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Sh.Ashwani Kumar, S/o Sh Parshottam Kumar,
House No 83, Near Grain Market,
Bhucho Mandi, Distt Bathinda (M-9417937357)

.....Appellant

..Vs

Public Information Officer, (Registered Post)

O/o DPI (colleges), pb
PSEB Complex, Near Mohali Old bus stand,
Phase-8, Mohali

First Appellate Authority

O/o DPI (colleges), pb
PSEB Complex, Near Mohali Old bus stand,
Phase-8, Mohali

.....Respondent

AC No. 3448 of 2020
Through CISCO Webex

Present : (i) Sh Ashwani Kumar, the Appellant
(ii) None for the Respondent

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 30.03.2021.

2. The Appellant Sh. Ashwani Kumar states that no information has been provided to him till date.
3. No one has appeared on behalf of the Respondent today. They were not even present on the previous two date of hearings also.
4. After perusing the record available on file, it emerges that respondent-PIO is not present for third consecutive hearing. He has delayed/ denied in providing the information to the Appellant. He has not even bothered to inform the Commission about his absence. This shows that he has no regard for the orders issued by the Commission. This is indeed a serious matter.
5. In view of the above, **PIO- O/o DPI (colleges) Punjab is directed** to show cause in writing or through affidavit under Section 20(1) of the RTI Act, as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay/ denial of the information to the RTI applicant and why the compensation be not awarded to the Appellant under Section 19 (8)(b) of the Act for detriment suffered.

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In addition to his submission, the PIO is also hereby 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 note that in case he does not file his submission 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 proceedings against him ex-parte.

4. To come up on **28.06.2021 at 11.00 AM** through CISCO-Webex (Video-conferencing application). Copy of the order be sent to the parties.
(CISCO-Webex Meeting Code No: 1582069360).

Dated :04.05.2021

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Sh. Rajkumar, Sr Citizen (M-94163-43598)
Jindal Road, Jakhalmadi,
Tehsil Tohana, Distt Fatehabad.

.....Appellant

..Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o Tehsildar, Lehera, Distt Sangrur

First Appellate Authority
O/o SDM, Lehera, Distt `Sangrur

.....Respondent

AC No. 1160 of 2020
Through CISCO-Webex

Present: (i) Sh. Rajkumar, Appellant
(ii) None for the Respondent

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 15.02.2021 vide which the Respondent was directed to file a specific point-wise reply.

2. The Appellant- Sh Rajkumar states that no information has been provided to him till date. However, the Appellant has also filed his submissions vide Commission diary no. 7750 dated 05.04.2021. Copy of the same is taken on record.

3. No one has appeared on behalf of the Respondent today. However, they have filed their reply vide Commission diary no. 4861 dated 02.03.2021. Copy of the same is taken on record.

4. I have gone through the reply filed by the Respondent and have not agreed with it. Hence, the Respondent-PIO is again directed to file their proper point wise specific reply on affidavit before the next date of hearing with a copy to the Appellant.

5. To come up on **28.06.2021 at 11:00AM** through CISCO-Webex (Video-conferencing application). Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Sh.Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia (RTI Activist) (9464500405)
Ward No-18, Street no.-2,
Kartar Nagar, Amlah Road, Khanna-141401

.....Appellant

..Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o EO, MC, MandiGobindgarh

First Appellate Authority
O/o Regional Deputy Director,
Urban local Government, Ludhiana

.....Respondent

AC No.3822 of 2020
Through CISCO Webex

Present: (i) Sh. Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia, Appellant
(ii) for the Respondent: Sh. Charanjit Singh,EO (96460-08771)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 17.02.2021 vide which the Respondent-PIO was directed to file an affidavit for information not available in their official record.

2. The Appellant states that, as directed in the previous hearing, he had pointed out deficiencies to the Respondent but the complete information has not been provided to him till date. He has also filed a copy of the same along with his submissions via e-mail. Copy of the same is taken on record.

