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Sh. Bhupinder Singh, S/o Sh. Piara Singh,
Village Ghanaula, Po Ghanauli ,
Tehsil & Distt Rupnagar.M : 9855494286

..Complainant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panchayat, Saini Majra Jatt Pati,
C/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer,
Block - Rupnagar,
Tehsil & Distt Rupnagar.

Public Information Officer
o/o Tehsildar, Rupnagar.

Public Information Officer
o/o the Block Development and Panchayats Officer,
Block Rupnagar,
Tehsil & Distt. Rupnagar.

....Respondents

Complaint Case No. 515/2020

(Cisco Webex proceedings)

Present:- Adv. Dr. Sumati Jund, on behalf of the complainant.
Sh. Rajwinder Singh, Block Development and Panchayats Officer-cum-Public
Information Officer on behalf of the respondents.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 26.10.2020 vide which the case was adjourned to 8.12.2020 but due to administrative reasons the case was further adjourned for today i.e. 24.12.2020.

2. Advocate on behalf of the complainant states that nothing has been supplied by the respondents concerning Point No. 1 & 4 of the RTI application. However, the respondent-Public Information Officer states that the record is around 40 years old and he has made an effort to trace but nothing is available on record in the office of the Block Development and Panchayats Officer. The representative of the complainant insisted that the information concerning 'ਜੱਟ ਪੱਤੀ ਸੈਣੀ ਮਾਜਰਾ ਹ.ਬ. ਨੰ: 336 ਦੀ ਪੰਚਾਇਤ ਪਿੰਡ ਸੈਣੀ ਮਾਜਰਾ ਵਿੱਚੋਂ ਅਲੱਗ ਹੋਕੇ ਬਣੀ ਜਾਂ ਪਿੰਡ ਘਨੌਲਾ ਹ.ਬ. ਨੰ: 337 ਵਿੱਚੋਂ ਅਲੱਗ ਹੋ ਕੇ ਬਣੀ।' may be supplied or the respondent-Public Information Officer transfer the RTI application under Section 6(3) may be transferred to the authorities concerned.

3. Accordingly, the respondent-Public Information Officer requested for the adjournment of the case.

4. The case is adjourned with the directions to take appropriate action as enumerated in para 2 above before the next date of hearing under intimation to the Commission.

5. To come up on 29.1.2021 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Rupnagar/cisco webex.

SD/

Dated: 24.12.2020

(Suresh Arora)
Chief Information Commissioner,
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Sh. Sardool Singh S/o Sh. Sukhchain Singh,
R/o Vill. -Ghumiara, (98150-41837)
Tehsil –Malout, 151211
District –Sri Muktsar Sahib.

.....Complainant

Vs

Public Information Officer **(By name)**
o/o the Director,
Rural Development & Panchayat Deptt.,Pb.
Vikas Bhawan, Sector 62,
Mohali.

(Registered)

Sh. Sukhjinder Singh,
Public Information Officer,
O/o Panchayat Secretary, Ghumiara,
C/o Block Development & Panchayat Officer,
Block –Lambi, Tehsil -Malout,
District- Sri Muktsar Sahib.

(Registered)

Sh. Harjinder Singh, Public Information Officer,**(Registered)**
O/o Panchayat Secretary, Ghumiara,
C/o Block Development & Panchayat Officer,
Block –Lambi, Tehsil -Malout,
District- Sri Muktsar Sahib.

Public Information Officer –cum- (By name)
Block Development and Panchayats Officer, **(Registered)**
Lambi, District Sri Muktsar Sahib.

PIO/Water Supply and Sanitation Department, Punjab,
Malout, District Sri Muktsar Sahib.

.....Respondents

Complaint Case .No. 995 of 2019

(Video Conference Proceedings)

Present:- Sh. Sardool Singh, complainant.
Sh. Kuldip Singh, Panchayat Secretary and Sh. Vasu Dev, Panchayat Secretary
on behalf of the respondents.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 27.10.2020 vide which the case was adjourned to 8.12.2020 but further postponed to 24.12.2020 due to administrative reasons.

