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COMPLAINT CASE NO. 725 OF 2019

Shri Tarsem Singh (9501887696)
S/o Shri Gurdeep Singh,
Patti Badeki Village & P.O. Chohla Sahib,
Tehsil & District Tran Taran-143408

...Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o District Treasury Officer,
Ludhiana.

...Respondents

PRESENT: Sh. Tarsem Singh, Complainant.
Sh. Laxman Dass, Treasurer Officer, Samrala on behalf of the Respondents.

ORDER:

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated: 26.11.2019.

2. The Complainant states that incomplete information has been supplied to him by the Respondent – PIO.
3. Sh. Laxman Dass, Treasurer Officer, Samrala appears on behalf of the Respondents along with the remaining information and the same is handed over to the Complainant. Copy of the same is taken on record.
4. After going through the information, the Complainant acknowledges the same.
5. Keeping in view of the above, the Respondent has supplied the requisite information to the Complainant and he has acknowledged the same. Therefore, no further action is required. Hence this Complainant Case is **Disposed of and Closed**. However, the Respondent – PIO is warned to be careful in future while dealing with the RTI applications. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Chandigarh
09.01.2020

Sd/-
(Hem Inder Singh)
State Information Commissioner

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APPEAL CASE NO. 1092 OF 2019

Shri Ravinder Singh Gill, (9417533942)
H.No.986, Near Dev Hotel,
Main Bazar, Moga.

...Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Principal Secretary,
Local Government, Punjab,
Municipal Bhawan,
Sector 35-A, Chandigarh.

Public Information Officer,
O/o Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation, Moga.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Principal Secretary,
Local Government, Punjab,
Municipal Bhawan,
Sector 35-A, Chandigarh.

...Respondents

PRESENT: None on behalf of the Appellant.
Sh. Harjit Singh, Superintendent –cum – PIO & Sh. Manvir Singh, Sr. Assistant
O/o Local Government-I, Punjab.

ORDER:

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated: 26.11.2019.

2. The Appellant is again absent from today's hearing in the Commission and he was also absent on last hearings dated: 10.07.2019, 30.09.2019 and 26.11.2019. However, he has sent a letter in the Commission vide diary no. 300, dated 07.01.2020 mentioning therein that no information has been provided to him by the Respondent – PIO till date.

3. Sh. Harjit Singh, Superintendent –cum – PIO appears in person along with the information to deliver it personally to the Appellant today in the Commission, during the hearing. Copy of the same is taken on record.

4. The Respondent is directed to send the information by registered post to the Appellant today, under intimation to the Commission. I have considered the reply of the Respondent in response to the Show Cause Notice, however, the decision in this regard shall be taken later on.

5. Last and final opportunity is given to the Appellant to follow up his case in the Commission, failing which decision shall be taken in his absence.

6. Keeping in view of the above, the case is adjourned to **13.02.2020 at 11:30 AM.**
Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Chandigarh
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APPEAL CASE NO. 1217 OF 2019

Shri Jasbir Singh,(9888296107)
Village: Bholapur Jhabewal,
Post Office: Ramgarh, Chandigarh Road,
District : LUDHIANA.

...Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Sub-Divisional Magistrate,
MAUR, District Bathinda.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Sub Divisional Magistrate,
MAUR, District Bathinda.

...Respondents

PRESENT: None for the Parties.

ORDER:

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated: 26.11.2019.

2. The Appellant is again absent from today's hearing in the Commission and he was also absent on last hearings dated 11.07.2019, 30.09.2019 and 26.11.2019.
3. The Respondents are absent. However, the Respondent has sent a letter in the Commission, which is received diary no. 23896, dated 11.12.2019 mentioning therein that the requisite information has already been supplied to the Appellant vide letter no. 10/R.T.I., dated 29.11.2019 through registered post on dated 02.12.2019. Copy of the same is taken on record.
4. Keeping in view of the above, the Respondent has already sent the requisite information to the Appellant and he is absent consecutively 4th times entailing thereby that he did not want to pursue his case further. It is assumed that, he is satisfied with the provided information. Therefore, no further action is required in this Appeal Case. Hence, the case is **Disposed of and Closed**. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Chandigarh
09.01.2020

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APPEAL CASE NO. 2955 OF 2019

Sh. Jasbir Singh,
Village Bholapur Jhabewal,
Post Office Ramgarh,
Chandigarh Road, District Ludhiana.

...Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Principal Secretary,
Local Government, Punjab,
Municipal Bhawan,
Sector-35, Chandigarh.

Public Information Officer, (DEEMED PIO)
O/o Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation,
Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority
O/o Principal Secretary,
Local Government, Punjab,
Municipal Bhawan,
Sector-35, Chandigarh.

...Respondents

PRESENT: None on behalf of the Appellant.
Sh. Jaswinder Singh, Sr. Assistant O/o MSC Branch, L.G. Punjab & Sh. Brij Pal,
Supervisor O/o M.C., Ludhiana.

ORDER:

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated: 26.11.2019.

2. The Appellant is again absent from today's hearing in the Commission and he was also absent on the last date of hearings i.e. 30.09.2019 and 26.11.2019. However, he has sent a letter in the Commission, which received diary no. 24737, dated 24.12.2019 mentioning therein that no information has been provided to him by the Respondent – PIO.
3. Sh. Brij Pal, Supervisor O/o Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana appears and states that as per directions of the Commission, the demanded information has been supplied to the Appellant vide letter no. 743, dated: 25.11.2019 through registered post and he is brought the same to deliver it personally to the Appellant today in the Commission but he is absent. Copy the same is taken on record.

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4. The Respondent has supplied the requisite information to the Appellant through registered post and copy of the same submitted today in the Commission. The Appellant has not attended the Commission consequently 3rd time entailing thereby that he does not want to follow up his case further. As the Appellant is absent and nothing has been heard from him regarding the receipt of information, it is presumed that he is satisfied with the information provided. The Appellant is at liberty to collect the requisite information from the office of the undersigned, on any working day.
5. Keeping in view of the above, therefore, no further action is required in this Appeal case, hence this case is **Disposed of and Closed**. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

**Chandigarh
09.01.2020**

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APPEAL CASE NO. 3187 OF 2019

Advocate Tejinder Singh,
Civil Court, Tehsil Complex,
Backside Sanjh Kender,
Phillaur, District Jalandhar-144410
Mo: 9041004313

...Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Municipal Council,
Jaito, District Faridkot.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Regional Deputy Director,
Local Government, Ferozepur.

...Respondents

PRESENT: None for the Parties.

ORDER:

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated: 21.11.2019.

2. The Appellant is again absent from today's hearing in the Commission and he was also absent on last hearings dated 11.07.2019, 30.09.2019, 26.11.2019 and 09.01.2020.

3. Neither the Respondent nor his representative is present at today's hearing. No intimation has been received from either as to the reason of absence.

4. After examining the case file, it is revealed that the Respondents has already supplied the requisite information to the Appellant through Email on 31.10.2019 and after that no observation has been received from him.

5. Keeping in view of the above, the Respondent has already sent the requisite information to the Appellant and he is absent consecutively 4th times entailing thereby that he did not want to pursue his case further. It is assumed that, he is satisfied with the provided information.

Therefore, no further action is required in this Appeal Case. Hence, the case is **Disposed of and Closed**. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Chandigarh
09.01.2020

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APPEAL CASE NO. 1622 OF 2019

Sh. Krishan Gopal Singla,
S/o Sh. Brij Lal,
Ward No. 16B/190, Sangrur Road,
Tehsil Dhuri, District Sangrur.

...Appellant

Versus

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

Public Information Officer,
O/o Tehsildar,
Bathinda.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Deputy Commissioner,
Bathinda.

...Respondents

PRESENT: None on behalf of the Appellant.
Sh. Ashok Kumar, Jr. Assistant on behalf of the Respondents.

ORDER:

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated: 26.11.2019.

