

# Hry RTS panel slaps ₹20k penalty on MSME addl director

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**Chandigarh:** The Haryana Right to Service (RTS) Commission has imposed a penalty of Rs 20,000 on additional director, MSME, Shashi Kant for not ensuring delivery of service — energy audit scheme for MSMEs as per the given timeline.

An official spokesperson said Narender Kapoor had applied for an energy audit assistance scheme for his business unit in Faridabad on September 4, 2020, which is being provided by the Directorate of MSME.

He said the request stayed in pendency for almost 18 months and no satisfactory reply was furnished by the department.

Kapoor submitted a

complaint to the commission, which immediately took cognisance of the matter and issued a suo moto notice to the director, MSME, to conduct an inquiry and fix responsibility for the delay.

The director had formed an inquiry committee and submitted a report, citing generic reasons for delay and not holding any particular officer accountable for the delay.

The commission then directed the director, MSME, to depute a concerned additional director to appear before it with a record of the case on March 25.

The additional director, MSME, appeared before the commission for the hearing but was unable to even cite the RTS timeline for the service in question correctly.