTI application cannot be supplied as the same relates to 3rd party.

2. After hearing, Mrs Paramjit Kaur, Block Development and Panchayats Officer was directed to submit the details within a week's time that which type of personal information mentioned in letter number 2593-97 dated 6th December 2018 and letter number 185 dated 10th February 2020 as has been sought by the appellant. But no reply has been received from her so far. The office also reminded her on telephone repeatedly to provide the same to take the matter to its logical end but even though no reply has been sent by her. It is also a fact on record that Mrs Parmjit Kaur Block Development and

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Panchayats Officer requested for the adjournment of the case number of times in this case since 19.1.2021. She has also not clarified that the record related to the sought information has been handed over or not.

3. As she has already been transferred from the Block Development and Panchayats Officer, Patran to the Headquarter, therefore, the copy of this order is being sent to the Director, Rural Development & Panchayat Deptt.,Pb. to deliver the copy of this order to her and also ensure that the documents bearing letter number 2593-97 dated 6th December, 2018 and letter number 185 dated 10th February 2020 as has been sought by the appellant be sent in a sealed cover to the Commission to ascertain whether the same falls under the category of exemptions or not. He is also directed to ensure that Mrs Parmjit Kaur, former Block Development and Panchayats Officer, Andana at Munak and the present Block Development and Panchayats Officer, Andana at Munak remains present on the next date of hearing, in person, at Chandigarh. The Director, Rural Development & Panchayat, Pb., is also directed to send the compliance report to the Commission in this regard before the next date of hearing. It is also clarified that in case of defiance of the order of the Commission the same will be viewed seriously.

4. Also the reply with regard to the show cause notice issued to Sh. Shavinder Singh, former Block Development and Panchayats Officer has been received which is taken on record and the decision on the same will be taken on the next date of hearing.

5. To come up on 30.9.2021 at 12.30 PM at Chandigarh.

Dated: 2.9.2021

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(Suresh Arora)
Chief Information Commissioner,
Punjab.

CC
Sh. MS Chhatwal, IAS **Registered**
Director,
Rural Development & Panchayat Deptt.,Pb.
Vikas Bhawan, Sector 62, Mohali