



Sh. Surinder Singh, S/o Sh.Harbans Singh,  
R/o H NO-81, Phase-1, Urban Estate,  
Dugri Road, Ludhiana.

... Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o DEO (EE),  
Ludhiana.

**First Appellate Authority,**  
O/o DEO (EE),  
Ludhiana.

...Respondent

**Appeal Case No. 1868 of 2020**

**PRESENT: Sh.Surinder Singh as the Appellant**  
**None for the Respondent**

**ORDER:**

The appellate through RTI application dated 12.03.2020 has sought information on 25 points regarding demolition of walls in District Education Offices Ludhiana – name of branch – date and time of demolition – inspecting officer – names and number of labourers deployed and other information as enumerated in the RTI application concerning the office of DEO(EE) Ludhiana. The appellant was not provided he information after the appellant filed first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 27.05.2020 which took no decision on the appeal.

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Ludhiana. The appellant claims that the PIO has neither provided the information nor has responded to the RTI application.

The respondent is absent. The PIO is directed to provide whatever information is available on record point-wise and send a compliance report to the Commission.

The Commission however, observes that there has been an enormous delay of more than ten months in attending to the RTI application. The Commission has taken a serious view of this and hereby directs the PIO to **show cause why penalty be not imposed on him under Section 20 of the RTI Act 2005 for not supplying the information within the statutorily prescribed period of time.** He/she should file an affidavit in this regard. If there are other persons responsible for the delay in providing the information, the PIO is directed to inform such persons of the show cause and direct them to appear before the Commission along with the written replies.

The PIO is again directed to provide information to the appellant within 15 days of the receipt of this order.

The case is adjourned. To come up for further hearing on **25.05.2021 at 11.00 AM** through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana.

**Chandigarh**  
**Dated:08.02.2021**

Sd/-  
**(Khushwant Singh)**  
**State Information Commissioner**



Sh. Amandeep Singh, S/o Sh. Surinder Singh,  
R/o H No-610, Sector 39,  
Urban Estate, Chandigarh Road,  
Jamalpur, Ludhiana.

... Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o Principal Secretary,  
Department of Local Bodies, Pb  
Sector-35-A, Chandigarh.

**First Appellate Authority,**  
O/o Principal Secretary,  
Department of Local Bodies, Pb  
Sector-35-A, Chandigarh.

...Respondent

**Appeal Case No. 1929/2020 and 1936/2020**

**PRESENT:**     **None for the Appellant**  
                     **Sh.Rajiv Saggat, PIO O/o CVO-Local Bodies,Pb for the Respondent**

**ORDER:**

The appellate through RTI application dated 15.07.2019 has sought information regarding action taken on the complaint dated 04.07.2019 relating to construction of illegal colony by Vishal Sharma on Khasra no. 75/76 etc. in village Giaspura and other information concerning the office of Principal Secretary Department of Local Bodies, Pb Chandigarh. The appellant was not provided he information after the appellant filed first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 06.09.2019 which took no decision on the appeal.

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Ludhiana.

The appellant is absent. The Commission has received an email from the ATP O/o Director Local Govt in appeal case No.1929 of 2020 stating that since the information relates to the office of MC Ludhiana, the RTI application has been transferred to MC Ludhiana on 22.08.2019 under section 6(3) of the RTI Act.

In the appeal case No.1936 of 2020, Sh.Rajiv Saggat-PIO is present who informed that since the enquiry on the complaint is pending with their office, the information cannot be provided u/s 8(1)(h) of the RTI Act.

Since the appellant in the appeal case No.1929/2020 and appeal case No.1936/2020 has sought exactly the same information from two different departments of Local Bodies, both the cases are clubbed together.

The case is adjourned. To come up for further hearing on **25.05.2021 at 11.00 AM** through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Bathinda.

**Chandigarh**  
**Dated:08.02.2021**

**CC to 1. PIO-Chief Vigilance Officer of Local Bodies,Pb Chandigarh**

**2. PIO-Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana**

Sd/-  
**(Khushwant Singh)**  
**State Information Commissioner**



Smt.Madhu Sharma, W/o Sh. Sawtantar Kumar,  
# 4811/1, Sector-38 (West),  
Chandigarh.

... Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o XEN,  
Water Supply and Sanitation, Division-2,  
Ludhiana Metro Road, Partap Chowk,  
Ludhiana.

**First Appellate Authority,**  
O/o SE,  
Water Supply and Sanitation Circle,  
Ludhiana.

...Respondent

**Appeal Case No. 1850 of 2020**

**PRESENT:     None for the Appellant**  
**None for the Respondent**

**ORDER:**

The appellate through RTI application dated 05.12.2019 has sought information regarding enlistment of M/s M.S.Construitions, Pro Mrs. Mamta Sharma w/o Sanjeev Sharma Civil Lines, Lajpat nagar Ludhiana – approval issued for all works – Bills passed at division level & sub division level – work order issued – payment alongwith vouchers – payment made through division office – payment made through sub division office and other information concerning the office of Xen Water Supply & Sanitation Division No.2, Ludhiana. The appellant was not provided the information after which the appellant filed first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 07.01.2020 which took no decision on the appeal. After filing first appeal, the PIO sent reply to the appellant on 21.01.2020 to which the appellant was not satisfied and filed 2<sup>nd</sup> appeal in the Commission.

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Ludhiana. Both the parties are absent.

The case is adjourned. To come up for further hearing on **25.05.2021 at 11.00 AM** through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana.

**Chandigarh**  
**Dated:08.02.2021**

Sd/-  
**(Khushwant Singh)**  
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Smt. Madhu Sharma, W/o Sh. Sawtantar Kumar,  
# 4811/1, Sector-38 (West),  
Chandigarh.

... Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o XEN,  
Water Supply and Sanitation, Division-1,  
Mini Secretariat, Ludhiana.

**First Appellate Authority,**  
O/o SE,  
Water Supply and Sanitation Circle,  
Ludhiana.

...Respondent

**Appeal Case No. 1851 of 2020**

**PRESENT: None for the Appellant**

**Sh.Jagjit Singh, SDO Water Supply & Sanitation Div-1 for the Respondent**

**ORDER:**

The appellate through RTI application dated 05.12.2019 has sought information regarding enlistment of M/s M.S.Construitions, Pro Mrs. Mamta Sharma w/o Sanjeev Sharma Civil Lines, Lajpat nagar Ludhiana – approval issued for all works – Bills passed at division level & sub division level – work order issued – payment alongwith vouchers – payment made through division office – payment made through sub division office and other information concerning the office of Xen Water Supply & Sanitation Division No.2, Ludhiana. The appellant was not provided the information after which the appellant filed first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 07.01.2020 which took no decision on the appeal. After filing first appeal, the PIO sent reply to the appellant on 12.02.2020 to which the appellant was not satisfied and filed 2<sup>nd</sup> appeal in the Commission.

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Ludhiana. The respondent present pleaded that the information has been supplied to the appellant vide letter date 12.02.2020.

The appellant is absent nor has communicated any discrepancies. The appellant is given one more opportunity to point out the discrepancies and appear before the Commission to plead his case.

The case is adjourned. To come up for further hearing on **25.05.2021 at 11.00 AM** through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana.

**Chandigarh**  
**Dated:08.02.2021**

Sd/-  
**(Khushwant Singh)**  
**State Information Commissioner**



Smt. Madhu Sharma, W/o Sh.- Sawtantar Kumar,  
# 4811/1, Sector-38 (West),  
Chandigarh.

... Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o XEN,  
Water Supply and Sanitation, Division-3,  
Mini Secretariat, Ludhiana.

**First Appellate Authority,**  
O/o SE,  
Water Supply and Sanitation Circle,  
Ludhiana.

...Respondent

**Appeal Case No. 1852 of 2020**

**PRESENT:     None for the Appellant**  
**Sh.Ajay Bhanot, SDO for the Respondent**

**ORDER:**

The appellate through RTI application dated 05.12.2019 has sought information regarding enlistment of M/s M.S.Constructions, Pro Mrs. Mamta Sharma w/o Sanjeev Sharma Civil Lines, Lajpat nagar Ludhiana – approval issued for all works – Bills passed at division level & sub division level – work order issued – payment alongwith vouchers – payment made through division office – payment made through sub division office and other information concerning the office of Xen Water Supply & Sanitation Division No.2, Ludhiana. The appellant was not provided the information after which the appellant filed first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 07.01.2020 which took no decision on the appeal. After filing first appeal, the PIO sent reply to the appellant on 27.01.2020 to which the appellant was not satisfied and filed 2<sup>nd</sup> appeal in the Commission.