3. Sh Charanjit Singh, EO was present in the hearing today, but could not present his case due to his poor network connection. However, the Respondent has filed his affidavit via e-mail. The Respondent is directed to send a copy of the same to the Appellant.

4. After perusing the documents placed on record, it is ascertained that the Appellant has pointed out deficiencies to the Respondent. Hence, the Respondent-PIO is directed to provide complete information to the Appellant, after the removal of the said deficiencies.

5. To come up on **28.06.2021 at 11:00AM** through CISCO-Webex (Video-conferencing application). Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Dated: 04.05.2021

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Sh. Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia (RTI Activist)
Ward No. 18, Street No. 2,
Kartar Nagar, Amlah Road, Khanna

.....Appellant

..Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o SSP, Fatehgarh Sahib

Public Information Officer
O/o SSP, Fatehgarh Sahib

.....Respondent

AC No. 266 of 2021
Through CISCO Webex

Present: (i) Sh Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia, appellant
(ii) For the respondent: - Sh. Ranjit Singh, ASI (8360834611)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 30.03.2021.

2. The Appellant states that, he has received the information pertaining to point no.1 and 7. Rest of the information has not been provided to him. Further he states that he has also pointed out deficiencies to the Respondent in the information provided. He has also filed a copy of the same along with his submissions via e-mail. Copy of the same is taken on record.

3. The Respondent states that the information, as available in their official record has been provided to the Appellant.

4. After hearing both the parties and perusing the case file it is ascertained that the complete information has not been provided to the Appellant. Hence, the Appellant is directed to visit the office of respondent on any working day *with prior appointment*, inspect the relevant records, identify the documents copies whereof are required by him; and the respondent shall provided copies thereof, according to his RTI application, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

5. To come up on **28.06.2021 at 11:00AM** through CISCO-Webex (Video-conferencing application). Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Sh.Gurdev Singh, S/o Sh Bachan Singh, (M-9463557261)
H.No-48, Gali No-2, Professor Enclave,
Opposite Punjabi University, Patiala

.....Appellant

..Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o SDM, Sangrur

First Appellate Authority
O/o DC, Sangrur

.....Respondent

AC No. 3503 of 2020
Through CISCO Webex

Present : (i) Sh Gurdev Singh, the Appellant
(ii) For the Respondent: Sh. Pankaj Kumar, Clerk (M-94177-59621)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 30.03.2021.

2. The Respondent states that, as directed in the previous hearing, the Appellant had inspected the record in their office. The Respondent has also filed their reply vide Commission diary no. 8322 dated 15.04.2021 along with the copy of the receiving given by the Appellant after inspecting the record. Copy of the same is taken on record.

3. Today, the Appellant states that he has not received the complete information.

4. After hearing both the parties and perusing the case file, the Respondent-PIO is directed to file an affidavit for the information not available in their official record, on the next date of hearing with a copy to the Appellant.

5. To come up on **28.06.2021 at 11:00AM** through CISCO-Webex (Video-conferencing application). Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Dated : 04.05.2021

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Sh. Tilak Raj Sharma, # 70, Ambika Colony
Behind K M.V College, Jalandhar – 144004

..... Complainant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o Director Health and Family Welfare Punjab
ParivarKalyanBhawan, Sector 34,
Chandigarh

Registered post:

Public Information Officer
O/o Civil Surgeon, Jalandhar

Registered post:

Public Information Officer
O/o Punjab Medical Council,
O/o Medical Education Bhawan,
Near Excise and Taxation Building, Sector 69
SAS Nagar

.....Respondent

CC.No. 1063 of 2019
Through CISCO WEBEX

Present: (i) Sh. Tilak Raj, the Complainant
(ii) None for the Respondent

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 15.02.2021.

2. The Appellant states that the information has been provided to him by the PIO O/o Punjab Medical Council, SAS Nagar but he is not satisfied with the same. The Complainant has also filed his submissions via e-mail(s). Copy of the same are taken on record.

3. No one has appeared on behalf of the Respondent today. However, the Respondent has filed his reply to the show-cause notice via e-mail. I have gone through the same and have agreed with it. Resultantly, the proceedings U/s 20 of the RTI are dropped.

