



Shri Rajesh Kumar Thakral

S/o Shri Kasmiri Lal,
R/o Street -1, Daan, Near Raja Cinema road,
Fazilka- 152123
M : 9855968371

Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,

o/o Secretary, School Education Deptt.,
Punjab, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,

o/o Secretary, School Education Deptt.,
Punjab, Chandigarh.

Public Information Officer,

(Establishment – 1 Branch)
o/o DPI (SE), Pb.,
Mohali.

**Shri Manmohan Singh, Supdt. (Edu. 2 Brnach)-cum-
Public Information Officer,**

o/o Secretary, School Education Deptt.,
Punjab, Chandigarh.

Respondents

Appeal Case No.3202 of 2023

- Present :** None on behalf of the appellant.
- i) Sh. Manmohan Singh (Superintendent, O/o Education Branch, Punjab Civil Secretariat) (9888566658)
 - ii) Sh. Gurvinder Singh (Clerk)
 - iii) Sh. Manmohan Singh (APIO), for the respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the order dated 31.08.2023.

2. Earlier, the case was heard by Sh. Suresh Arora, Chief Information Commissioner, who has demitted the office on 25.09.2023. Thereafter the case was allocated to this Bench, which is fixed for hearing today i. e. 21.03.2024.

3. Respondent, Sh. Manmohan Singh, Superintendent submits that the appellant sought an information related to a circular issued by the Govt. of Punjab, Department of Higher Education and Languages Department (Education Cell) to recruit District Language Officers in the year 2021.



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He further submits a circular was issued to all the Head of Departments' directly by the Higher Education Department. He further submits that the said letter has never received in his office. In addition, he also submits that the appellant has sought the similar information from the Higher Education and Languages Department and the said office had already supplied the information. Furthermore, he submits that the appellant has already be apprised with the same. He also made the written submissions and tenders unconditional apology and requested to withdraw the show cause notice issued to him.

5. Also, the representative of the respondent, O/o DPI (SE) submitted that the response/ information related to the sought information had already been supplied to the appellant. Nothing more is available in the official record which can be supplied to the appellant. He further submits that no deficiency has been received from the appellant till date.

6. Neither the appellant is present nor has he sent any communication in this regard. Last opportunity is awarded to him to remain present on the next date of hearing for deliberations, failing which, the decision will be taken on merit, ex-parte, as he has failed earlier to avail the given opportunities on the previous hearings.

7. Respondent PIO is directed to send the response again through registered post to the appellant, under intimation to the Commission along with postal receipt. The decision regarding show cause notice issued to Sh. Manmohan Singh, Superintendent will be taken on the next date of hearing

8. With aforesaid directions, matter is adjourned for further hearing on **10.04.2024 at 11:30 A.M.** at Chandigarh.

Date :21.03.2024

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(Inderpal Singh)
Chief Information Commissioner
Punjab



Shri Naresh Kadyan

So Shri Om Parkash,
Village – Siswan, Tehsil – Beri,
District – Jhajjar, Haryana- 124202
M : 9813010595

Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,

o/o Director,
Animal Husbandry, Punjab,
Mohali.

First Appellate Authority,

o/o Director,
Animal Husbandry, Punjab,
Mohali.

Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3259 of 2023

Present : None for the appellant.
(i) Dr. Sham Singh (PIO) (9814685348)
(ii) Dr. Lakhwinder Singh (APIO) (8872421000) for the respondents.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the order dated 30.08.2023.

2. Earlier, the case was heard by Sh. Suresh Arora, Chief Information Commissioner, who has demitted the office on 25.09.2023. Thereafter the case was allocated to this Bench, which is fixed for hearing today i. e. 21.03.2024.

3. The appellant is absent without any intimation. However, he has already submitted his submissions in this case, which are taken on record.

4. The respondent also submitted a copy of the sought information, which is taken on record. Also, the respondent submits that nothing more is available on record, which could be supplied to the appellant and requested to close this case.

5. One last opportunity is granted to the appellant to remain present on the next date of hearing for deliberations. Accordingly, both the parties are directed to remain present on the next date of hearing for deliberations and in case of absence of any party the case will be decided ex-parte, on merit.

