PUNJAB STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION Red Cross Building, Near Rose Garden, Sector 16, Chandigarh. Ph: 0172-2864119, Email: - psic29@punjabmail.gov.in Visit us: - www.infocommpunjab.com Shri Karamjit Singh, S/o Shri Bant Singh, R/o Village Mandiala Kalan, Tehsil Khanna, Distt. Ludhiana.



.....Complainant

Vs

Public Information Officer, O/o BDPO, Block Khanna, Distt. Ludhiana.

.....Respondent

Complaint Case No. 17 of 2021

Present:- Shri Karamjit Singh, complainant/applicant is absent. Shri Amandeep Singh, PIO-cum-Panchayat Secretary, O/o BDPO, Block Khanna, Distt. Ludhiana is present.

ORDER

Shri Karamjit Singh, complainant/applicant filed RTI application dated 22.09.2020 and sought some information from the PIO, O/o BDPO, Block Khanna, Distt. Ludhiana.

Today the case is heard through CISCO Webex Meetings Software.

The applicant is absent today, whereas Shri Amandeep Singh, PIO-cum-Panchayat Secretary is present and he stated that Shri Bhagwant Singh, Sarpanch, Gram Panchayat Mandiala Kalan is not handing over the record of the Gram Panchayat, that is why he is unable to provide the sought for information to the applicant. He further stated that he is not at fault rather the Sarpanch is adamant and he is not providing the record. He again stated that he has brought this fact to the notice of the BDPO, Khanna, but inspite of all this the Sarpanch is not providing the information.

So, a direction is issued to Shri Rajwinder Singh, BDPO, Khanna that he should take personal interest and get the record from the concerned Sarpanch within a week and in case the Sarpanch is not handing over the record, then get an FIR registered against the concerned Sarpanch, Shri Bhagwant Singh.

The PIO is directed that the amount of compensation of Rs.3,000/- from the funds of public authority by way of demand draft be provided to the applicant within a week and compliance be sent to the Commission.

The PIO is further directed to file reply to the complaint filed by the applicant and to the show cause notice in writing and send the same to the Commission within a week and an opportunity of personal hearing will be afforded to him on the Show Cause Notice. In case the PIO would not file reply to the Show Cause Notice, then it will be assumed that he do not want to say anything in his defence and the show cause notice will be decided in his absence and he will be penalized upto Rs. 25,000/- which will be deducted from his salary.

The PIO-cum-Panchayat Secretary and the BDPO being the Administrative Head of the office and being the deemed PIO, both should personally come present on the next date of hearing i.e. **01.02.2022 at 11.30 A.M.**

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Shri Kesar Singh, S/o Shri Bachan Singh, R/o Village Badgujran, Tehsil Amloh, Distt. Fatehgarh Sahib. Price PSiC

.....Appellant.

Vs

Public Information Officer, O/o Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panchayat, Tura, Block Amloh, Distt. Fatehgarh Sahib.

First Appellate Authority, O/o BDPO, Amloh, Distt. Fatehgarh Sahib.

.....Respondent

Appeal Case No. 4030 of 2020

Present:- Shri Kesar Singh, appellant is present. Shri Khushwinder Singh, PIO-cum-Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panchayat, Tura, Block Amloh is present.

ORDER

Shri Kesar Singh, appellant filed RTI application dated 17.07.2020 before the BDPO, Amloh (Fatehgarh Sahib). The RTI application was transferred U/s 6(3) of the RTI Act, 2005 to Shri Khushwinder Singh, PIO-cum-Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panchayat, Tura, Block Amloh vide letter no.2909 dated 22.07.2020.

Both the parties are personally present today.

The respondent has come present along with demand draft of Rs.5,000/- as compensation in the name of Shri Kesar Singh, appellant, which has been handed over to the appellant before the Commission. The respondent further stated that the sought for information has been sent to the appellant.

On the other hand the appellant stated that the information sent by the PIO is incomplete.

So, the appellant is directed that he should bring the deficiencies in writing to the notice of the PIO within two days and the PIO is further directed that in case the appellant would submit the list of deficiencies then the attested copies of information regarding the deficiencies be provided to the appellant within a week and compliance report be sent to the Commission.

Shri Khushwinder Singh, PIO-cum-Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panchayat, Tura, Block Amloh is further directed to file reply to the Show **Cause Notice** in writing and send the same to the Commission within a week and an opportunity of personal hearing will be afforded to him on the Show Cause Notice. In case he would not file reply to the Show Cause Notice then it will be assumed that he do not want to say anything in his defence and the Show Cause Notice will be decided on the next date of hearing and he will be penalized up to Rs.25,000/-, which will be deducted from his salary.

