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SHOW CAUSE NOTICE

Shri Charanjeet Singh, (98771-48560)

R/o # 88, Rose Colony,
Rajpura Road, Patiala.
RTI Application No. 109807

....Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Punjab Public Service Commission,
Patiala.

....Respondents

COMPLAINT CASE NO. 169 OF 2024

PRESENT: Complainant: Shri Charanjeet Singh, (98771-48560)
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

The application dated **08.02.2024** vide which the complainant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. Complaint was filed in the Commission on **02.04.2024** under Section 18 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for **18.06.2025**, which was postponed due to administrative reasons and further fixed for hearing today, i.e. **04.09.2025**.

2. The complainant states that he has not received any reply from the respondent till date. Further, he states that he desires action against the respondent PIO and penalty be imposed on the respondent PIO. He also requests compensation for harassment.

3. The respondent is absent without intimation, which shows his carelessness and casual attitude towards the notices of the Commission. It is also a fact that notice of hearing was sent to the PIO through registered post in spite of that, he is absent. Accordingly, this Commission deems it appropriate to issue Show Cause Notice to the office of, Punjab Public Service Commission, Patiala.

4. The respondent **PIO O/o Punjab Public Service Commission, Patiala**, is herewith ordered to **SHOW CAUSE** as to why a penalty should not be imposed upon him under Section 20 (1) of RTI Act, 2005, for causing willful delay/denial of the information requested by the appellant as far back as on **08.02.2024**. **If there is / are other PIO / PIOs responsible for the delay in providing the information, the incumbent PIO is directed to inform such PIO(s) of the Show Cause and direct them to appear before the Commission along with written replies.**

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“In addition to the written reply, the respondent PIO is also given an opportunity under Section 20 (1) provision there to, for a personal hearing before the imposition of such penalty on the next date of hearing. He may take note that in case he does not file his written reply and does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the 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*.” Copies of this order be sent to the parties through registered post.

5. The respondent PIO O/o Punjab Public Service Commission, Patiala, is further directed to be present in person at the next hearing of this Complaint Case at the Commission in Chandigarh. Failure to comply, will attract further penalty as per the RTI Act, 2005.

6. A copy of this order is being sent to the Chairman, Punjab Public Service Commission, Patiala, to ensure the presence of the concerned respondent PIO O/o Punjab Public Service Commission, Patiala, on the next hearing. It is also clarified that in case of absence of the respondent PIO on the next date of hearing, his presence will be procured by issuing **BAILABLE WARRANTS** and/or **disciplinary action** may be recommended in this case to the competent authority as per the procedure established by the Law.

7. **To come up on 15.01.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 04.09.2025

Sd/-
(Virinderjit Singh Billing)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Cc: Chairman, Punjab Public Service Commission, Patiala, for further necessary action.

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Shri Karnail Singh, (94641-65608)

S/o Shri Labh Singh,
R/o House No. 38, Bagi Road,
Ferozepur.

....Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Deputy Commissioner,
Ferozepur.

....Respondents

COMPLAINT CASE NO. 172 OF 2024

PRESENT: Complainant: Absent
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

The application dated **01.02.2024** vide which the complainant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. Complaint was filed in the Commission on **03.04.2024** under Section 18 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for **18.06.2025**, which was postponed due to administrative reasons and further fixed for hearing today, i.e. **04.09.2025**.

2. The respondent is absent, but submitted a reply to Commission's Notice of hearing vide letter dated 03.04.2025, mentioning therein that a reply has already been sent to complainant vide letter no. 40 dated 21.02.2024.

3. The complainant is absent, but an email dated 03.09.2025 has been received from him, mentioning therein that he is unable to attend the hearing due to severe flood conditions and requests for an adjournment.

4. The perusal of the case file shows that the respondent has reply within stipulated time period as prescribed under the RTI Act, 2005. There is no evidence of any malice on the part of the PIO.

5. This is however, a Complaint Case, wherein the only question before the Commission is to determine whether there was any malafide intent on the part of the respondent PIO to deny / delay the information. In view of the respondent's reply, I am satisfied that there was no malafide intent on the part of the respondent PIO.

6. Since, the complainant is absent and requests an adjournment, **one last opportunity** is awarded to the complainant to appear before the Commission and state his case, failing which appropriate orders in his absence shall be passed.

7. **To come up on 15.01.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 04.09.2025

Sd/-
(Virinderjit Singh Billing)
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Shri Surjan Singh (98784-21510)

S/o Shri Mela Singh,
VPO Hassanpur,
Tehsil Mullanpur,
District Ludhiana.

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer-cum-

Block Development and Panchayat Officer,
Sudhar, District Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o District Development and Panchayat Officer,
Ludhiana.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 5853 OF 2022

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Surjan Singh (98784-21510)
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated **26.03.2025** vide which a Show Cause Notice was issued to the respondent PIO. During the said hearing, the case was fixed for hearing on **19.06.2025** but due to administrative reasons, the case was adjourned and further fixed for hearing today i.e. **04.09.2025**.

2. The appellant states that the sought information is still pending and further, he states that directions may be issued to the respondent to supply the complete requisite information pertaining to his RTI application.

3. The respondent is absent, but an email dated 02.09.2025 has been received from him, mentioning therein that there is a flood like tough situation and they are deputed in the flood affected areas. Further, he requested an adjournment.

4. After having detailed deliberations with the appellant, the Commission wishes to give **one last opportunity** to the respondent to provide complete information to the appellant within 10 days from the receipt of this order. He is also directed to file a reply of show cause notice before the next date of hearing.

5. The respondent PIO-cum-BDPO, Sudhar, is further directed to remain present on the next date of hearing for deliberations. It is also clarified that in case of defiance of this order, the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

6. **To come up on 14.10.2025 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 04.09.2025

Sd/-
(Virinderjit Singh Billing)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab