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Sh. Gokul Chand Aneja

#23, Manor Estate,
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Amritsar-I-143101

M: 8288839707, 941743870

....Appellant

V/s

Dr. Satinderjeet Singh,
Civil Surgeon-cum-
Public Information Officer,
O/o Civil Surgeon, Amritsar

Encl. RTI Application

First Appellate Authority

O/o Civil Surgeon, Amritsar

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 7518 of 2025
(Heard through Cisco Webex)

Present: Sh. Gokul Chand Aneja, the appellant.
None on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 26.03.2025 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 16.07.2025 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 18.12.2025 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for hearing for today i.e. 23.12.2025.

2. The appellant has sought an action taken on the letters dated 05.04.2024, 16.05.2024, 09.09.2024 and 07.10.2024. But none is present on behalf of the respondent PIO. It is also a fact that a notice of hearing was sent to the parties through email and also for the convenience of the parties, the case was fixed for hearing through Cisco Webex but in-spite of that the respondent remained absent without intimation.

3. Viewing the attitude in dealing with the RTI application by the respondent casually, **Dr. Satinderjeet Singh, Civil Surgeon-cum-Public Information Officer, O/o Civil Surgeon, Amritsar**, is, thus, issued a show cause 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 applicant and to show cause why a compensation under section 19(8) of the RTI Act, 2005, may not be paid to the appellant for causing willful delay/denial of the information for detriment suffered by him.

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In addition to the written reply, the Public Information Officer 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, a copy of this order is **being sent to the Principal Secretary to Govt. of Punjab, Department of Health & Family Welfare, Punjab** to ensure the presence of the concerned Civil Surgeon, Amritsar, on the next date of hearing. It is also clarified that in case of defiance of this order, the presence of the concerned Civil Surgeon, Amritsar will be procured by issuing **BAILABLE WARRANTS** and/or disciplinary action may be recommended in this case to the competent authority.

5. To come up on **07.01.2026 at 11:30 A.M. through Cisco Webex (Meeting No. 25162032957, Password:12345)**.

(Inderpal Singh)

**Chief Information Commissioner,
Punjab**

Dated: 23.12.2025

CC:

**Principal Secretary to Govt. of Punjab (by name),
Department of Health and Family Welfare, Punjab,
Punjab Civil Secretariat-2,
Sector-9, Chandigarh**

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Appeal Case No. 7517 of 2025
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Present: Sh. Gokul Chand Aneja, the appellant.
None on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 26.03.2025 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 16.07.2025 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 18.12.2025 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for hearing for today i.e. 23.12.2025.

2. The appellant has sought a copy of statements of Dr. Sarabdeep Singh, Anesthetist as was submitted by him during an enquiry conducted by the Medical Board to enquire into the matter of death of Smt. Sunita Aneja. But none is present on behalf of the respondent PIO. It is also a fact that a notice of hearing was sent to the parties through email and also for the convenience of the parties, the case was fixed for hearing through Cisco Webex but in-spite of that the respondent remained absent without intimation.

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