Both the parties should connect through CISCO WEBEX MEETINGS Software on the next date of hearing i.e. 10.01.2022 at 11:30 A.M.

(Avtar Singh Kaler) State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

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.....Appellant.

Vs

Public Information Officer, O/o Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panchayat, Tura, Block Amloh, Distt. Fatehgarh Sahib.

First Appellate Authority, O/o BDPO, Amloh, Distt. Fatehgarh Sahib.

.....Respondent

Appeal Case No. 4029 of 2020

Shri Kesar Singh, appellant is present. Shri Khushwinder Singh, PIO-cum-Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panchayat, Tura, Block Amloh is present.

ORDER

Present:-

Shri Kesar Singh, appellant filed RTI application dated 17.07.2020 before the BDPO, Amloh (Fatehgarh Sahib). The RTI application was transferred U/s 6(3) of the RTI Act, 2005 to Shri Khushwinder Singh, PIO-cum-Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panchayat, Tura, Block Amloh vide letter no.2909 dated 22.07.2020.

Both the parties are personally present today.

The respondent has come present along with demand draft of Rs.5,000/- as compensation in the name of Shri Kesar Singh, appellant, which has been handed over to the appellant before the Commission. The respondent further stated that the sought for information has been sent to the appellant.

On the other hand the appellant stated that the information sent by the PIO is incomplete.

So, the appellant is directed that he should bring the deficiencies in writing to the notice of the PIO within two days and the PIO is further directed that in case the appellant would submit the list of deficiencies then the attested copies of information regarding the deficiencies be provided to the appellant within a week and compliance report be sent to the Commission.

Shri Khushwinder Singh, PIO-cum-Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panchayat, Tura, Block Amloh is further directed to file reply to the Show **Cause Notice** in writing and send the same to the Commission within a week and an opportunity of personal hearing will be afforded to him on the Show Cause Notice. In case he would not file reply to the Show Cause Notice then it will be assumed that he do not want to say anything in his defence and the Show Cause Notice will be decided on the next date of hearing and he will be penalized up to Rs.25,000/-, which will be deducted from his salary.

Both the parties should connect through CISCO WEBEX MEETINGS Software on the next date of hearing i.e. 10.01.2022 at 11:30 A.M.

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.....Appellant.

Vs

Public Information Officer, O/o Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panchayat, Tura, Block Amloh, Distt. Fatehgarh Sahib.

First Appellate Authority, O/o DDPO, Fatehgarh Sahib.

.....Respondent

Appeal Case No. 4119 of 2020

Present:- Shri Kesar Singh, appellant is present. Shri Khushwinder Singh, PIO-cum-Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panchayat, Tura, Block Amloh is present.

ORDER

Shri Kesar Singh, appellant filed RTI application dated 25.06.2020 before the BDPO, Amloh (Fatehgarh Sahib). The RTI application was transferred U/s 6(3) of the RTI Act, 2005 to the SPIO-cum-Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panchayat, Tura, Block Amloh vide letter no.2909 dated 22.07.2020.

Both the parties are personally present today.

The respondent has come present along with demand draft of Rs.4,000/- as compensation in the name of Shri Kesar Singh, appellant, which has been handed over to the appellant before the Commission. The respondent further stated that the sought for information has been sent to the appellant.

On the other hand the appellant stated that the information sent by the PIO is incomplete.

So, the appellant is directed that he should bring the deficiencies in writing to the notice of the PIO within two days and the PIO is further directed that in case the appellant would submit the list of deficiencies then the attested copies of information regarding the deficiencies be provided to the appellant within a week and compliance report be sent to the Commission. In case of non compliance of the Order of the Commission, a Show Cause Notice will be issued to the PIO and he will be penalized up to Rs.25,000/-, which will be deducted from his salary.

Both the parties should connect through **CISCO WEBEX MEETINGS Software** on the next date of hearing i.e. **10.01.2022 at 11:30 A.M.**

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.....Appellant.

(**Regd.**) Public Information Officer, O/ o BDPO,Guruharsahai, Distt. Ferozepur.

First Appellate Authority: O/o Deputy Commissioner, Ferozepur.

.....Respondent

Appeal Case No. 2489 of 2021

Present:- Shri Mahinder Pal, appellant is present.

None present on behalf of the SPIO, O/o BDPO, Guruharsahai, Distt. Ferozepur. **O R D E R**

Vs

Shri Mahinder Pal, appellant filed RTI application dated 12.02.2021 and sought some information from the SPIO, O/o BDPO, Guruharsahai, Distt. Ferozepur.

Today the case is heard through CISCO Webex Meetings Software.

The appellant is present today, whereas the respondent is absent.

The appellant stated that the SPIO has provided him the amount of compensation of Rs.3,000/-, but the information provided to him by the SPIO is incomplete.

So, the appellant is directed that he should bring the deficiencies in writing to the notice of the SPIO within three days and the SPIO is further directed that in case the appellant would submit the list of deficiencies then the attested copies of information regarding the deficiencies be sent to the appellant within a week from the receipt of deficiencies and compliance report be sent back to the Commission.

Shri Vipan Kumar, PIO-cum-Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panchayat, Village Chak Jamalgarh, Block Guru Harsahai is directed to file reply to the Show **Cause Notice** in writing and send the same to the Commission within a week and an opportunity of personal hearing will be afforded to him on the Show Cause Notice. In case he would not file reply to the Show Cause Notice then it will be assumed that he do not want to say anything in his defence and the Show Cause Notice will be decided on the next date of hearing and he will be penalized up to Rs.25,000/-, which will be deducted from his salary.

Both the parties should connect through CISCO WEBEX MEETINGS Software on the next date of hearing i.e. 19.01.2022 at 11:30 A.M.

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..... Appellant

Vs

(Regd.) Public Information Officer, O/o Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panchayat, Ladhuka, Tehsil & Distt. Fazilka.

Shri Veeru Singh, S/o Shri Dhola Singh,

First Appellate Authority, O/o BDPO, Jalalabad.

Village Ladhuka, Tehsil & Distt. Fazilka.

.....Respondent

Appeal Case No. 1230 of 2021

Present:- Shri Veeru Singh, appellant is present. None present on behalf of the SPIO-cum-Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panchayat, Ladhuka.

ORDER

Shri Veeru Singh, appellant filed RTI application dated 24.09.2020 before the SPIO, O/o Deputy Commissioner, Fazilka. The RTI application was transferred U/s 6(3) of the RTI Act, 2005 to the PIO-cum-Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panchayat, Ladhuka, Tehsil & Distt. Fazilka vide letter dated 22.10.2020.

The appellant is present today through CISCO Webex, whereas none appeared on behalf of the SPIO.

The appellant stated that the PIO has not provided him the sought for information till date.

I have gone through the order dated 14.12.2021 and on that date Shri Charanjit Singh, PIO-cum- Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panchayat, Ladhuka was present and he stated that the information is ready and will be provided to the appellant shortly. So, the PIO was directed to provide the attested copies of complete information to the appellant and come personally present on the next date of hearing along with the compliance report and written reply to the show cause notice.

But the PIO is absent today and neither he has sent reply to the show cause notice nor sent compliance report regarding providing the information to the appellant. The PIO has never appeared before the Commission on any date of hearing except on 14.12.2021 and today again he is absent without any intimation to the Commission.

So, as per the directions given vide order dated 14.12.2021, the PIO has not come present today and neither filed reply to the show cause notice nor provided the sought for information to the appellant. So, he is liable to be penalized under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005. Hence, I impose a penalty of Rs.25,000/- upon Shri Charanjit Singh, PIO-cum-Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panchayat, Laduka, Tehsil & Distt. Fazilka and the amount of

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penalty of Rs.25,000/- be deducted from his salary and be deposited in the Govt. Treasury in the following heads and compliance report be sent to the Commission :-

"Major Head	0070-Other Administrative Services
Sub Major Head	60-Other Services
Minor Head	800-Other Receipts
Sub Head	86-Right to Information Act, 2005."

The PIO is further directed that the attested copies of sought for information be provided to the appellant within 10 days and compliance be sent to the Commission.

The **BDPO**, **Jalalabad** will be responsible to deduct the amount of penalty of Rs.25,000/- from the salary of the concerned PIO and to send compliance report to the Commission.

Both the parties should connect through **CISCO WEBEX MEETINGS Software** on the next date of hearing i.e. **27.01.2022 at 11:30 A.M.**

Dated: 22.12.2021

(Avtar Singh Kaler) State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

(Regd.) CC: BDPO, Jalalabad. – for compliance of the Order of the Commission.