2. The Appellant is again absent for today's hearing in the Commission and he was also absent on the last date of hearing i.e. 26.11.2019.
3. Sh. Ashok Kumar, Jr. Assistant appears on behalf of the Respondents and brought the requisite information to deliver it personally to the Appellant, today in the Commission, during the hearing but he is absent. Copy of the same is taken on record.
4. The Respondent is directed to send the information again by registered post to the Appellant today, under intimation to the Commission. The Appellant is advised to revert back to the authorities in case he is not satisfied with the information provided. On receipt of the deficiencies, the Respondents are directed to remove the same, before the next date of hearing, failing which strict action will be initiated against him.
5. Last & final opportunity is given to both the parties to represent their case personally, failing which ex-parte decision shall be taken on **13.02.2020 at 11:30 AM**. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Chandigarh
09.01.2020

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APPEAL CASE NO. 2201 OF 2019

Shri Darshan Lal Kansal,
Gill Patti, Village Malout,
District Shri Muktsar Sahib-152107

...Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o XEN,
Water Supply & Sanitation Department,
MALOUT, Distt. Sri Muktsar Sahib.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Chief Engineer (Central),
Water Supply & Sanitation Department,
Head Office, Nabha Road, Patiala.

...Respondents

PRESENT: Sh. Darshan Lal Kansal, Appellant.
Sh. Jaswinder Singh, XEN –cum – PIO.

ORDER:

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated: 20.11.2019.

2. The Appellant states that incomplete information has been provided to him by the Respondent – PIO.

3. Sh. Jaswinder Singh, XEN –cum – PIO appears in person and states that demanded information has already been provided to the Appellant and he is brought the same to deliver it personally to the Appellant, before the Commission and the remaining information relating to point no. 10 of the RTI application of the Appellant has handed over to him.

4. After going through the information, the Appellant acknowledges the same.

5. The Respondent – PIO has also files a reply in response to the show cause notice issued to him, today in the Commission. Keeping in view all the facts mentioned in the reply the show cause notice is hereby is dropped.

6. Keeping in view of the above, the Respondent has supplied the requisite information to the Appellant and he has acknowledged the same. Therefore, no further action is required. Hence this case is **Disposed of and Closed**. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Chandigarh
09.01.2020

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APPEAL CASE NO. 2624 OF 2019

Shri Preet Singh,
S/o Shri Surmukh Singh,
H. No. 1231/11, Ranjit Nagar,
Near NRI Colony, Randhawa Road,
Kharar, District S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali).

...Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Chairman Water Supply,
Gram Panchayat Village Balongi,
S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali).

First Appellate Authority,
O/o XEN/Executive Engineer,
Water Supply and Sanitation Division No. 3,
Phase-1, S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali).

...Respondents

PRESENT: Sh. Preet Singh, Appellant.
Smt. Bhinderjit Kaur, Chairman alongwith Advocate Narinder Singh Swaitch
For the Respondents.

ORDER:

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated: 20.11.2019.

2. The Appellant states that incomplete and irrelevant information has been provided to him by the Respondent – PIO.

3. Advocate Narinder Singh Swaitch states that available information has already been supplied to the Appellant.

4. Keeping in view of the above, the Respondent – PIO is directed to appear in person on the next date of hearing alongwith an affidavit stating that the information as available in their office record has been provided to the Appellant which is complete, correct and duly authenticated, failing which strict action under Section 20(1) of the RTI Act, 2005 will be initiated against her.

5. The case is adjourned to **13.02.2020 at 11:30 AM**. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Chandigarh
09.01.2020

Sd/-
(Hem Inder Singh)
State Information Commissioner

Copy to Intimation & Necessary Action: -

Smt. Bhinderjit Kaur
W/o Sh. Paramjit Singh,
O/o Chairman Water Supply,
Gram Panchayat Village Balongi Colony,
S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali).

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APPEAL CASE NO. 2647 OF 2019

Smt. Rajni Gupta,
W/o Shri Anurag Gupta,
Chahrian Mohalla, Raja Ram Street,
Sunam-148028 (Sangrur).

...Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Block Primary Education Officer,
Block-I, Sunam, District Sangrur.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Block Primary Education Officer,
Block-I, Sunam, District Sangrur.

...Respondents

PRESENT: None for the Parties.

ORDER:

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated: 20.11.2019.

2. The Appellant is absent for today's hearing in the Commission and she was also absent on the last hearings dated 25.09.2019 and 20.11.2019.
3. Neither the PIO nor his representative is present for today's hearing nor has any written reply been filed. This shows her disregard to the Commission.
4. In view of the foregoing, Ms. Paramjit Kaur, B.P.E.O. O/o o Block Primary Education Officer, Block-I, Sunam, District Sangrur is directed to **Show Cause** why action should not be taken against her for not attending the hearing inspite of order of the Commission. She should file a written reply in response to the show cause notice as to why the Appellant should not be compensated for the mental harassment suffered by her in getting the information. 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 penalty, on the next date of hearing. She may take note that in case she does not file her written reply and does not avail herself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the date fixed, it will be presumed that she has nothing to say and the Commission shall proceed to take further proceedings against her ex-parte.
5. The case is adjourned to **13.02.2020 at 11:30 AM**. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

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09.01.2020

Sd/-
(Hem Inder Singh)
State Information Commissioner

Copy to Intimation & Necessary Action: - (Regd. Post)

Ms. Paramjit Kaur, B.P.E.O.,
O/o Block Primary Education Officer,
Block-I, Sunam, District Sangrur.

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APPEAL CASE NO. 2725 OF 2019

Sh. Suresh Aggarwal
S/o Sh.Prem Chand,
House No. 2585/2A, Jagat Nagar,
Basti Jodhewal, Ludhiana-141007

...Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Director,
Local Government, Punjab,
Municipal Bhawan,
Sector 35-A, Chandigarh.

Public Information Officer

O/o Local Govt. Punjab Branch-1,
Municipal Bhawan,
Sector 35-A, Chandigarh.

Public Information Officer

O/o Local Govt. Punjab Branch-3,
Municipal Bhawan,
Sector 35-A, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Director,
Local Government, Punjab,
Municipal Bhawan,
Sector 35-A, Chandigarh.

...Respondents

PRESENT: Shri Suresh Aggarwal, Appellant.
None on behalf of Respondents.

ORDER:

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 21.11.2019.

2. The Appellant states that the no information has been supplied to him by the Respondent- PIO till date.

3. Neither the PIO nor his representative is present for today's hearing nor has any written reply been filed. This shows her disregard to the Commission.

4. In view of the foregoing, Sh. Harjit Singh & Sh. Jasbir Singh Dhanoa, Superintendents O/o Local Government Branches 1 & 2, Punjab, Chandigarh are directed to **Show Cause** why action should not be taken against them for not attending the hearing inspite of order of the Commission. They should file a written reply in response 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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In addition to the written reply PIOs are hereby given an opportunity u/s 20(1) proviso thereto for a personal hearing, before the imposition of such penalty, on the next date of hearing. They may take note that in case they does not file their written reply and does not avail themselves of the opportunity of personal hearing on the date fixed, it will be presumed that they have nothing to say and the Commission shall proceed to take further proceedings against them ex-parte.

5. The case is adjourned to **13.02.2020 at 11:30 AM**. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

**Chandigarh
09.01.2020**

Sd/-
(Hem Inder Singh)
State Information Commissioner

Copy to Intimation & Necessary Action: - (Regd. Post)

Sh. Harjit Singh,
Superintendent –cum- PIO,
O/o Local Govt. Punjab Branch-1,
Municipal Bhawan,
Sector 35-A, Chandigarh.

Sh. Jasbir Singh Dhanoa,
Superintendent –cum- PIO,
O/o Local Govt. Punjab Branch-3,
Municipal Bhawan,
Sector 35-A, Chandigarh.

