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Sh. Jagir Singh S/o Sh. Partap,
R/o Village Nawa Dala Rajputtan,
Tehsil Ajnala,
Distt Amritsar. M : 9592683411

Complainant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o Deputy Commissioner,
Amritsar.

....Respondents

Complaint Case No. 622 of 2020
(Video Conference/Cisco Webex/Phone proceedings)

Present:- Sh. NS Bhatti on behalf of the complainant.
Sh. Parminder Singh, Sr. Asstt MA 1 Branch 9914978445 o/o the Deputy
Commissioner, District Amritsar on behalf of the respondents.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 5.11.2020.

2. The appellant states that no information has been provided by the respondents so far. A letter bearing No. 82 dated 4.12.2020 has been received from the Tehsildar, Ajnala in which it has mentioned that the matter relates to the office of the Deputy Commissioner, District Amritsar (MA Branch). However, the representative of the respondents on behalf of the Deputy Commissioner, District Amritsar requests for the adjournment of the case and assured that the action taken on the complaint of the complainant will be provided as has been sought by him. He also assured that in case the same relates to the Senior Superintendent of Police, Amritsar then the RTI application of the complainant will be transferred to the Senior Superintendent of Police, District Amritsar under Section 6(3) of the RTI Act, 2005 under intimation to the Commission.

3. Accordingly, the respondent-Public Information Officer o/o the Deputy Commissioner, District Amritsar is directed to take the appropriate action on the RTI application before the next date of hearing failing which the penalty provisions will be invoked.

4. To come up on 23.12.2020 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, District Amritsar /cisco webex.

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Dated: 7.12.2020

(Suresh Arora)
Chief Information Commissioner,
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Sh. Bhupinder Singh,
VPO - Chawinda Devi,
Tehsil - Majitha,
Distt Amritsar.
M : 9781458000

Complainant

Public Information Officer,
O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer,
Majitha,
Distt Amritsar.

....Respondents

Complaint Case No. 507/2020
(Video conference proceedings)

Present:- None on behalf of the parties.
ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 5.11.2020.

2. A letter has been received from the respondent-Public Information Officer that it is not possible for him to attend the hearings today and requested for the adjournment of the case. Also the appellant is absent without intimation.
3. As per the last order of the Commission, the appellant was advised to go through the information supplied and point out deficiencies, if any, as the complete information was sent by the respondents through registered post on 4.11.2020 and the receipt of the same was placed on record.
4. Accordingly, last opportunity is granted to point out deficiency, if any, and defend the case failing which the ex-parte decision will be taken on the next date of hearing.
5. To come up on 23.12.2020 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Amritsar/cisco webex.

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Sh. Surinder Pal s/o Sh. Yamna Dass,
r/o VPO Malout,
District Sri Muktsar Sahib.

..Complainant

Vs

Public Information Officer
o/o Block Development and Panchayats Officer,
Block Malout,
District Sri Muktsar Sahib.

....Respondent

Complaint Case No. 616 of 2020
(Video Conference Proceedings)

Present:- Sh. Vikul 9888588282 on behalf of the complainant.
Sh. Swaran Singh, Panchayat Secretary on behalf of the respondents.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 23.10.2020.

2. The representative of the respondents states that the complete information has already been sent to the appellant. Whereas, the appellant states that he has received the information pertaining to Point No. 2 of the RTI application that is complete in all respects but he further contended that no information has been supplied pertaining to Point No. 1 & 3 of the RTI application.

3. Accordingly, the respondent-Public Information Officer is directed to supply the remaining information i.e. Point No. 1 & 3 of the RTI application before the next date of hearing failing which the penalty provisions will be invoked.

4. To come up on 23.12.2020 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Sri Muktsar Sahib/cisco webex.

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Dated: 7.12.2020

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Sh. Inderjit RTI Activist 7888383867

Chamber No. 141 A,
New Court Jalandhar,
Jalandhar.

....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer (By name) Registered
o/o District Development and Panchayats Officer,
Mini Secretariat,
Jalandhar.