4. After examining the documents placed on record, it is ascertained that the Complainant is not satisfied with the information provided. Hence, both the parties are directed to be present personally on the next date of hearing, along with their specific reply.

5. To come up on **07.06.2021 at 11:00AM** in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

Dated: 04.05.2021

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Sh. Devinder Sharma, Advocate
Chamber No. 259A, New Courts, Jalandhar (9876196268)

.....Complainant

..Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o Principal Lyallpur Khalsa College,
Jalandhar

.....Respondent

CC No.415 of 2020
Through CISCO WEBEX

Present: (i) None for the complainant
(ii) For the Respondent: Sh Gurbinder Singh Samra, Principal (98788-22140)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 04.02.2021.

2. The Complainant is not present today. However, the Complainant has filed his submissions vide Commission diary no. 6824 dated 24.03.2021. Copy of the same is taken on record.

3. The Respondent states that the information sought by the Complainant is in question/queries form. Hence the information cannot be provided.

4. After perusing the documents placed on record, it is ascertained that the complete information, as sought by the Complainant, is not in question/queries form. Hence, it cannot be denied. In view of the above, the Respondent is directed to provide complete information to the Complainant before the next date of hearing.

5. To come up on **28.06.2021 at 11:00AM** through CISCO-Webex (Video-conferencing application). Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Sh.Kuldip Singh, S/o S. Harnek Singh
4319, Ward No. 13, G.T. Road, Bara, Sirhind
Distt.Fatehgarh Sahib- 140405 (9417355095)

.....Appellant

..Vs

Registered post: **Public Information Officer,**
O/o Director Research and Medical Education Punjab
Medical Education Bhawan, 1st Floor, Phase 69,
SAS Nagar, Mohali – 160069

First Appellate Authority
O/o Director Research and Medical Education Punjab
Medical Education Bhawan, 1st Floor, Phase 69,
SAS Nagar, Mohali – 160069

Registered post: **Public Information Officer**
o/o Health-3, Room No. 415
Fourth Floor, Mini Sectt., Sector 9, ChandigarhRespondent

AC No. 1390 of 2020
Through CISCO Webex

Present : (i) Sh.Kuldip Singh the appellant (9417355095)
(ii) For the respondent: Sh Sanjeev Kumar, Supdt.Health-3 branch (98159-13297)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 15.02.2021.

2. The appellant Sh. Kuldip Singh states that the complete information has not been provided to him till date. However, the Appellant has filed his submissions vide Commission diary no. 5904 dated 15.03.2021. Copy of the same is taken on record.

3. The respondent states that the information demanded by the appellant is very voluminous and is not specific.

4. After hearing both the parties and examining the file, it is ascertained that the appellant has demanded voluminous information. The appellant may take note that there is the judgment of *The Supreme Court of India in Civil Appeal No. 6454 of 2011 Central Board of Secondary Education Vs Aditya Bandopadhyay and ors.* has in its judgment dated 09.08.2011 observed as under -

(37 Indiscriminate and impractical demands or directions under RTI Act for disclosure of all and sundry information (unrelated to transparency and accountability in the functioning of public authorities and eradication of corruption) would be counter-productive as it will adversely affect the efficiency of the administration and result in the executive getting bogged down with the non-productive work of collecting and furnishing information. The Act should not be allowed to be misused or abused, to become a tool to obstruct the national development and integration, or to destroy the peace, tranquility and harmony among its citizens. Nor should it be converted into a tool of oppression or intimidation of honest officials striving to do their duty. The nation does not want a scenario where 75% of the staff of public authorities spends 75% of

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AC No. 1390 of 2020

their time in collecting and furnishing information to applicants instead of discharging their regular duties. The threat of penalties under the RTI Act and the pressure of the authorities under the RTI Act should not lead to employees of a public authorities prioritising 'information furnishing', at the cost of their normal and regular duties.)

4. Hence, the appellants are directed to point out specific information to the respondent within ten days with a copy to the commission. Further the respondent is directed to provide the same to the appellants.

