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Shri Rajinder Singh  
R/o # B-9/623, Upkar Nagar,  
Factory Area, Patiala.

.....Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer**  
O/o District Transport Officer,  
Patiala.

**First Appellate Authority-cum-**  
Assistant Transport Officer,  
Patiala.

....Respondents

**AC No.2227 of 2020**

**Present:** (i) **Shri Rajinder Singh, Appellant.**  
(ii) **Shri Dharam Vir, Junior Assistant O/o Secretary, R.T.A. Patiala**  
**on behalf of the PIO/Respondent**

**ORDER:**

**(Heard through Video Conferencing)**

1. The RTI application is dated 14.11.2019 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 17.02.2020 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 19.08.2020 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 03.11.2020 by the Commission through V.C. in D.C. Office, Patiala. Accordingly, the case has been heard today through V.C.

3. The appellant comes present to attend the hearing. He states that he has not been supplied any information.

3. Shri Dharam Vir, Junior Assistant O/o Secretary, R.T.A. Patiala comes present to attend the hearing through V.C. on behalf of the PIO/Respondent. He states that the information is being compiled and will be supplied to the appellant shortly.

4. The Bench observes that RTI application is dated 14.11.2019 and First Appeal is dated 17.02.2020 and the information has been delayed considerably. Notwithstanding the assurance given by the representative of the PIO, the Bench gives another date and directs the PIO to ensure that the requisite information is supplied to the appellant before the next hearing.

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5. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 13.01.2021 at 11.30 AM through V.C. in D.C. Office, Patiala.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh  
03.11.2020**

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Shri Armaan Midha,  
R/o H.No.90, Sector-16A,  
Chandigarh.

...Complainant

Versus

**Public Information Officer**

O/o Registrar, Thapar Institute of  
Engineering & Technology,  
(Thapar University),  
Patiala.

....Respondent

**CC No.541 of 2020**

**Present:** (i) **Shri Armaan Midha, Complainant, in person..**  
(ii) **Shri Rajat Sharma, Advocate on behalf of PIO/Respondent, O/o Registrar, Thapar Institute of Engineering & Technology (Thapar University), Patiala, in person.**

**ORDER**

**(Heard through Video Conferencing)**

1. The RTI application is dated 07.07.2017 vide which the Complainant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. The complaint was filed in the Commission on 18.08.2020 under Section 18 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 03.11.2020 by the Commission through Video Conferencing facility in the office of D.C. Patiala.
3. The Complainant comes present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench at Chandigarh. He states that he has sought information vide his RTI application dated 07.07.2017, but he has not been supplied any information so far. He requests for supply of the same.
4. Shri Rajat Khanna, Advocate, comes present to attend the hearing in person on behalf of the PIO/Registrar, Thapar Institute of Engineering & Technology (Thapar University), Patiala and produces Power of Attorney before the Bench which is taken on record. He states that the Institute in question is a totally privately managed educational Institute not funded at all by the Government and does not come under the purview of RTI Act. As such, he prays for time to enable him to file reply in this regard on behalf of the Respondent-Institute.
5. The request of the Counsel for the respondent is acceded to and is granted time to file reply to the RTI application of the complainant.



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**CC No.541/2020**

6. The PIO/Respondent is directed to file reply in the instant complaint case before the next date of hearing.

7. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 25.01.2021 at 11.30 AM through V.C. in D.C. Office, Patiala.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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...Complainant

Versus

**Public Information Officer**

O/o Registrar, Thapar Institute of  
Engineering & Technology,  
(Thapar University),  
Patiala.

....Respondent

**CC No.540 of 2020**

**Present:** (i) **Shri Armaan Midha, Complainant, in person..**  
(ii) **Shri Rajat Sharma, Advocate on behalf of PIO/Respondent, O/o Registrar, Thapar Institute of Engineering & Technology (Thapar University), Patiala, in person.**

**ORDER**

**(Heard through Video Conferencing)**

1. The RTI application is dated 06.07.2017 vide which the Complainant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. The complaint was filed in the Commission on 18.08.2020 under Section 18 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 03.11.2020 by the Commission through Video Conferencing facility in the office of D.C. Patiala.
3. The Complainant comes present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench at Chandigarh. He states that he has sought information vide his RTI application dated 06.07.2017, but he has not been supplied any information so far. He requests for supply of the same.
4. Shri Rajat Khanna, Advocate, comes present to attend the hearing in person on behalf of the PIO/Registrar, Thapar Institute of Engineering & Technology (Thapar University), Patiala and produces Power of Attorney before the Bench which is taken on record. He states that the Institute in question is a totally privately managed educational Institute not funded at all by the Government and does not come under the purview of RTI Act. As such, he prays for time to enable him to file reply in this regard on behalf of the Respondent-Institute.
5. The request of the Counsel for the respondent is acceded to and is granted time to file reply to the RTI application of the complainant.