First Appellate Authority
o/o Addl. Deputy Commissioner (Dev.)
Mini Secretariat,
Jalandhar

Public Information Officer (By name) Registered
o/o the Addl. Deputy Commissioner (Dev.)
Mini Secretariat, Jalandhar

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1914 of 2020
(Video Conference Proceedings)

Present:- Sh. Inderjit, appellant.
Sh. Saluja, Dev. Asstt 7009173077 o/o District Development and Panchayats
Officer, Shri Surinder Singh, clerk 9468006820 o/o Addl. Deputy Commissioner
(Dev.) and Sh. Jagmohan Singh, Supdt. o/o Block Development and Panchayats
Officer on behalf of the respondents.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 22.10.2020.

2. The appellant states that the directions may be issued to the respondents to provide the information. The representative of the o/o Addl. Deputy Commissioner (Dev.) states that he has received the intimation to attend the hearings today so requests for the adjournment to provide the information pertaining to Point No.1 of the RTI application. Regarding Point No.2, 3 & 4 the representative of the o/o District Development and Panchayats Officer assured that the copy of instructions/specific reply will be sent to the appellant with a copy to the Commission before the next date of hearing as per the deliberations.

3. Viewing the attitude in dealing with the RTI application of the appellant Sh.Iqbaljit Singh, Public Information Officer –cum- District Development and Panchayats Officer is thus issued a show cause notice to explain in a self-attested affidavit as to why a compensation to the appellant for detriment suffered by him under section 19(8) of the RTI Act, 2005 may not be awarded.

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Appeal Case No. 1914 of 2020

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4. 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 awarding the compensation on the next date of hearing. He may take a note that in case he does not file his written reply and do 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.

5. One last opportunity is granted to the respondent-Public Information Officer o/o District Development and Panchayats Officer and Public Information Officer o/o Addl. Deputy Commissioner (Dev.) to supply the complete information as per the deliberations to the appellant before the next date of hearing under intimation to the Commission failing which the penalty provisions will be invoked.

6. To come up on 23.12.2020 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Jalandhar/cisco webex.

Dated: 7.12.2020

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Sh. Jagshir Singh S/o Sh. Ajaib Singh,
R/o Village Jamalgarh,
PO - Chak Mahanta Wala, Tehsil - Jalalabad,
Distt Fazilka. M : 8872112243; 9530820359

..Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer,
Guruharshai, Distt Ferozepur.

First Appellate Authority
cum District Development and Panchayat Officer,
Ferozepur.

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1990/2020
(Video Conference Proceedings)

Present:- Sh. Jagshir Singh, appellant.

Sh. Sukhbir Singh, Samiti Patwari 9872700135 on behalf of the respondents.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 23.10.2020.

2. The appellant states that no information has been provided by the respondents so far. On the other hand, the representative of the respondents states that the case may be adjourned and the complete information will be supplied to the appellant.

3. After the perusal of the case file it has transpired that the show cause notice was issued to Sh. Sarabjeet Singh Brar, 7009019165 Public Information Officer-cum-Block Development and Panchayats Officer but neither the information has been supplied by him nor a reply of the show cause notice issued to him has been received. The perusal of the file also shows that in this case, application for information was filed on 16.03.2020 but after lapse of more than eight months, no information has been given to the appellant so far. It is, thus apparent from the response of the respondent-PIO that there has been delay in providing the information. Appellant had also suffered financial loss in getting the information. There are systemic deficiencies in the manner of receiving and disposing of applications. The department still does not appear to be properly tuned to the performance of its obligations enshrined under the RTI Act.

5. I am, therefore, of the view that ends of justice would be met by awarding a sum of Rs. 10000/- (Rupees Ten thousand only) by way of compensation to the appellant. This amount shall be payable in the shape of demand draft from the State Exchequer before the next date of hearing.

6. The respondent-Public Information Officer is also directed to supply the complete information before the next date of hearing failing which the penalty provisions will be invoked.

7. To come up on 8.1.2021 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Ferozepur/cisco webex.

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Dated: 7.12.2020

(Suresh Arora)

Chief Information Commissioner, Punjab.

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CC

Financial Commissioner (by name) Registered
Government of Punjab,
Rural Development & Panchayat Deptt.,
Vikas Bhawan, Sec-62, Mohali

To ensure compliance of this order.

The Director (By name)
Rural Development & Panchayat Deptt.,
Vikas Bhawan, Sector 62,
Mohali

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District Development and Panchayats Officer, (By name) (Registered)
Mini Secretariat,
Ferozepur.

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Block Development and Panchayats Officer, (By name) (Registered)
Block Guruharshai, District Ferozepur

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