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Sh Jagdeep Singh, S/o Sh Daljit Singh,  
Mohalla Nava Katra, Near Khalsa High School,  
VPO Kalanaur, Distt Gurdaspur (9465227317) .....Appellant

**Vs**

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o Registrar, Punjab State Pharmacy Council,  
Sector 79, Mohali

**First Appellate Authority,**  
O/o Registrar, Punjab State Pharmacy Council,  
Sector 79, Mohali .....Respondent

**AC.No.2727 of 2020**  
**Through CISCO-Webex**

Present: (i) None for the Appellant  
(ii) For the Respondent: Sh Ranjit Singh Kalra, Advocate (988898980)

**ORDERS**

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 23.02.2021 vide which the above-mentioned Appeal case was adjourned to be heard on 08.04.2021. However, on 08.04.2021 the abovementioned Appeal case could not be heard due to public holiday and hence the case was postponed to be heard on 31.05.2021 i.e, today.

2. The Appellant is not present today.
3. The Respondent states that the available information has been provided to the Appellant.
4. After examining the documents placed on record, the Respondent is directed to file their reply by way of an affidavit on the next date of hearing.
5. To come up on **26.07.2021 at 11.00 AM** through CISCO-Webex (Video-conferencing application). Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

**(CISCO-Webex Meeting Code No: 1582069360)**.

Dated: 31.05.2021

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Ms. Arpana, D/o J M Singh

C/o ShriBavishGautam, Advocate  
Chamber No. 509, Yadvindra Court Complex,  
Patiala

-----Appellant

..Vs

**Public Information Officer,**  
o/o Director , Department of Social Justice Empowerment  
and Minority, (welfare Cell) SCO: 6-7, Phase 1, SAS Nagar

**First Appellate Authority**

O/o Director, Department of Social Justice empowerment & Minority  
(Welfare Cell), SCO 128-129, Sector 34A, Chandigarh

**2. Public Information Officer,(I.T.I Wing)**

O/o Director, Technical education and Research Centre, Pb  
Plot No1-A, Sector 36-A, Chandigarh

.....Respondent

**AC No. 3635 of 2019**  
**Through CISCO Webex**

**Present:** (i) Sh. J.M.Singh on behalf of the appellant  
(ii) For the Respondent: Sh. Sanjeev Kumar, Sr. Assistant (9855188396)

**ORDER**

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2. During the last hearing i.e. 22.02.2021, the respondent, o/o Technical Education has given in writing that complete information has been given to the appellant and nothing is left in their record. But Sh. J.M.Singh, Counsel for the appellant is not satisfied.

3. Today, again Sh. J.M.Singh states that the appellant is not satisfied with the information provided by the respondents. Hence, to clarify the matter, both the PIOs are

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**AC No. 3635 of 2019**

directed to come present in the Commission office to attend the hearing with complete documents.

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Dated: 31.05.2021

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**Sh. Rajwinder Singh, S/o Sh. S. Kuldeep Singh,**

R/o 2636, Gali No. 1, Azad Nagar, Near Shimla Market  
Putligarh, Amritsar (9872821947)

.....Complainant

Vs

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o Vigilance Bureau,  
Near District Chowk, Amritsar

.....Respondent

**CC No. 695 of 2020**  
**(Through CISCO-Webex)**

**Present:** (i) Sh Rajwinder Singh, the Appellant  
(ii) For the Respondent: Madam Rupinder Kaur, ASI (81465-90039).

**ORDER**

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 06.04.2021 vide which neither the complainant nor the respondent was present.

2. Today, the Complainant Sh. Rajwinder Singh states that the complete information has not been provided to him so far.

3. Today, the respondent Madam Rupinder Kaur states that the reply has already been sent to the complainant. She further states that the information is lying with the Electricity Board department.

4. The respondent is directed to transfer the RTI of the complainant to the Electricity Board with a copy to the Commission.

5. To come up on **26.07.2021 at 11.00 AM** through CISCO-Webex (Video-conferencing application). Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Sh.Dinesh Kumar, House No. 2859,  
Ward No. 22, Kharar, Distt. Kharar (9316600064)

.....Complainant

..Vs

**Registered post:** **Public Information Officer,**  
O/o EO, MC, Kharar  
Distt. Mohali

.....Respondent

**CC No. 39 of 2021**  
**(Through CISCO-Webex)**

**Present:** (i) None for the Complainant.

(ii) For the Respondent: Sh Gulshan Mehta, Counsel for the Respondent  
(9876468637) and Sh Sangeet Kumar, EO (96460-60901)

**ORDER**

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 06.04.2021 vide which the respondent was directed to provide complete information to the Complainant.