5. With aforesaid directions, matter is adjourned for further hearing on **05.06.2024 at 11:30 A.M.** at Chandigarh.

Date :21.03.2024

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(Inderpal Singh)
Chief Information Commissioner
Punjab



Shri Rajnish Kumar (7009185717)

S/o Shri Manphul Ram,
R/o A-176, MES road Opposite,
BSNL Colony, Radha Swami Colony,
District – Fazilka.

Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,

o/o Govt. Sr. Sec. School,
Chimnewala, Fazilka.

First Appellate Authority,

o/o Govt. Sr. Sec. School,
Chimnewala, Fazilka.

Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3811 of 2023

Present : None on the behalf of the appellant.
Sh. Krishan Kumar (Retd. Lecturer English) and Sh. Ranjit Singh (Clerk)
(9041634490) for the respondents.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the order dated 29.08.2023.

2. Earlier, the case was heard by Sh. Suresh Arora, Chief Information Commissioner, who has demitted the office on 25.09.2023. Thereafter the case was allocated to this Bench, which is fixed for hearing today i. e. 21.03.2024.

3. The respondent, Sh. Krishan Kumar submits that he has already submitted a reply to the show cause notice issued to him. He has also made the oral submissions and tenders unconditional apology and requested to withdraw the show cause notice issued to him. After hearing the contentions made by Sh. Krishan Kumar and going through the case file, the show cause notice issued to him is hereby withdrawn.

4. Sh. Ranjit Singh submits that the sought information had already been supplied to the appellant.

5. Neither the appellant is present nor has he sent any communication in this regard. Last opportunity is awarded to him to remain present on the next date of hearing for deliberations, failing which, the decision will be taken on merit, ex-parte.

6. With aforesaid directions, matter is adjourned for further hearing on **05.06.2024 at 11:30 A.M.** at Chandigarh.

Date :21.03.2024

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(Inderpal Singh)
Chief Information Commissioner
Punjab



Ms. Kamladeep Kaur

w/o Shri Ajaipal Singh,
VPO – Gumtala, Opp. Govt. Dispensary,
Ward No. 05, District – Amritsar.
M : 9872139640

Appellant

Vs

Sh. Amarjeet Singh

Public Information Officer,
o/o Tehsildar-II,
Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority,

o/o Tehsildar-II,
Amritsar.

Public Information Officer,

o/o Deputy Commissioner,
Amritsar.

Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3675 of 2023

Present : Ms. Kamaldeep Kaur, the appellant in person
None for the respondents.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the order dated 11.09.2023.

2. Earlier, the case was heard by Sh. Suresh Arora, Chief Information Commissioner, who has demitted the office on 25.09.2023. Thereafter the case was allocated to this Bench, which is fixed for hearing today i. e. 21.03.2024.

3. The appellant submits that information in connection with Point No. 3 is still pending from the respondent PIO.

4. The respondent PIO is absent without any intimation, it shows negligence and carelessness of the department towards the orders of the Commission. One opportunity is granted to the respondent PIO, O/o Tehsildar-II, Amritsar to represent this case and he is also directed to bring the record pertaining the sought information of Point No. 3 of the RTI application on the next date of hearing. In case, information is not available in the record, then file an undertaking in this regard, failing which, stringent action will be taken.

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5. The appellant is also directed to appear in person on the next date of hearing, to take the matter to its logical end, failing which case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

6. With aforesaid directions, matter is adjourned for further hearing on **02.05.2024 at 11:30 A.M.** at Chandigarh.

Date :21.03.2024

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(Inderpal Singh)
Chief Information Commissioner
Punjab



Shri Shiv Chander Shekhar,

s/o Shri Visheshva Nand,
SBS Colony, Street No. 9,
Rampur Phul, Bathinda.
M : 9872082120

Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,

o/o FCR, Deptt. Of Revenue,
Rehabilitation and disaster Management Deptt.,
Punjab, Main Secretariat, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,

o/o FCR, Deptt. Of Revenue,
Rehabilitation and disaster Management Deptt.,
Punjab, Main Secretariat, Chandigarh.

Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3748 of 2023

Present : None for the appellant.
Sh. Ripan Kakkar (Superintendent) and Sh. Maninder Singh (SA) (9056094961)
for the respondents.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the order dated 25.08.2023.