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APPEAL CASE NO. 2999 OF 2019

Alongwith

APPEAL CASE NO. 3576 OF 2019

Shri Pardeep Singh,
S/o Shri Jagmel Singh,
Ward No.9, Near Vishavkarma
Gurdwara, SARDULGARH,
District Mansa-151507

...Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Director Public Instructions (EE),
PSEB Complex, Block 'E',
SAS Nagar (Mohali).

First Appellate Authority

O/o Director Public Instructions (EE),
PSEB Complex, Block 'E',
SAS Nagar (Mohali).

...Respondents

PRESENT:

Shri Pardeep Singh, Appellant.
Shri Ravinder Singh, Senior Assistant on behalf of the Respondents

ORDER:

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated: 04.12.2019.

2. The Appellant states that no information has been supplied to him by the Respondents till date.
3. Shri Ravinder Singh, Senior Assistant appears on behalf of the Respondents and reiterates his earlier stand that no information available in the official record relating to the RTI application of the Appellant and the same is conveyed to him.
4. In view of the above, the Respondent – PIO (Shri Sohan Singh, Assistant Director-cum-PIO, Establishment (Amla-2), Punjab is directed to appear in person, on the next date of hearing alongwith an affidavit regarding the information supplied, failing which Show Cause Notice will be issued to him under Section 20(1) of the RTI Act, 2005.
5. The case is adjourned to **13.02.2020 at 11:30 AM**. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Chandigarh
09.01.2020

Sd/-
(Hem Inder Singh)
State Information Commissioner

Copy to the Intimation & Necessary Action: - (Regd. Post).

Shri Sohan Singh,
Assistant Director-cum-PIO,
Establishment (Amla-2),
O/o Director Public Instructions (EE),
PSEB Complex, Block 'E', SAS Nagar (Mohali).

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APPEAL CASE NO. 3577 OF 2019

Shri Pardeep Singh,
S/o Shri Jagmel Singh,
Ward No.9, Near Vishavkarama
Gurdwara, Sardulgarh, District Mansa.

...Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Director,
Rural Development & Panchayat Department,
Vikas Bhawan, Sector-62, SAS Nagar (Mohali).

First Appellate Authority

O/o Director,
Rural Development & Panchayat Department,
Vikas Bhawan, Sector-62, SAS Nagar (Mohali).

...Respondents

PRESENT: Shri Pardeep Singh, Appellant.
None on behalf of the Respondents.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated: 04.12.2019.

2. The Appellant states that no information has been supplied to him by the Respondents till date.
3. Neither the Respondent nor his representative is present at today's hearing. No intimation has been received from either as to the reason of absence, inspite of the directions of the Commission. This shows his disregard to the Commission. The absence of the PIO is viewed seriously. He is directed to appear in person, on the next date of hearing along with the information as available in their office record, failing which strict action under Section 20(1) of the RTI Act, 2005 will be initiated him.
5. The case is adjourned to **13.02.2020 at 11:30 AM**. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

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APPEAL CASE NO. 3080 OF 2019

Sh. Surjit Singh,
H. No. 2999/76, Street No. 4,
Guru Gobind Singh Nagar,
Near Mair Di Chakki,
P.O. Lohara, District Ludhiana.

...Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Principal Secretary,
Local Government, Punjab,
Municipal Bhawan, Sector-35, Chandigarh.

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

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Principal Secretary,
Local Government, Punjab,
Municipal Bhawan, Sector-35, Chandigarh.

...Respondents

PRESENT: None on behalf of the Appellant.
Ms. Rajdeep Kaur ATP & Ms. Vininder Kaur, Building Inspector for the Respondents.

ORDER:

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated: 20.11.2019.

2. The Appellant is absent from today's hearing in the Commission and he was also absent on the last date of hearing i.e. 22.10.2019 and 20.11.2019.

3. Ms. Rajdeep Kaur, ATP appears on behalf of the Respondents and reiterates her earlier stand that the RTI application of the Appellant related with the O/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana and the same has been transferred to him and also conveyed to the Appellant.

4. The Respondent PIO O/o Assistant Town Planner, Zone-C, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana has sent a letter in the Commission and seeks some more time to provide the information and requests for an adjournment.