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Ludhiana. The respondent present pleaded that the information has been supplied to the appellant vide letter date 27.01.2020 and remaining on 25.01.2021.

The appellant is absent nor has communicated any discrepancies. The appellant is given one more opportunity to point out the discrepancies and appear before the Commission to plead her case.

The case is adjourned. To come up for further hearing on **25.05.2021 at 11.00 AM** through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana.

**Chandigarh**  
**Dated:08.02.2021**

Sd/-  
**(Khushwant Singh)**  
**State Information Commissioner**



Smt. Madhu Sharma, W/o Sh.- Sawtantar Kumar,  
# 4811/1, Sector-38 (West),  
Chandigarh.

... Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o XEN,  
Water Supply and Sanitation, Division-3,  
Mini Secretariat, Ludhiana.

**First Appellate Authority,**  
O/o SE,  
Water Supply and Sanitation Circle,  
Ludhiana.

...Respondent

**Appeal Case No. 1853 of 2020**

**PRESENT:     None for the Appellant**  
**Sh.Ajay Bhanot, SDO for the Respondent**

**ORDER:**

The appellate through RTI application dated 08.11.2019 has sought information regarding list of enlistment cases received in the division from 01.01.2017 till date alongwith recommendations – documents received from various contractors – enlistment cases forwarded to SE for approval – all notings which approval for enlistment is granted and other information concerning the office of Water Supply and Sanitation Division No.3, Ludhiana. The appellant was not provided he information after the appellant filed first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 29.01.2020 which took no decision on the appeal.

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Bathinda. The respondent present pleaded that the information has been sent to the appellant vide letter dated 25.01.2021.

The appellant is absent nor has communicated any discrepancies. The appellant is given one more opportunity to point out the discrepancy and appear before the Commission to plead her case.

The Commission observes that there has been an enormous delay in attending to the RTI application. In reply, the respondent informed that the delay is on the part of earlier PIO as he has since joined as PIO.

The respondent is directed to submit a list of PIOs from the date of filing of RTI application till the date of supply of information.

The case is adjourned. To come up for further hearing on **25.05.2021 at 11.00 AM** through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana.

**Chandigarh**  
**Dated:08.02.2021**

Sd/-  
**(Khushwant Singh)**  
**State Information Commissioner**



Sh Rohit Sabharwal,  
Kundan Bhawan, 126,  
Model Gram, Ludhiana.

... Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o Chief Vigilance Officer,  
Department of Local Bodies,  
Sector-35-A, Chd.

**First Appellate Authority,**  
O/o Chief Vigilance Officer,  
Department of Local Bodies,  
Sector-35-A, Chd.

...Respondent

**Appeal Case No. 2052 of 2020**

**PRESENT: Ms.Sukhjinder Kaur, Advocate for the Appellant**  
**Sh.Rajiv Saggar, PIO for the Respondent**

**ORDER:**

The appellate through RTI application dated 14.03.2020 has sought information on 10 points regarding total number of cases in which enquiry against the complaints relating to the period 01.01.2010 to 31.12.2010 and for the period 01.01.2011 to 31.12.2011, 01.01.2012 to 31.12.2012, 01.01.2013 to 31.12.2013, 01.01.2014 to 31.12.2014, 01.01.2015 to 31.12.2015, 01.01.2016 to 31.12.2016, 01.01.2017 to 31.12.2017, 01.01.2018 to 31.12.2018 & 01.01.2019 to 31.12.2019 is pending with CVO office Department of Local Govt. Bodies and other information concerning the office of Chief Vigilance Officer, Local Bodies, Pb Chandigarh. The appellant was not provided he information after the appellant filed first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 21.05.2020 which took no decision on the appeal.