2. Earlier, the case was heard by Sh. Suresh Arora, Chief Information Commissioner, who has demitted the office on 25.09.2023. Thereafter the case was allocated to this Bench, which is fixed for hearing today i. e. 21.03.2024.
3. The Respondent submits that the sought information had already been supplied to the appellant through post.
4. Neither the appellant is present nor has he sent any communication in this regard. Last opportunity is awarded to him to remain present on the next date of hearing for deliberations, failing which, the decision will be taken on merit, ex-parte.
5. After having detailed deliberations with the respondent, it came to notice that information was sent to the appellant through ordinary post. Accordingly, respondent PIO is directed to send information again to the appellant through registered post under intimation to the Commission.

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6. Both the parties are directed to remain present on the next date of hearing for deliberations. In case of absence of any party, the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

7. With aforesaid directions, matter is adjourned for further hearing on **10.04.2024 at 11:30 A.M.** at Chandigarh.

Date :21.03.2024

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(Inderpal Singh)
Chief Information Commissioner
Punjab



Shri Surinder Kumar

s/o Shri Shri Bhagwan Dass,
R/o Ward No. 8, Fatehgarh Churian,
Tehsil – Batala, District – Gurdaspur.

Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
o/o SDM, Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,
o/o Deputy Commissioner,
Ludhiana.

Sh. Abhishek Bansal (ATO)
Public Information Officer,
o/o Regional Transport Authority,
Ludhiana.

Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3763 of 2023

Present: None for the parties.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the order dated 29.08.2023.

2. Earlier, the case was heard by Sh. Suresh Arora, Chief Information Commissioner, who has demitted the office on 25.09.2023. Thereafter the case was allocated to this bench, which is fixed for hearing today i. e. 21.03.2024.

3. The appellant is absent but he has sent the written submissions that the respondent has not supplied the information till date. Also, the respondent PIO is absent without any intimation, which shows negligence and carelessness towards the orders of the Commission, which is not acceptable at all.

4. Viewing the attitude in dealing with the RTI application by the respondent in a casual manner, **Sh. Abhishek Bansal, ATO-cum- Public Information Officer, is, thus, issued a show cause notice** to explain in a self-attested affidavit as to why a penalty @ Rs.250/- per day of delay subject to a maximum of Rs.25000/- till the complete information is furnished, be not imposed under Section 20(1) of RTI Act, 2005 on him for causing willful delay/denial of the information to



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the RTI applicant and to show cause why a compensation under section 19(8) of the RTI Act,2005, may not be paid to the appellant for causing willful delay/denial of the information for detriment suffered by him.

In addition to the written reply, the Public Information Officer is also given an opportunity under Section 20(1) proviso thereto, for a personal hearing before the imposition of such penalty on the next date of hearing. He may take a note that in case he does not file his written reply and does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the next date, it will be presumed that he has nothing to say and the Commission will proceed ex-parte.

5. A copy of this order is being sent to the State Transport Commissioner to ensure the presence of PIO and supply the complete information by the respondent PIO in this case before the next date of hearing.

6. With aforesaid directions, matter is adjourned for further hearing on **05.06.2024 at 11:30 A.M.** at Chandigarh.

Date :21.03.2024

G

(Inderpal Singh)
Chief Information Commissioner
Punjab

CC:

Sh. Moneesh Kumar (IAS)
State Transport Commissioner,
Sector-17, Chandigarh



Shri Manjit Singh Advocate,
House No. 174, A, Shastri Nagar,
District – Ludhiana- 141002 (Punjab)
M : 9914514555

....Appellant

Vs

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

Ms. Ritu Gupta-cum-
Public Information Officer
O/oThe Tehsildar (East), Ludhiana(Punjab)
Now Tehsildar
Derabassi Sri Fatehgarh Sahib

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

.....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3420 of 2023

Present : ShriManjit Singh Advocate, on behalf of the appellant.
Sh. Noblejeet Singh(M.-8872900059), Patwari office of Tehsildar(East) .

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 14.09.2023.

2. Earlier, the case was heard by Sh. Suresh Arora, Chief Information Commissioner, who has demitted the office on 25.09.2023. Thereafter the case was allocated to this Bench, which is fixed for hearing today i. e. 21.03.2024.

3. The respondent Patwari submits that the sought information as available in the official record has already been supplied to the appellant except Point No.1. He further submits that the same can be had from the Sadar Record Room office of Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana. However, the appllant submits that there are ambiguity in the same. Further,the respondnet submit that the appellant may be directed to collect the same from that office and he will assist him with which the appellant agreed to. Accordingly, the appellant is directed to visit his (Sh. Noblejeet Singh) office and meet him.