2. The Complainant is not present today. However, an e-mail has been received from the Complainant stating as under:

*“ Dinesh Kumar is down with Covid, hence is unable to attend the proceedings”*

3. Sh Gulshan Mehta is appearing on behalf of the Respondent. He has filed his Memo of appearance through e-mail. He states that the information demanded by the Complainant is very voluminous. He further states that the complainant was asked to inspect the record, but he had not visited their office to inspect the record.

4. After examining the documents placed on record, it is ascertained that the information demanded by the appellant is very voluminous. The appellant may take note that there is the judgment of The Supreme Court of India in Civil Appeal No. 6454 of 2011 Central Board of Secondary Education Vs Aditya Bandopadhyay and ors. has in its judgment dated 09.08.2011 that :

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*(37 Indiscriminate and impractical demands or directions under RTI Act for disclosure of all and sundry information (unrelated to transparency and accountability in the functioning of public authorities and eradication of corruption) would be counter-productive as it will adversely affect the efficiency of the administration and result in the executive getting bogged down with the non-productive work of collecting and furnishing information. The Act should not be allowed to be misused or abused, to become a tool to obstruct the national development and integration, or to destroy the peace, tranquility and harmony among its*

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*citizens. Nor should it be converted into a tool of oppression or intimidation of honest officials striving to do their duty. The nation does not want a scenario where 75% of the staff of public authorities spends 75% of their time in collecting and furnishing information to applicants instead of discharging their regular duties. The threat of penalties under the RTI Act and the pressure of the authorities under the RTI Act should not lead to employees of a public authorities prioritising 'information furnishing', at the cost of their normal and regular duties.)*

5. However, taking a lenient view, one opportunity is given to the appellant to visit the office of the respondent and inspect the record on any working day with prior appointment. The respondent is directed to provide the same to the appellant according to his RTI application, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the RTI Act, 2005. Further the Respondent is directed to provide information upto 50 pages for free. For the Rest of the information the Complainant will pay.

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ShJasvir Singh Dhaliwal,  
S/o Sh Hans Raj C/o ShBavishGautam, Advocate  
Chamber No- 509, Yadvinder Court Complex,  
Patiala

.....Appellant

..Vs

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o Principal Secretary, Higher Education,  
Government of Punjab, Civil Sectt-1, Chandigarh

**First Appellate Authority**  
O/o Principal Secretary, Higher Education,  
Government of Punjab, Civil Sectt-1, Chandigarh

.....Respondent

**AC No.2754 of 2020**  
**(through CISCO WEBEX)**

**Present:** (i) Sh. J.M.Singh on behalf of the appellant  
(ii) For the Respondent: Sh. Harpreet Singh, Sr. Assistant (9814433463)

**ORDER**

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 23.02.2021 vide which the abovementioned case was adjourned to be heard on 08.04.2021. However, on 08.04.2021 the abovementioned case could not be heard on account of public holiday and hence was postponed to be heard on 31.05.2021,i.e, today.

2. All the points have been discussed in the Commission today in the presence of the Respondent and Appellant. Respondent has agreed to provide complete information before the next date of hearing.

3. To come up on 26.07.2021 at **11.00 AM** through CISCO-Webex (Video-conferencing application). Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Dated: 31.05.2021

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Sh. Rakesh Kumar,  
S/o Nem Chand, C/o Sh.Pankaj Verma, Advocate  
Chamber No. 506, Yadvindra Court Complex, Patiala

.....Appellant

..Vs

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o Principal Secretary Higher Education  
Govt. Of Punjab, Chandigarh

**First Appellate Authority**  
o/o Principal Secretary, Higher Education,  
GOP, Chandigarh

.....Respondent

**AC No. 2755 of 2020**

**(Through CISCO-Webex)**

**Present:** (i) Sh. J.M Singh, Counsel for the Appellant.  
(ii) None for the Respondent

**ORDER**

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 23.02.2021 vide which the abovementioned case was adjourned to be heard on 08.04.2021. However, on 08.04.2021 the abovementioned case could not be heard on account of public holiday and hence was postponed to be heard on 31.05.2021, i.e, today.