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Ludhiana. The advocate appeared on behalf of the appellant informed that PIO has neither provided the information nor has replied to the RTI application even after a period of more than ten months.

The respondent PIO has pleaded that the enquiry on the complaints for which the appellant has sought information is pending. Further all complaints which are received in the vigilance department, are being entered in receipt register and after taking necessary action on the complaints as per instructions, these are entered in dispatch register. Now the entry of the dak received in CVO after 17.05.2017 has been computerized whereas prior to this, the record was maintained manually. Further since the appellant has asked for information from 01.01.2010 to 31.12.2019 relating to pending enquiries, the information is readily not available and has to be created by segregating all dak registers which is very voluminous.

The respondent further pleaded that if the appellant wants information on any specific complaint, he may specify and get the information or he may inspect the record on any working day during office hours.



Hearing both the parties, the PIO is directed to give in writing on an affidavit that the information is not available in the format as sought by the appellant. If the appellant still wants information, he should inspect the record and get the relevant information by fixing a mutually convenient date and time with the PIO.

The Commission however, observes that there has been an enormous delay of more than ten months in attending to the RTI application. In reply, the respondent informed that he has just joined as PIO and the earlier PIO Sh.Sanjay Tondan is on long leave. The Commission has taken a serious view of this and hereby directs Sh.Sanjay Tondan, earlier PIO to **show cause why penalty be not imposed on him under Section 20 of the RTI Act 2005 for not supplying the information within the statutorily prescribed period of time.** He/she should file an affidavit in this regard. If there are other persons responsible for the delay in providing the information, the PIO is directed to inform such persons of the show cause and direct them to appear before the Commission along with the written replies.

The case is adjourned. To come up for further hearing on **25.05.2021 at 11.00 AM** through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana.

**Chandigarh**  
**Dated:08.02.2021**

Sd/-  
**(Khushwant Singh)**  
**State Information Commissioner**





Sh.Trilochan Singh S/o Sh Late Sh Gurbachan Singh,  
R/o 848-A, M.I.G,  
Jamalpur, Ludhiana.

... Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o Director,  
Department of Local Bodies,  
Sector-35-A, Chd.

**First Appellate Authority,**  
O/o Director  
Department of Local Bodies,  
Sector-35-A, Chd.

...Respondent

**Appeal Case No. 2067of 2020**

**PRESENT:     None for the Appellant**  
**Sh.Vikas Kumar, Sr.Assistant (Municipal Service Branch) for the**  
**Respondent**

**ORDER:**

The appellate through RTI application dated 27.03.2020 has sought information regarding number of blocks allotted to Sh.Ajay Kumar Building Inspector in Zone-A date of his joining in the NC – earlier posting of Sh.Ajay Kumar – promotion related file and other information concerning the office of Director Local Govt. Bodies Punjab, Chandigarh. The appellant was not provided the information after the appellant filed first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 06.06.2020 which took no decision on the appeal.

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Ludhiana. The respondent present pleaded that since the information on points 1,2 & 3 relates to MC Ludhiana, the appellant was asked vide letter dated 20.07.2020 to get the information from them. The respondent further informed that since the information on points 4 & 5 being 3<sup>rd</sup> party, it cannot be provided as the 3<sup>rd</sup> party has not given its consent to disclose the information.

However, the PIO has not transferred the RTI application to the MC Ludhiana. The PIO is directed to transfer the RTI application to the MC Ludhiana under section 6(3)of the RTI Act for the information concerning them.

The PIO-MC Ludhiana is impleaded in the case and directed to look at the RTI application being transferred by Local Bodies, Punjab Chandigarh and provide the information on points 1, 2 & 3. The information regarding points 4 & 5 being personal information, I do not see any public interest in revealing this information, hence it may not be provided.

The case is adjourned. To come up for further hearing on **25.05.2021 at 11.00 AM** through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana

**Chandigarh**  
**Dated:08.02.2021**

**(Khushwant Singh)**  
**State Information Commissioner**

**CC to PIO-MC Ludhiana**