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Shri Rajwinder Singh Khalsa, (6284515571)

R/o Dairy Farm, Village Bara, P.O, PatheriJattan, Tehsil & Distt Roopnagar.

....Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o Chief Engineer (Commercial),
PSPCL, Patiala.

....Respondent

COMPLAINT CASE NO. 158 OF 2024

PRESENT: Complainant: Absent

Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

Date: 12.06.2025

The application dated **30.01.2024** vide which the complainant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. Complaint was filed in the Commission on **22.03.2024** under Section 18 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for **10.06.2025**, which was postponed due to administrative reasons and further fixed for hearing today, i.e. **12.06.2025**.

- 2. The respondent is absent, but submitted his reply, which was received in the Commission vide diary no. 5991 dated 25.04.2025, mentioning therein that the sought information is third party and reply has already been sent to the complainant.
- 3. The complainant is absent, but he has informed the Commission via telephone of his inability to attend the hearing due to the sudden demise of his uncle and further, he requested an adjournment.
- 4. Keeping in view of the above, **one last opportunity** is given to the complainant to appear before the Commission and state his case. It is made clear that in case the complainant does not appear on the next date of hearing, appropriate order in his absence shall be passed.
- 5. <u>To come up on 03.09.2025 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.</u> Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Shri Sushil Kumar, (9814500575) # 1410, Phase - 1, Urban Estate,

Dugri Road, Ludhiana - 141013

....Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o Hon'ble Governor, Punjab, Chandigarh.

....Respondent

COMPLAINT CASE NO. 161 OF 2024

PRESENT: Complainant: Absent

Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

Date: 12.06.2025

The application dated **23.11.2023** vide which the complainant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. Complaint was filed in the Commission on **27.03.2024** under Section 18 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for **10.06.2025**, which was postponed due to administrative reasons and further fixed for hearing today, i.e. **12.06.2025**.

- 2. The complainant is absent but an email dated 06.06.2025, has been received from him mentioning therein that he is unable to attend the hearing due to health issues and further, he seeking penalties be imposed on the respondent PIO under Section 20(1) of the RTI Act, 2005, which his taken on record.
- 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. The perusal of the case file shows that this RTI application was submitted on 23.11.2023 and there has since been no reply / information provided to the complainant.
- 4. Keeping in view of the above, **one last opportunity** is given to the respondent to appear before the Commission and explain the delay in addressing this RTI application. It is made clear that in case the respondent does not appear on the next date of hearing, appropriate order in his absence shall be passed.
- 5. <u>To come up on 03.09.2025 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.</u> Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Shri Kewal Kumar Goyal, (9872112474)

Flat No. E - 404, 4th Floor, Tower –5, Hermitage Park, Dhakolie, Near K Area Road, Sub Tehsil Zirakpur, District SAS Nagar (Mohali)

....Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o Tehsildar, Budhlada, Distt Mansa.

....Respondent

COMPLAINT CASE NO. 148 OF 2024

PRESENT: Complainant: Shri Kewal Kumar Goyal, (9872112474)

Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

Date: 12.06.2025

The application dated **12.02.2024** vide which the complainant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. Complaint was filed in the Commission on **18.03.2024** under Section 18 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for **10.06.2025**, which was postponed due to administrative reasons and further fixed for hearing today, i.e. **12.06.2025**.

- 2. The complainant states that he has received incorrect, vague, and misleading information from the respondent which did not address his RTI application and also submitted his written submission via email dated 26.05.2025, mentioning therein that the penalties be imposed on the respondent PIO to deny / delaying the information, which is taken on record.
- 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.
- 4. Keeping in view of the above, **one last opportunity** is given to the respondent to appear before the Commission and explain the delay in addressing this RTI application. It is made clear that in case the respondent does not appear on the next date of hearing, appropriate order in his absence shall be passed.
- 5. <u>To come up on 03.09.2025 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.</u> Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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....Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o Tehsildar, Budhlada, Distt Mansa.

....Respondent

COMPLAINT CASE NO. 165 OF 2024

PRESENT: Complainant: Shri Kewal Kumar Goyal, (9872112474)

Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

Date: 12.06.2025

The application dated **29.02.2024** vide which the complainant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. Complaint was filed in the Commission on **01.04.2024** under Section 18 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for **10.06.2025**, which was postponed due to administrative reasons and further fixed for hearing today, i.e. **12.06.2025**.

- 2. The complainant states that he has received incorrect, vague, and misleading information from the respondent which did not address his RTI application and also submitted his written submission via email dated 04.06.2025, mentioning therein that the penalties be imposed on the respondent PIO to deny / delaying the information, which is taken on record.
- 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.
- 4. Keeping in view of the above, **one last opportunity** is given to the respondent to appear before the Commission and explain the delay in addressing this RTI application. It is made clear that in case the respondent does not appear on the next date of hearing, appropriate order in his absence shall be passed.
- 5. <u>To come up on 03.09.2025 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.</u> Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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....Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o Tehsildar, Budhlada, Distt Mansa.