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**CC No.540/2020**

6. The PIO/Respondent is directed to file reply in the instant complaint case before the next date of hearing.

7. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 25.01.2021 at 11.30 AM through V.C. in D.C. Office, Patiala.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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Chandigarh.

.....Complainant

Versus

**Public Information Officer**

O/o Registrar, Thapar Institute of  
Engineering & Technology,  
(Thapar University),  
Patiala.

....Respondent

**CC No.539 of 2020**

**Present:** (i) **Shri Armaan Midha, Complainant, in person..**  
(ii) **Shri Rajat Sharma, Advocate on behalf of PIO/Respondent, O/o Registrar, Thapar Institute of Engineering & Technology (Thapar University), Patiala, in person.**

**ORDER**

**(Heard through Video Conferencing)**

1. The RTI application is dated 05.07.2017 vide which the Complainant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. The complaint was filed in the Commission on 18.08.2020 under Section 18 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 03.11.2020 by the Commission through Video Conferencing facility in the office of D.C. Patiala.
3. The Complainant comes present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench at Chandigarh. He states that he has sought information vide his RTI application dated 05.07.2020, but he has not been supplied any information so far. He requests for supply of the same.
4. Shri Rajat Khanna, Advocate, comes present to attend the hearing in person on behalf of the PIO/Registrar, Thapar Institute of Engineering & Technology (Thapar University), Patiala and produces Power of Attorney before the Bench which is taken on record. He states that the Institute in question is a totally privately managed educational Institute not funded at all by the Government and does not come under the purview of RTI Act. As such, he prays for time to enable him to file reply in this regard on behalf of the Respondent-Institute.
5. The request of the Counsel for the respondent is acceded to and is granted time to file reply to the RTI application of the complainant.



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**CC No.539/2020**

6. The PIO/Respondent is directed to file reply in the instant complaint case before the next date of hearing.

7. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 25.01.2021 at 11.30 AM through V.C. in D.C. Office, Patiala.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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Shri Ravi Kant  
S/o Shri Sansari Lal,  
R/o Krishna Bazar,  
Ward No.4, Dhariwal,  
District Gurdaspur.

.....Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer**  
O/o Executive Officer,  
Municipal Council, Dhariwal,  
District Gurdaspur.

**First Appellate Authority-**  
Deputy Director,  
Local Govt., Amritsar.

....Respondents

**AC No.2188 of 2020**

**Present:** (i) **Shri Ravi Kant, Appellant**  
(ii) **None is present on behalf of the PIO/Respondent**

**ORDER:** **(Heard through Video Conferencing)**

1. The RTI application is dated 06.05.2020 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 08.06.2020 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 17.08.2020 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 03.11.2020 by the Commission through V.C. in D.C. Office, Gurdaspur. Accordingly, the case has been heard today through V.C.
3. Shri Ravi Kant, appellant comes present to attend the hearing through V.C. in DC Office, Gurdaspur. He states that out of seven paras of his RTI application, he has received information on paras No.3 & 5 only and that too, only partial information regarding para No.5, but no information has been received regarding other paras i.e. Para No.1,2,4,6 & 7.
4. The PIO has neither come present to attend the hearing through V.C. nor has deputed any of his representative to attend the hearing nor has given any intimation in this regard. This indifferent attitude of the PIO is viewed adversely.
5. The PIO O/o Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Dhariwal, District Gurdaspur is issued show cause notice to explain his absence and to explain as to why action should not be taken against him in the instant case for non supply of complete information to the appellant. He is also directed to file a written reply to the show cause notice as to why the appellant should not be compensated for the mental harassment suffered by him in getting the information.



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6. In addition to the written reply, PIO is hereby given an opportunity u/s 20(1) proviso thereto for a personal hearing before the imposition of such a penalty, on the next date of hearing. He may take note that in case he does not file the written reply and does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the next date fixed, it will be presumed that he has nothing to say and the Commission shall proceed to take further proceeding against him ex-parte.

7. The PIO is also directed to call the appellant to his office on any working day and allow him access to the official records. The appellant, on inspection of records, will identify the information as per his RTI application and the PIO will ensure that the information so identified by the appellant is provided to him.

8. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 04.01.2021 at 11.30 AM through V.C. in D.C. Office, Gurdaspur.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

Chandigarh  
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Shri Gulshan Kumar  
R/o # 1525/1, Street No.33,  
Preet Nagar, Shimlapuri,  
Ludhiana.

.....Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer**  
O/o Municipal Corporation,  
Ludhiana.

**First Appellate Authority,**  
O/o The Commissioner,  
Municipal Corporation,  
Ludhiana.

....Respondents

**AC No.2363 of 2020**

**Present:** (i) **Shri Gulshan Kumar, Appellant.**  
(ii) **Shri Davinder Singh, Draftsman, Zone-A, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana**  
**on behalf of the PIO/Respondent**

**ORDER:**

**(Heard through Video Conferencing)**

1. The RTI application is dated 12.03.2020 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 06.07.2020 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 31.08.2020 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 03.11.2020 by the Commission through V.C. in D.C. Office, Ludhiana. Accordingly, the case has been heard today through V.C. in DC Office, Ludhiana.
3. The Appellant comes present to attend the hearing through V.C. He states that no information has been provided by the PIO so far.
4. Shri Davinder Singh, Draftsman, Zone-A, M.C. Ludhiana comes present to attend the hearing through V.C. He states that the information has been supplied to the appellant vide letter dated 28.09.2020.
5. Since the appellant denies having received any information, the PIO is directed to call the appellant to his office on any working day to allow him access to the official records. On inspection, the appellant will identify the information as required by him. The PIO will ensure to provide the information so identified by the appellant.
6. After the requisite information is supplied by the PIO, the PIO will file an affidavit, duly signed by the PIO and attested by the Notary Public to the effect that the information as available in the official



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records in AC No.2363/2020 has been supplied to the appellant. It be further stated that nothing has been concealed therein and the statement made is correct and authentic. Original copy of the affidavit be sent to the appellant and photocopy of the same be sent to the Commission for record.

7. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 04.01.2021 at 11.30 AM through V.C. in D.C. Office, Ludhiana.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh  
03.11.2020**

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Preet Nagar, Shimlapuri,  
Ludhiana.

.....Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer**  
O/o Municipal Corporation,  
Ludhiana.

**First Appellate Authority,**  
O/o The Commissioner,  
Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana.

....Respondents

**AC No.2364 of 2020**

**Present:** (i) **Shri Gulshan Kumar, Appellant.**  
(ii) **None is present on behalf of the PIO/Respondent**

**ORDER:**

**(Heard through Video Conferencing)**

1. The RTI application is dated 18.03.2020 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 06.07.2020 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 31.08.2020 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 03.11.2020 by the Commission through V.C. in D.C. Office, Ludhiana. Accordingly, the case has been heard today through V.C. in DC Office, Ludhiana.
3. The Appellant comes present to attend the hearing through V.C. He states that no information has been provided by the PIO so far.
4. Neither the PIO has come present to attend the hearing through V.C. from Zone-A, M.C. Ludhiana nor has deputed any of his representatives to attend the hearing nor any information has been supplied to the appellant. This indifferent attitude of the PIO is viewed adversely.
5. The PIO Shri Anshul Garcha, SDO/PIO, O/M Cell, Zone-D, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana is issued show cause notice to explain his absence and to explain as to why action should not be taken against him for non supply of information even after a lapse of seven months. He is also directed to file a written reply to the show cause notice as to why the appellant should not be compensated for the mental harassment suffered by him in getting the information.



6. In addition to the written reply, PIO is hereby given an opportunity u/s 20(1) proviso thereto for a personal hearing before the imposition of such a penalty, on the next date of hearing. He may take note that in case he does not file the written reply and does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the next date fixed, it will be presumed that he has nothing to say and the Commission shall proceed to take further proceeding against him ex-parte.

7. The PIO is also directed to supply complete information to the appellant before the next hearing, failing which penal consequences shall follow.

8. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 04.01.2021 at 11.30 AM through V.C. in D.C. Office, Ludhiana.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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R/o # 1525/1, Street No.33,  
Preet Nagar, Shimlapuri,  
Ludhiana.

.....Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer**  
O/o The Commissioner,  
Municipal Corporation Zone-D,  
Ludhiana.