5. To come up on **28.06.2021 at 11:00AM** through CISCO-Webex (Video-conferencing application). Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Sh.Kamalpreet Singh,(M-7719791331)
H.No-134, Basant City, Threekay,
PO Daad, Pakhiwal Road, Ludhiana-142022

.....Appellant

..Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o Director (Industries) cum controller of Stores, Pb
Punjab Udyog Bhawan, Sector 17-E, Chandigarh

First Appellate Authority
O/o Addl Chief Secretary (Industries) Pb Chd
Punjab Udyog Bhawan, Sector-17E, Chandigarh

.....Respondent

AC No. 2068 of 2020
Through CISCO-Webex

Present: (i) Sh Kamalpreet, Appellant
(ii) For the Respondent: Sh Ajit Singh, Sr Asstt. (98726-42599)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 15.02.2021

2. The Appellant states that the information provided to him is neither attested nor complete. Hence, he is not satisfied with the same.
3. Sh Ajit Singh, Sr Asstt, appearing on behalf of the Respondent states that the PIO O/o Respondent had met with an accident. Hence, the complete information could not be provided to the Appellant. He has sought some time to provide information.
4. In view of the above, some time is granted to the Respondent-PIO and he is directed to provide complete and attested information to the Appellant before the next date of hearing.
5. To come up on **28.06.2021 at 11:00AM** through CISCO-Webex (Video-conferencing application). Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Sh.Tejinder Singh, (Advocate)
Civil Court Complex, Backside Sanjh Kendar,
Tehsil complex, Phillaur-144410 (9041004313)

.....Appellant

..Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o Punjab State Pharmacy Council,
Medical Education Bhawan, Sector 69,
SAS Nagar, pb-140308

First Appellate Authority
O/o Punjab State Pharmacy Council,
Medical Education Bhawan, Sector 69,
SAS Nagar, pb-140308

.....Respondent

AC No. 2326 of 2020
Through CISCO-Webex

Present: (i) Sh Tejinder Singh, Appellant.
(ii) for the Respondent: Smt Sudesh Kumari, Sr Asstt. (98158-61945)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 15.02.2021.

2. The Appellant states that the complete information has not been provided to him till date.
3. The Respondent states that the Appellant may inspect the record in their office and obtain the information.
4. Hence, the Appellant is directed to visit the office of respondent on any working day **with prior appointment**, inspect the relevant records, identify the documents copies whereof are required by him; and the respondent shall provided copies thereof, according to his RTI application, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.
5. To come up on **28.06.2021 at 11:00AM** through CISCO-Webex (Video-conferencing application). Copy of the order be sent to the parties. (CISCO-Webex Meeting Code No: 1582069360)

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Sh. Gursewak Singh, S/o ShriAmarjit Singh
R/o Village BhambaLanda, Tehsil and Distt. Ferozepur

-----Appellant

Vs.

REGISTERED POST: Public Information Officer,
O/o DDPO, Ferozepur

First Appellate Authority
O/o DDPO, Ferozepur

-----Respondent

Appeal Case No. 1446 of 2019
alongwith
Appeal Case no. 1445 of 2019

Present : (i) None is present on behalf of the appellant
(ii) For the respondent : Sh. Dhanwant Singh, Panchayat Secretary

ORDERS

This order may be read with reference to the previous orders dated 03.11.2020 vide which the abovementioned case was disposed off and closed. However, the Appellant filed an application requesting to review his case. Hence, fresh notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 04.05.2021, i.e, today.

2. Today, the Appellant states that the complete information has not been provided to him so far.
3. No one has appeared on behalf of the Respondent today. Hence, one more opportunity is given to respondent to provide complete information to the Appellant . Further, the PIO O/o Respondent is directed to be present personally on the next date of hearing failing which action U/s 20(1) of the RTI Act, will be initiated.
4. To come up on **28.06.2021 at 11:00AM** through CISCO-Webex (Video-conferencing application). Copy of the order be sent to the parties.**(CISCO-Webex Meeting Code No: 1582069360)**

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