....Respondent

COMPLAINT CASE NO. 166 OF 2024

PRESENT: Complainant: Shri Kewal Kumar Goyal, (9872112474)

Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

Date: 12.06.2025

The application dated **19.02.2024** 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 **10.06.2025**, which was postponed due to administrative reasons and further fixed for hearing today, i.e. **12.06.2025**.

- 2. The complainant states that he has received incorrect, vague, and misleading information from the respondent which did not address his RTI application and also submitted his written submission via email dated 04.06.2025, mentioning therein that the penalties be imposed on the respondent PIO to deny / delaying the information, which is taken on record.
- 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.
- 4. Keeping in view of the above, **one last opportunity** is given to the respondent to appear before the Commission and explain the delay in addressing this RTI application. It is made clear that in case the respondent does not appear on the next date of hearing, appropriate order in his absence shall be passed.
- 5. <u>To come up on 03.09.2025 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.</u> Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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....Complainant

Versus

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

....Respondent

COMPLAINT CASE NO. 311 OF 2024

PRESENT: Complainant: Shri Kewal Kumar Goyal, (9872112474)

Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

Date: 12.06.2025

The application dated **14.06.2024** vide which the complainant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. Complaint was filed in the Commission on **07.08.2024** under Section 18 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for **10.06.2025**, which was postponed due to administrative reasons and further fixed for hearing today, i.e. **12.06.2025**.

- 2. The complainant states that he has received incorrect, vague, and misleading information from the respondent which did not address his RTI application and also submitted his written submission via email dated 20.05.2025, mentioning therein that the penalties be imposed on the respondent PIO to deny / delaying the information, which is taken on record.
- 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.
- 4. Keeping in view of the above, **one last opportunity** is given to the respondent to appear before the Commission and explain the delay in addressing this RTI application. It is made clear that in case the respondent does not appear on the next date of hearing, appropriate order in his absence shall be passed.
- 5. <u>To come up on 03.09.2025 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.</u> Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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SHOW CAUSE NOTICE

Versus

Shri Jagdev Singh (9094418000), S/o Shri Sukhdev Singh, R/o Village Gigamajra, Tehsil Amargarh, Distt Malerkotla.

....Appellant

Smt. Babaljeet Kaur (98145-44631), Public Information Officer-cum-BDPO, Amargarh, Distt Malerkotla.

First Appellate Authority, O/o DDPO, Malerkotla.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 7805 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Jagdev Singh (90944-18000)

Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **22.04.2025**. During the said hearing, the case was fixed for hearing on **10.06.2025**, but due to administrative reasons, the case was adjourned and further fixed for hearing today, i.e. **12.06.2025**.

- 2. The complainant states that he has not received sought information from the respondent as directed at the last hearing.
- 3. The respondent is absent consecutively without intimation, which shows his carelessness and casual attitude towards the previous order of the Commission. It is also a fact that order was sent to the PIO through registered post in spite of that, he is absent.
- 4. The perusal of the case file shows that at the last hearing on 22.04.2025, the respondent PIO was given last opportunity to supply the sought information to the appellant and also directed to appear in person but neither he is present nor any submissions have been received from him. Accordingly, the Commission deems it appropriate to issue this Show Cause Notice to the PIO-cum-BDPO, Amargarh, Malerkotla.
- 5. The respondent <u>PIO-cum-BDPO</u>, <u>Amargarh</u>, <u>Smt. Babaljeet Kaur</u>, is herewith ordered to <u>SHOW CAUSE</u> as to why a penalty should not be imposed upon her 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 18.08.2023. 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.

"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. She may take note that in case she does not file her written reply and

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APPEAL CASE NO. 7805 OF 2023

does not avail herself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the date fixed, it will be presumed that she has nothing to say and the Commission shall proceed to take further proceedings against her *ex parte*."

- 6. The PIO-cum-BDPO, Smt. Babaljeet Kaur, is directed to provide duly attested copies of the information pertaining to all 10 points of the RTI application along with a fresh point wise reply. The PIO-cum-BDPO, Smt. Babaljeet Kaur, is further directed to attend the next hearing of this appeal case in person at the Commission in Chandigarh. Failure to comply, will compel the Commission to ensure her presence through service of a **Bailable Warrant**. A copy of this order be marked to the Director, Rural Development and Panchayat Department, Punjab, Mohali, for further necessary action. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.
- 7. <u>To come up on 03.09.2025 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.</u> Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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

Director.

Cc:

Date: 12.06.2025

Rural Development and Panchayat Department, Punjab, Mohali, for further necessary action