5. An opportunity is given to the Appellant to follow up his case in the Commission, failing which decision shall be taken on his absence.

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APPEAL CASE NO. 3080 OF 2019

6. The Respondent – PIO O/o Assistant Town Planner, Town Planning Wing O/o Local Government, Punjab is again directed to retrieve the requisite information from the above said office and supply to the Appellant, before the next date of hearing, failing which Show Cause Notice will be issued to the erring official as per provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

7. The case is adjourned to **13.02.2020 at 11:30 AM**. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

**Chandigarh
09.01.2020**

Sd/-
(Hem Inder Singh)
State Information Commissioner

Copy of this forwarded to:-

- 1) **Public Information Officer**
Assistant Town Planner,
Town Planning Wing
O/o Local Government, Punjab
Municipal Bhawan, Sector-35, Chandigarh.
- 2) **Sh. Satish Kumar,**
PIO –cum - Assistant Town Planner,
Zone-C, Municipal Corporation,
Ludhiana.

For intimation and further necessary action.

PUNJAB STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION

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APPEAL CASE NO. 3336 of 2018

Shri Vikaram Vaid, (9855032897)
(RTI Activist & Whistle Blower)
#1527, Gali No.2. Bagh Rama Nand,
AMRITSAR.

...Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Civil Surgeon,
AMRITSAR.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Civil Surgeon,
AMRITSAR.

...Respondents

PRESENT: None for the Parties.

ORDER:

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated: 28.11.2019.

2. The Appellant is absent from today's hearing in the Commission. However, he has emailed in the Commission mentioning therein that the he has received the information.
3. The Respondent has also emailed in the Commission mentioning therein that the remaining information has been sent to the Appellant through registered post on 07.01.2019.
4. After perusal of the record in the case file, it is ascertained that the Responder has supplied the remaining information to the Appellant and he has acknowledged the same in writing. Therefore, no further action is required. Hence this case is **Disposed of and Closed**. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Chandigarh
09.01.2020

Sd/-
(Hem Inder Singh)
State Information Commissioner

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APPEAL CASE NO. 3613 OF 2018

Shri Jaswinder Singh,
22, Flower Dale Colony,
Barewal Road, Ludhiana.

...Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Executive Engineer,
Water Supply & Sanitation Division No. 1,
Gurdaspur.

Public Information Officer,
O/o Executive Engineer,
Water Supply & Sanitation Division No. 2,
Gurdaspur.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Superintending Engineer,
Water Supply & Sanitation Circle,
Gurdaspur.

...Respondents

PRESENT: Sh. Jaswinder Singh, Appellant.
Sh. Ravi Kumar, Jr. Assistant on behalf of the Respondents.

ORDER: This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 28.11.2019.

2. Sh. Ravi Kumar, Jr. Assistant appears on behalf of the Respondents alongwith the Affidavit and the same is handed over to the Appellant, during the hearing.

3. After going through the Affidavit, the Appellant states that Affidavit is not attested by the Appropriate Authority and the same is returned back to the Respondent.

4. Last opportunity is given to the Respondent – PIO (Sh. Surinder Kumar Sharma, Executive Engineer -cum- PIO) to appear in person, on the next date of hearing alongwith an affidavit stating that the information as available in their office record has been provided to the Appellant which is complete, correct and duly authenticated, failing which strict action under Section 20(1) of the RTI Act, 2005 will be initiated against him.

5. The perusal of the record reveals that in this case, the appellant has tried his best to get the information from the PIO who failed to provide the information to the appellant within stipulated period. He has been made to run from pillar to post for getting the information, which he could not get even after the notice was issued by the Commission in the Second Appeal. He has suffered unnecessary detriments/harassment in getting the information at the hands of the PIO.

