

PUNJAB STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION

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Sh. Bhag Singh Nambardar,
S/o Sh. Sharan Singh, Village Kauke,
Post Office Choria, Tehsil Samrala,
District Ludhiana.

Versus

Public Information Officer-cum-
Block Development and Panchayat Officer,
Block Samiti, Machhiwara, Tehsil Samrala,
District Ludhiana.

Complaint Case No. 340 of 2023

PRESENT:

Bhag Singh (Complainant) 98768-24889
Gurpreet Singh Mangat, former PIO-cum-BDPO (Respondent) 94635-56415
Rakesh Kumar, Panchayat Secretary (for the Respondent) 88723-00401
Jarnail Singh, Sarpanch (for the Respondent) 98157-22557

ORDER:

(To be read with reference to the Orders dated 10.08.2023, 3.10.2023, and 6.2.2024)

1. The complainant through RTI application dated **12.09.2022** has sought **information regarding: "village Kuake, Block Machhiwara on nine points pertaining to the year 2019 to till date"**. When no information was received, the Complainant filed a complaint under Section 18 of the RTI Act, 2005 to the Commission on **25.05.2023**. The case was last heard on **6.2.2024**.

2. Both parties are present. The former PIO-cum-BDPO, Sh. Gurpreet Singh Mangat, has submitted a reply to the Show Cause Notice issued to him vide Letter No. 649 Dated 19.3.2024, wherein he contends that there was no malafide intent on the part of the respondent PIO, since the RTI application was received in his office on 19.9.2022, which was addressed by way of reply and information on 14.8.2023, which constitutes a delay of nearly one year. Sh. Gurpreet Singh Mangat, has however, contended that he was not PIO-cum-BDPO on 12.9.2022 and had joined on 1.11.2022.

3. Accordingly, the PIO-cum-BDPO, Machhiwara, is hereby directed to convey this Commission a list of BDPO's who were posted at Machhiwara, since the date of RTI application, which is 12.9.2022. This must be submitted to the Commission by way of the name of BDPO, his tenure, and present place of posting. This must be communicated to the Commission on or before the 26.3.2024.

4. **Next Hearing on 26.3.2024 at 11.00 AM at Punjab State Information Commission, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.**

Sd/-
(ASIT JOLLY)
State Information Commissioner, Punjab.
Chandigarh
20.3.2024