2. During the last hearing i.e. 23.02.2021, the respondent stated that the information, as exists in the record has been provided to the appellant and the Counsel of the respondent was not satisfied with the same.

3. Today, Sh. J.M.Singh, Counsel for the appellant is appearing and states that the appellant is not satisfied with the information provided by the respondent.

4. Today the respondent is not present. Hence, taking a lenient view, one last opportunity is given to the respondent to provide the complete information to the appellant. If, the information has already been sent to the appellant, the respondent is directed to file an affidavit stating that complete information has been given to the appellant and nothing has been left in their official record.



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**AC No. 2755 of 2020**

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**REGISTERED POST**

Sh. Pawan Kumar Sharma, Advocate  
S/o Late Sh. Bhagwant Kishore,  
House No. 585, Phase 2, Mohali

.....Complainant

**Vs**

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o Sr. Medical Officer,  
Civil Hospital, Phase-6, Mohali

.....Respondent

**CC.No. 03 of 2020**  
**(Through CISCO-Webex)**

**Present:** (i) Sh. Pawan Kumar Sharma the complainant  
(ii) For the Respondent: None is present on behalf of the respondent

**ORDER**

The brief facts of the case are that the Complainant Sh. Pawan Kumar Sharma has filed his RTI with the PIO, Sr. Medical Officer, Mohali on 14.07.2019. On not receiving any information he has filed his complaint with the Commission on 19.12.2019.

2. During the first hearing, i.e. on 20.02.2020, Smt. Gurpreet Kaur, Sr. Assistant was appeared and states that the information has been given to the complainant. But after gone through the same, it was found that the information was incomplete, hence Dr. Areet Kaur PIO-cum-SMO was directed to come present. Accordingly, the case was adjourned on 17.03.2020. On 17.03.2020, Dr. Areet Kaur was present and had sought some time. On the next four hearings i.e. 29.06.2020, 18.08.2020, 19.10.2020 and 22.02.2021, the respondent was not present.

3. The perusal of the file shows that during the hearing dated 22.02.2021, a show cause notice was issued to the respondent-PIO, but till today neither the respondent has bothered to appear before the Commission nor he has to file any reply to the show cause notice. Hence, it is derived that the respondent-PIO is intentionally delaying the supply of information and he has no respect for the orders of the Commission to be present, either himself or through his representative in the Court.

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**CC.No. 03 of 2020**

4. In view of the defying attitude of the respondent-PIO neither attending the court nor submitting any explanation for the delay in supplying the information within the time schedule as prescribed under the RTI Act 2005, the court comes to a logical conclusion that it is a fit case for the imposition of penalty amounting to Rs. 25000/- (Rupees Twenty five thousand only) on the PIO. Therefore, taking a lenient view, I impose a penalty of **Rs. 5000/- (Rs. Five thousands only)**. Director Health and Family Welfare is directed to deduct the amount of penalty of Rs. 5000/- from the salary of Respondent-PIO and deposited in the State Treasury in the following Head of Account and to report its compliance to the Commission:-

"0070-Other Administrative Services

60 other Services

800-Other Receipts

86-Fee under the RTI Act, 2005"

5. Further, the Respondent-PIO is directed to be present personally on the next date of hearing alongwith the complete information.

6. To come up on **26.07.2021 at 11.00 AM through CISCO Webex**. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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*CC: Director Health and Family Welfare, Parivar Kalyan Bhawan, Sector 34, Chandigarh*

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Mrs. Nivedita Singla w/o Sh. Deep Chand  
House No. 28, Green Avenue Colony,  
Amlah Road, Mandi Gobindgarh- 147301  
District Fatehgarh sahib, Punjab (9851852000)

.....Appellant

..Vs

**(Registered Post)**

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o MC, Mandi Gobindgarh  
Distt. Fatehgarh Sahib

**First Appellate Authority**  
o/o Deputy Director, Urban Local Bodies,  
Ludhiana

.....Respondent

**AC No. 203 of 2021**  
**(Through CISCO-Webex)**

**Present:** (i) Mrs Nivedita Singla, Appellant  
(ii) None for the Respondent

**ORDER**

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 06.04.2021 vide which neither the appellant nor the respondent was present.