4. None is present from the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana. One last opportunity is granted to the Public Information Officeroffice of Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana to remain present on the next date of hearing.

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5. Also, a compensation amounting to Rs. 20,000/- (Rupees Twenty Thousand Only) was awarded in favour of the appellant but the respondent on behalf of the Tehsildar (East) Ludhiana requested for an adjournment in this case and assured that the same will be paid to the appellant before the next date of hearing.

6. Also, Ms. Ritu Gupta, the then PIO-cum-Tehsildar (East), Ludhiana now posted as Tehsildar, Bassi Pathana to whom show cause notice was issued but she has not filed her reply. In the interest of the natural justice, one opportunity is granted to her to file a reply with regard to the show cause notice issued to her for imposition of penalty, failing which decision will be taken on merit ex-parte.

7. A copy of this order is **being sent** to Ms. Ritu Gupta, the then PIO-cum-Tehsildar (East), Ludhiana, now posted as Tehsildar, Bassi Pathana through the Deputy Commissioner, Sri Fatehgarh Sahib.

8. As such, the order is **being sent** to the Deputy Commissioner, Sri Fatehgarh Sahib to deliver the same to Ms. Ritu Gupta under intimation to the Commission

9. With this, the case is **adjourned to 18th April, 2024 at 11:30 A. M. for hearing.**

Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Date :21st March, 2024
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(Inderpal Singh)
Chief Information Commissioner
Punjab

CC :

The Deputy Commissioner,(By name)
Sri Fatehgarh Sahib(Punjab)



Shri Jagjit Singh,
R/o Aman Nagar, Street No. 3,
B/S Green Land School,
Near Jalandhar Bye Pass,
District – Ludhiana(Punjab)

...Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Director,
Public Instructions (Sec.) Pb.,
VidyaBhawan, P.S.E.B. Complex,
Sector 62,S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali) (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Secretary to Government of Punjab,
Deptt. of School Education,
Pb. Mini Secretariat, Chandigarh.

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3495 of 2023

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.
Sh. Suresh Kumar(M.-9855422727), Junior Assistant office of D.E.O.(Elem.),
Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar for the respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 25.08.2023.

2. Earlier, the case was heard by Sh. Suresh Arora, Chief Information Commissioner, who has demitted the office on 25.09.2023. Thereafter the case was allocated to this bench, which is fixed for hearing today i. e. 21.03.2024.

3. The appellant is absent without intimation. However, the respondent submits that an enquiry is going on and after completion of the same, the information will be supplied to the appellant. He further submits that a response in this regard has already been sent to the appellant.

4. After hearing the contentions made by the respondent, one last opportunity is granted to the appellant to make the submissions, if any, before the next date of hearing, failing which the decision will be taken on merit, ex-parte.

5. With this, the case is **adjourned to 5th June, 2024 at 11:30 A. M. for hearing.**

Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Date :21st March, 2024

R

(Inderpal Singh)
Chief Information Commissioner
Punjab



Shri Jagjit Singh,
R/o Aman Nagar, Street No. 3,
B/S Green Land School,
Near Jalandhar Bye Pass,
District – Ludhiana(Punjab)

...Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/oThe Director,
Public Instructions (Elem.) Pb.,
VidyaBhawan, P.S.E.B. Complex,
Sector 62,S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali) (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/oThe Secretary to Government of Punjab,
Deptt. of School Education,
Pb. Mini Secretariat, Chandigarh

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3507 of 2023

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.
Sh. Sushil Nath (M.-7717334377), Assistant Director(Elem.) for respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 25.08.2023.

2. Earlier, the case was heard by Sh. Suresh Arora, Chief Information Commissioner, who has demitted the office on 25.09.2023. Thereafter the case was allocated to this Bench, which is fixed for hearing today i. e. 21.03.2024.

3. The respondent submits that the sought information as available in office record has already been sent to the appellant through 'WhatsApp' and also by post. He has also submitted a copy of the information sent to the appellant, which is taken on record. He further submits that nothing more is available in the office pertaining to the RTI application which could be supplied the appellant and requested to close the case.

4. Since, the appellant is absent without intimation, one last opportunity is granted to file his response in this regard before the next date of hearing, failing which the decision will be taken on merit, ex-parte.