2. The representative of the respondents states that the complete information has been supplied to the complainant and nothing remained pending which could be supplied to him. The complainant also agreed with the submissions of the respondents and states that he has received the complete information and have no objection, if the case is disposed of.

3. According to the submissions made by the complainant the case is closed to supply the information in this case. However, the penalty is yet to be recovered from the salary of sh. Sukhjinder Singh, Panchayat Secretary amounting to Rs. 2500/-. Therefore, the Public

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Complaint Case .No. 995 of 2019

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Information Officer o/o Director, Rural Development & Panchayat Deptt.,Pb. is directed to place on record the copy of challan deposited in the bank in this regard. Also the Public Information Officer o/o Director, Rural Development & Panchayat, Pb., is directed to place on record the action taken on letter No. 1897 dated 26.10.2020 written by the Block Development and Panchayats Officer to the Director, Rural Development & Panchayat, Pb. before the next date of hearing.

4. To come up on 29.1.2021 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Muktsar Sahib/cisco webex.

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Sh. Gurmeet Singh 9876269776

Village Kikar Khera

Tehsil abohar,

District Fazilka.

....Appellant

Vs

Sh. Prithvi Singh, Panchayat Secretary Registered

c/o Block Development and Panchayats Officer,

Block Munak at Andana,

Tehsil Khanauri, Sangrur

Public Information Officer Registered

o/o Block Development and Panchayats Officer,

Block Munak at Andana,

Tehsil Khanauri, Sangrur

First Appellate Authority

o/o Addl. Deputy Commissioner (Dev.)

Sangrur

Public Information Officer (By name) Registered

o/o the Director,

Rural Development & Panchayat Deptt.,Pb.

Vikas Bhawan, Sector 62,

Mohali.

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2316 of 2020

(Video Conference/cisco webex Proceedings)

Present:- Sh. Gurmeet Singh, appellant.

Sh. Rampal, Panchayat Secretary on behalf of the respondents.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 23.10.2020 vide which the case was adjourned to 8.12.2020 but further adjourned due to administrative reasons for today i.e. 24.12.2020.

2. The appellant states that no information pertaining to Point No. 1 to 5 has been supplied by the Director, Rural Development & Panchayat, Pb. With regard to Point No. 6 the appellant states that he has not received the copy of RC of the Government vehicle although he has received the copy of log book. He further states that he has received the information concerning Point No. 7 of the RTI application. The appellant also states that the department has misled the Commission as well as the appellant that the record was not handed over by the previous Panchayat Secretary Sh. Rampal. However, Sh. Rampal states that he had already handed over the complete record to the village Sarpanch on the date he was transferred from the post.

3. The respondent-PIO is absent without intimation. Video Conference Facility/cisco webex facility was introduced for convenience of general public and for government officials. Viewing the attitude in dealing with the RTI application by the present Panchayat Secretary seriously, the Sh. Prithvi Singh, Panchayat Secretary is, thus, issued a show cause

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Appeal Case No. 2316 of 2020

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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 the RTI application and to issue show cause for compensation to the appellant for detriment suffered by him under section 19(8) of the RTI Act,2005.

In addition to the written reply, the PIO 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.

4. Also one opportunity is granted to the Public Information Officer o/o the Director, Rural Development & Panchayat, Pb., to file the reply/supply the information concerning Point No. 1 to 5 of the RTI application, which is **sent** with this order, before the next date of hearing failing which the penalty provisions will be invoked.

5. Also the Public Information Officer o/o the Block Development and Panchayats Officer, Andana at Munak is directed to supply the copy of the RC of the government vehicle as per Point No. 6 of the RTI application before the next date of hearing .

6. To come up on 27.1.2021 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Sangrur/cisco webex.

SD

Dated: 24.12.2020

(Suresh Arora)

Chief Information Commissioner,
Punjab.