2. The Appellant Smt. Nivedita Singla states that no information has been provided to her till date.

3. No one has appeared on behalf of the Respondent today. They were not present on the previous date of hearing also. They have not even bothered to inform the Commission about their absence. This shows that the respondent-PIO has no regard for the orders issued by the Commission.

4. After perusing the record available on file, it emerges that PIO has delayed/ denied in providing the information to the Appellant. In view of the above, ***PIO- O/o MC, Mandi Gobindgarh, Distt Fatehgarh Sahib is directed*** to show cause in writing or through affidavit under Section 20(1) of the RTI Act, as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay/ denial of the information to the RTI applicant and why the compensation be not awarded to the Appellant under Section 19 (8)(b) of the Act for detriment suffered.

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**AC No. 203 of 2021**

In addition to his submission, the PIO is also hereby 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 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.

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Dated: 31.05.2021

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ShRajwinder Singh, S/o S Kuldeep Singh,  
R/o 2636, Gali No. 1, Azad nagar,  
Near Shimla Market, Putligarh, Amritsar .....Complainant

..Vs

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o Vigilance Bureau, Near District Chowk,  
Amritsar

**First Appellate Authority,**  
O/o Director, Vigilance Bureau,  
Vigilance Bhawan, Sector-68, SAS Nagar

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o DGP-cum-AIG (personnel), Punjab  
Sector-9, Chandigarh .....Respondent

**AC No. 1060 of 2021**  
**Through CISCO WEBEX**

**Present:** (i) Sh. Rajwinder Singh the appellant  
(ii) For the Respondent: Smt. Rupinder Kaur, ASI (81465-90039) , o/o Vigilance Bureau, Amritsar, Smt. Devi Sharma, Suptd., o/o DGP Office (96462-00510) and Inspector Sukhminder Singh, ASI, o/o Vigilance Bureau, Mohali (9878200382)

**ORDER**

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 11.02.2021 vide which DGP Punjab was directed to get an inquiry conducted through a senior officer of his Department into the whole matter to sift the truth and submit his report to the Commission within a period of one month.

2. Today, Smt. Devi Sharma is appearing on behalf of the office of DGP Punjab and has sought two months time. Respondent o/o Vigilance Bureau, Amritsar states that the reply has been sent to the Head Office. Sh. Sukhminder Singh is appearing on behalf of PIO, Vigilance (Head Office) states that the information regarding point no. 1,2,8 has been given to the appellant.

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**AC No. 1060 of 2021**

3. The appellant Sh. Rajwinder Singh states that the information regarding point nos. 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 is pending.

4. After hearing the parties and examining the case file, it is found that the appellant is not satisfied with the information. Hence, both the respondents are directed to file point-wise , specific reply. They are also directed to file on oath paper that nothing is left in their official record. Regarding compensation, respondent is directed to send their report within 15 days from the receipt of the order.

5. To come up on **23.06.2021 at 11.00 AM** through CISCO-Webex (Video-conferencing application). Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Sd/-

Dated: 31.05.2021

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*CC: DGP Punjab, Punjab Police Headquarter, Sector 9, Chandigarh*

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Sh. Joga Singh, S/o Sh. Kulwant Singh  
VPO Kubaheri, Tehsil Kharar,  
Distt. Mohali (9876178226)

.....Complainant

..Vs

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o SHO, Police Station, Majri  
Mohali

.....Respondent

**CC No. 227 of 2020**  
**(Through CISCO-Webex)**

**Present:** None for the parties.

**ORDER**

1. The RTI application is dated 07.01.2021 whereby the information-seeker has sought information as mentioned in his RTI application. He filed complaint in the Commission on 22.02.2021 under Section 18 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

1. Notice was issued to the parties for hearing for 08.04.2021. However, on 08.04.2021 the hearing was postponed on account of a public holiday and was adjourned to be heard on 31.05.2021, i.e, today.

2. Today neither the Complainant nor the Respondent is present.

3. This is the first date of hearing and both the parties are not present today. Hence, an opportunity is given to both the parties to appear before the Commission and state their case.

4. To come up on **26.07.2021 at 11.00 AM** through CISCO-Webex (Video-conferencing application). Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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