5. With this, the case is **adjourned to 5th June, 2024 at 11:30 A. M. for hearing.**

Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Date :21st March, 2024
R

(Inderpal Singh)
Chief Information Commissioner
Punjab



Shri Jagjit Singh,
R/o Aman Nagar, Street No. 3,
B/S Green Land School,
Near Jalandhar Bye Pass,
District – Ludhiana(Punjab)

...Appellant

Vs

- i) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Director,
Public Instructions (Elem.) Pb.,
VidyaBhawan, P.S.E.B. Complex,
Sector 62,S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali) (Punjab)
- ii) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Director,
Public Instructions (Sec.) Pb.,
VidyaBhawan, P.S.E.B. Complex,
Sector 62,S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali) (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Secretary to Government of Punjab,
Deptt. of School Education,
Pb. Mini Secretariat, Chandigarh

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3508 of 2023

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.
Ms. Davinder Kaur(M.-9463576583, Senior Assistant (Establishment – II Branch)
for respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 25.08.2023.

2. Earlier, the case was heard by Sh. Suresh Arora, Chief Information Commissioner, who has demitted the office on 25.09.2023. Thereafter the case was allocated to this bench, which is fixed for hearing today i. e. 21.03.2024.

3. The appellant is absent without intimation.

4. However, the representative of the respondent, Ms. Davinder Kaur, Senior Assistant (Establishment – II Branch) office of Director, Public Instructions (Elem.) Punjab submits that she has received a verbal notice although the written-notice in this case was issued to the Director, Public Instructions (Sec.) Punjab. She further requested to adjourn the case to file a proper reply as the D.P.I. (S.E.) is the custodian of the record. She further submits that online applications were called by the said office to remove the pay anomaly/parity in the cadre of ETT teacher(s).

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5. Accordingly, the Public Information Officer o/o the D.P.I. (E.E.), Mohali is directed to file an affidavit, duly sworn, before the next date of hearing that the RTI application of the appellant relates to D.P.I. (S.E.) and nothing is available in the official record.

6. Also, the PIO office of Director, Public Instructions (Sec.) Punjab is directed to file the reply/supply the information before the next date of hearing.

7. The parties concerned are directed to remain present on the next date of hearing, failing which the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

8. With this, the case is **adjourned to 5th June, 2024 at 11:30 A. M. for hearing.**

Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Date :21st March, 2024
R

(Inderpal Singh)
Chief Information Commissioner
Punjab



Ms. Surinder Kaur w/o Late Shri Malkit Singh,
R/o Street No. 4 Guru Nanak Nagar,
Kachha, Malak Road, Jagraon,
District – Ludhiana- 142026 (Punjab)
M : 9417265263.
Through Shri M.P. Singh Dhaliwal Advocate,
(M. 9417265263)

..Appellant

Vs

- i) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Principal Secretary to Government of Punjab,
Deptt. Of School Education,
Education - 4 Branch,
Punjab Civil Secretariat – 2, Chandigarh.
- ii) Ms. Bindu, Assistant Director-cum
Public Information Officer,
O/o The Director,
Public Instructions (Elem.) Pb.,
Vidya Bhawan, P.S.E.B. Complex,
Sector 62,S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali) (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Principal Secretary to Government of Punjab,
Deptt. of School Education,
Punjab Civil Secretariat, Chandigarh

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3592 of 2023

Present : Sh.Iqbal Singh Rasulpur (M.-8872200515), on behalf of the appellant with
authority letter.
None on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 14.09.2023. Earlier, the case was heard by Sh. Suresh Arora, Chief Information Commissioner, who has demitted the office on 25.09.2023. Thereafter the case was allocated to this bench, which is fixed for hearing today i.e. 21.03.2024.

2. The representative of the appellant submitted a copy of an 'authority letter' given by the appellant in favour of his son, Sh. Iqbal Singh Rasulpur. He further requested that the directions may be issued to the respondent PIO to supply the complete information in this case.

3. The appellant filed the RTI application to the Principal Secretary to Government of Punjab, Deptt. of School Education, Education –7 Branch and the said Branch transferred the RTI application to the Education – 4 branch. Also a show-cause notice was issued to Sh. Surjit

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Singh, Superintendent Education – 4 branch, who has already made the written submissions that the said letter has never received in his office and appropriate action in the RTI application has to be taken by Education –7 Branch. Sh. Surjit Singh, Superintendent Education – 4 Branch further requested to withdraw the show-cause notice issued to him. The decision regarding show-cause notice issued to Sh. Surjit Singh will be taken on the next date of hearing.

