

PUNJAB STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION

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FINAL ORDER

Gurmej Lal,
NCAG St. No.5, 1351-5,
Vishwakarma Bhawan,
Down Canal Road, Simlapuri,
Ludhiana.

Versus

Public Information Officer,
XEN, B&R Branch, Zone-B,
Municipal Corporation,
Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,
Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation,
Ludhiana.

Appeal Case Nos. 3966/2022, 3967/2022, 3968/2022, 3969/2022, 3970/2022, 3971/2022, 3972/2022, 3973/2022, 3974/2022, 3975/2022, 3976/2022, 3977/2022, 3978/2022, 3979/2022, 3980/2022, 3981/2022, 3982/2022, 3983/2022, 3984/2022, and 3985/2022 (Heard together)

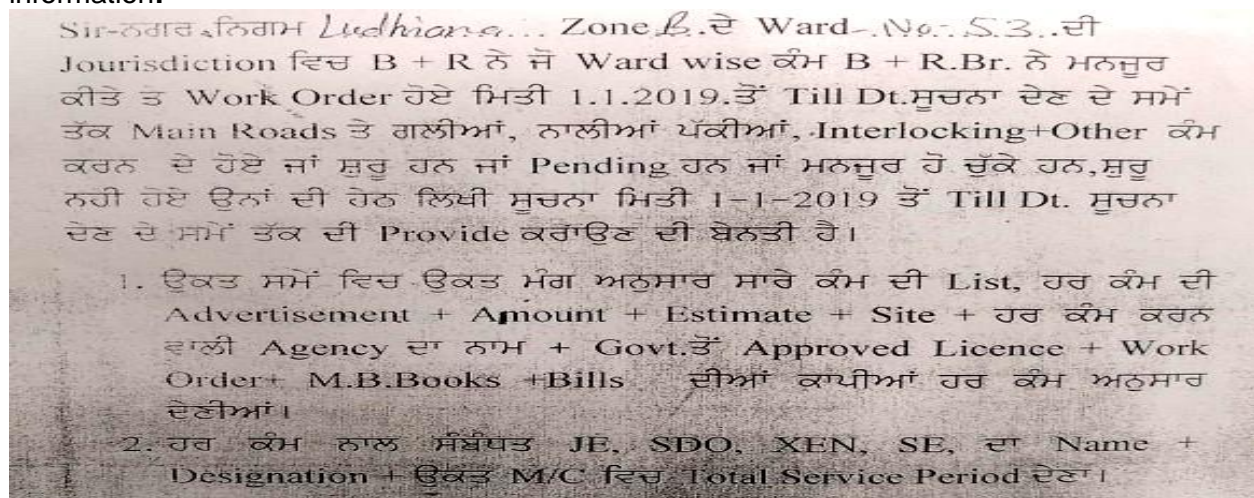
PRESENT:

(Appellant) Absent

Simarjeet Singh, SDO, B&R, Zone B (for the Respondent) 75082-43093

ORDER:

1. The RTI applications are dated **3.6.2022** vide which the appellant has sought the following information:



as enumerated above for 20 different Wards in Zone B, MC Ludhiana. First Appeals were filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **5.7.2022** and Second Appeals were filed in the Commission on **30.8.2022** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notices were issued to the parties for first Hearing in the Commission on **25.1.2023**.

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2. The appellant is absent. The respondent PIO, represented by Sh. Simarjeet Singh, SDO, B&R, Zone B, has submitted a copy of the reply sent to the appellant vide Letter No. 130/XEN/B&R/B/D dated 9.6.2022 (sent by registered post on 10.6.2022), raising a demand for Rs. 6960.00 as the cost of photocopying 3480 pages for the information sought in 20 separate RTI applications seeking identical information pertaining to 20 different wards in Zone B, MC, Ludhiana. As per the respondent PIO the appellant has still not deposited the requested amount.

3. The Commission notes that the demand for copying costs was well within the stipulated 30 day period. The appellant is advised to deposit the requested amount if he still wants to obtain the information. After the appellant deposits the requisite sum sought in these 20 RTI applications, the respondent PIO is to provide the requested information by way of duly attested copies accompanied by a covering letter.

4. These Appeals are accordingly **Disposed of**.

Sd/-
(ASIT JOLLY)
State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

Chandigarh
25.1.2023