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APPEAL CASE No. 3613 OF 2018

6. I have also looked into all the facts and circumstances of the case. In my view this is a fit case, where award of compensation under Section 19 (8) (b) is also called for. I have no doubt in my mind that this state of affairs has also come about on account of the absence of adequate machinery for handling the RTI work in O/o Executive Engineer, Water Supply & Sanitation Division No. 1, Gurdaspur, is thus, responsible for the inadequate handling of the RTI request and in the instant case as well.

7. I, therefore, order that compensation of Rs. 3000/- (Rupees Three Thousand Only) be paid to the appellant for the detriments suffered by him.

8. This amount shall be payable from the funds of O/o Executive Engineer, Water Supply & Sanitation Division No. 1, Gurdaspur, by way of crossed Cheque/Demand Draft in the name of Sh. Jaswinder Singh within one month.

9. The Respondent - PIO O/o Executive Engineer, Water Supply & Sanitation Division No. 1, Gurdaspur is also directed to send a copy of Cheque/Demand Draft to the Commission to establish the fact that order of the Commission has been complied with.

10. The case is adjourned to **13.02.2020 at 11:30 AM**. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

**Chandigarh
09.01.2020**

Sd/-
(Hem Inder Singh)
State Information Commissioner

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Sh. Surinder Kumar Sharma,
Executive Engineer -cum- PIO
O/o Executive Engineer,
Water Supply & Sanitation Division No. 1,
Gurdaspur

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APPEAL CASE NO. 4056 of 2018

Shri Tarnjeet Singh,
33, Adarsh Nagar, PO : Shahpur Kandi,
Tehsil Dharalka, Distt. Pathankot.

...Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Punjab Pollution Control Board,
Batala.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Environment Engineer,
Punjab Pollution Control Board,
Focal Point, AMRITSAR.

...Respondents

PRESENT: Sh. Tranjeet Singh, Appellant.
Sh. Rozert Dhamija, S.D.O. on behalf of the Respondents.

ORDER:

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 28.11.2019.

2. The Appellant states that no information has been supplied to him by the Respondent – PIO.

3. Sh. Rozert Dhamija, S.D.O. appears on behalf of the Respondents and states that the requisite information has already been supplied to the Appellant.

4. **LAST & Final OPPORTUNITY** is given to the Respondent – PIO (Sh. Harpal Singh, Environmental Engineer, Regional Office, Batala) to appear personally, on the next date of hearing, alongwith an affidavit stating that the information as available in their office record has been provided to the Appellant which is complete, correct and duly authenticated, failing which strict action under Section 20(1) of the RTI Act, 2005 will be initiated against him.

5. The perusal of the record reveals that in this case, the appellant has tried his best to get the information from the PIO who failed to provide the information to the appellant within stipulated period. He has been made to run from pillar to post for getting the information, which he could not get even after the notice was issued by the Commission in the Second Appeal. He has suffered unnecessary detriments/harassment in getting the information at the hands of the PIO.

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6. I have also looked into all the facts and circumstances of the case. In my view this is a fit case, where award of compensation under Section 19 (8) (b) is also called for. I have no doubt in my mind that this state of affairs has also come about on account of the absence of adequate machinery for handling the RTI work in O/o Punjab Pollution Control Board, Batala (Gurdaspur), is thus, responsible for the inadequate handling of the RTI request and in the instant case as well.

7. I, therefore, order that compensation of Rs. 2000/- (Rupees Two Thousand Only) be paid to the appellant for the detriments suffered by him.

8. This amount shall be payable from the funds of O/o Punjab Pollution Control Board, Batala (Gurdaspur), by way of crossed Cheque/Demand Draft in the name of Sh. Tarnjeet Singh within one month.

9. The Respondent - PIO O/o Punjab Pollution Control Board, Batala (Gurdaspur) is also directed to send a copy of Cheque/Demand Draft to the Commission to establish the fact that order of the Commission has been complied with.

10. The case is adjourned to **13.02.2020 at 11:30 AM**. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

**Chandigarh
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**Sd/-
(Hem Inder Singh)
State Information Commissioner**

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Sh. Harpal Singh,
Environmental Engineer –cum- PIO,
Regional Office,
Punjab Pollution Control Board,
Batala (Gurdaspur).