4. Since, the RTI application of the appellant has already been transferred to the Director, Public Instructions (E.E.), therefore, Public Information Officer of the said office is directed to file a reply/supply the information in this case before the next date of hearing.

5. Viewing the attitude in dealing with the RTI application by the respondent in a casual manner, Ms. Bindu, Assistant Director-cum-Public Information Officer, is, thus, issued a show cause notice to explain in a self-attested affidavit as to why a penalty @ Rs.250/- per day of delay subject to a maximum of Rs.25,000/- till the complete information is furnished, be not imposed under Section 20(1) of RTI Act, 2005 on her for causing willful delay/denial of the information to the RTI applicant and to show cause why a compensation under section 19(8) of the RTI Act, 2005, may not be paid to the appellant for causing willful delay/denial of the information for detriment suffered by him.

In addition to the written reply, the Public Information Officer is also given an opportunity under Section 20(1) proviso thereto, for a personal hearing before the imposition of such penalty on the next date of hearing. She may take a note that in case she does not file her written reply and does not avail herself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the next date, it will be presumed that she has nothing to say and the Commission will proceed ex-parte.

6. Also a copy of this order **is being** sent to the Director, Public Instructions (Elem.) Punjab, S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali) to fix the responsibility for non-appearance of the PIO in this case and action taken in this regard be sent to the Commission.

7. With this, the case is **adjourned to 5th June, 2024 at 11:30 A. M. for hearing.**

Date :21st March, 2024

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CC :

The Director, Public Instructions (Elem.) Pb.,
Vidya Bhawan, P.S.E.B. Complex,
Sector 62, S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali) (Punjab)

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Chief Information Commissioner
Punjab



Shri Markus Masih s/o Shri Darshan Bhatti,
General Power of Attorney
Amritsar Diocesan Trust Association,
Office 201/100, Block – J, BRS Nagar,
District – Ludhiana(Punjab)
(M :8264866993) Appellant

Vs

- i) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Tehsildar,
Khanna, Distt. - Ludhiana(Punjab)
- ii) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Deputy Commissioner,
Ludhiana (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
o/o The Sub Divisional Magistrate,
Khanna, Distt. - Ludhiana (Punjab)

..... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3665 of 2023

Present : Sh. Daljit Singh Grewal on behalf of the appellant.
Sh. Maninder Singh (M.-9417107172), Tehsildar, Khanna for respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 25.08.2023. Earlier, the case was heard by Sh. Suresh Arora, Chief Information Commissioner, who has demitted the office on 25.09.2023. Thereafter the case was allocated to this bench, which is fixed for hearing today i. e. 21.03.2024.

2. The representative of appellant submitted that he has received the complete information and is satisfied with the same except Point No. 03. However, the respondent submits that the information related to Point No. 03 can be supplied by the office Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana as he is the custodian of the record. Accordingly, the Tehsildar, Khanna is directed to transfer the RTI application with regard to the point no. 03, to the PIO office of the Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana who is impleaded as necessary party in this case.

3. The respondent PIO office of office of Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana is hereby directed to remain present on the next date of hearing and file a reply/supply the information before the next date of hearing, failing which penalty provisions will be invoked.



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4. It is also a fact that a show cause notice in this case was issued to Sh. Harminder Singh Hundal, the then Tehsildar, Khanna now posted as District Revenue Officer, S.A.S. Nagar(Mohali) but no reply has been received from him. In the interest of natural justice, a copy of this order is **being sent** to Sh. Harminder Singh Hundal through Deputy Commissioner, S. A. S. Nagar (Mohali).

5. As such a copy of this order **being sent to** Deputy Commissioner, S. A. S. Nagar (Mohali) to deliver the same to Sh. Harminder Singh Hundal under intimation to the Commission.

6. With this, the case is **adjourned to 5th June, 2024 at 11:30 A. M. for hearing.**
Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Date :21st March, 2024
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(Inderpal Singh)
Chief Information Commissioner
Punjab

CC :

- i) The Deputy Commissioner,
S. A. S. Nagar (Mohali)(Punjab)
- ii) Shri Harminder Singh Hundal
(the then Tehsildar-cum-PIO, Khanna)
District Revenue Officer,
S.A.S. Nagar(Mohali) (Punjab)