**First Appellate Authority,**  
O/o The Commissioner,  
Municipal Corporation,  
Ludhiana.

....Respondents

**AC No.2365 of 2020**

**Present:** (i) **Shri Gulshan Kumar, Appellant.**  
(ii) **Shri Satinder Sharma, Head Draftsman, Zone-D and Shri Rajinder Singh, Clerk, Zone-B, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana, on behalf of the PIO/ Respondent**

**ORDER:**

**(Heard through Video Conferencing)**

1. The RTI application is dated 13.03.2020 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 06.07.2020 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 31.08.2020 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 03.11.2020 by the Commission through V.C. in D.C. Office, Ludhiana. Accordingly, the case has been heard today through V.C. in DC Office, Ludhiana.
3. The Appellant comes present to attend the hearing through V.C. He states that he has received information regarding House Tax and Property Tax from Zone A, B C & D, but the information by Building & Drawing Branch of Zone B, C & D is yet to be provided.
4. Shri Rajinder Singh, Clerk, Zone-B, M.C. Ludhiana comes present to attend the hearing through V.C. He states that the information has been supplied to the appellant vide letter dated 26.10.2020 and the appellant has also acknowledged receipt of information.
5. Since as per the appellant, he has received complete information from Zone-A, the PIOs of Zone-B, C & D are directed to provide balance of information to the appellant before the next hearing.

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**AC No.2365/2020**

6. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 04.01.2021 at 11.30 AM through V.C. in D.C. Office, Ludhiana.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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Preet Nagar, Shimlapuri,  
Ludhiana.

.....Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer**  
O/o The Commissioner,  
Municipal Corporation Zone-D,  
Ludhiana.

**First Appellate Authority,**  
O/o The Commissioner,  
Municipal Corporation,  
Ludhiana.

....Respondents

**AC No.2367 of 2020**

**Present:** (i) **Shri Gulshan Kumar, Appellant.**  
(ii) **Shri Satinder Sharma, Head Draftsman, Zone-D Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana, on behalf of the PIO/Respondent**

**ORDER:**

**(Heard through Video Conferencing)**

1. The RTI application is dated 12.03.2020 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 06.07.2020 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 31.08.2020 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 03.11.2020 by the Commission through V.C. in D.C. Office, Ludhiana. Accordingly, the case has been heard today through V.C. in DC Office, Ludhiana.
3. The Appellant comes present to attend the hearing through V.C. He states that he has not received any information so far.
4. Shri Satinder Sharma, Head Draftsman, Zone-D, M.C. Ludhiana comes present to attend the hearing through V.C. He states that the information has been supplied to the appellant vide letter dated 29.10.2020 and the appellant has also acknowledged receipt of information.
5. On the asking of the Bench, the appellant states that he has received only partial information from PIO, Zone- D.
6. Post deliberations, the Bench directs the PIO to call the appellant to his office on any working day to allow him access to the official records. On inspection, the appellant will identify the information as required by him. The PIO will ensure to provide the information so identified by the appellant.

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7. After the requisite information is supplied by the PIO, the PIO will file an affidavit, duly signed by the PIO and attested by the Notary Public to the effect that the information as available in the official records in AC No.2367/2020 has been supplied to the appellant. It be further stated that nothing has been concealed therein and the statement made is correct and authentic. Original copy of the affidavit be sent to the appellant and photocopy of the same be sent to the Commission for record.

8. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 04.01.2021 at 11.30 AM through V.C. in D.C. Office, Ludhiana.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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.....Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer**  
O/o Municipal Corporation,  
Ludhiana.

**First Appellate Authority,**  
O/o The Commissioner,  
Municipal Corporation,  
Ludhiana.

....Respondents

**AC No.2366 of 2020**

**Present:** (i) **Shri Gulshan Kumar, Appellant.**  
(ii) **Shri Davinder Singh, Draftsman, Zone-A, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana  
on behalf of the PIO/Respondent**

**ORDER:**

**(Heard through Video Conferencing)**

1. The RTI application is dated 16.03.2020 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 06.07.2020 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 31.08.2020 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 03.11.2020 by the Commission through V.C. in D.C. Office, Ludhiana. Accordingly, the case has been heard today through V.C. in DC Office, Ludhiana.
3. The Appellant comes present to attend the hearing through V.C. He states that no information has been provided by the PIO so far.
4. Shri Davinder Singh, Draftsman, Zone-A, M.C. Ludhiana comes present to attend the hearing through V.C. He requests for another date and assures that complete information will be supplied to the appellant before the next hearing.
5. The request of the representative of PIO is acceded to and additional time is granted to supply the information. The PIO is directed to supply complete information to the appellant as assured by the representative of PIO, failing which penal consequences shall follow.



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6. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 04.01.2021 at 11.30 AM through V.C. in D.C. Office, Ludhiana.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh  
03.11.2020**

**Sd/-  
(Lt Gen Ajae Kumar Sharma,(Retd))  
State Information Commissioner, Punjab**