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Sh Jasbir Singh, S/o Sh Harbans Singh, Vilalge Jalal Khera, P.O Sular, Distt Patiala.

... Appellant

Public Information Officer, O/o Chiarman, PSPCL, Head Office, Patiala.

...Respondent

## Complaint Case No. 433 of 2019

PRESENT: Sh.Jasbir Singh as the Complainant

None for the Respondent

#### ORDER:

The complainant through RTI application dated 18.03.2019 has sought information on 07 points regarding rent agreement of the office of PSPCL, Sular Cantt. Patiala and other information concerning the office of Chairman, PSPCL Patiala. The complainant was not provided the information after which the complainant filed complaint in the Commission on 08.05.2019.

Versus

The complaint informed that the PIO has not provided the information. The respondent is absent.

The Commission observes that there has been an enormous delay of five months in attending to the RTI application. The Commission has taken a serious note 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 the information to complainant within 15 days and send a compliance report to the Commission.

To come up for further hearing on **04.12.2019 at 11.00 AM.** 

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Dated 09.09.2019

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Sh Ram Murti, Sandhu Colony, Jalandhar Road, Mehta Chowk, Amritsar.

... Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer,** O/o Chief Engineer, Operation, PSPCL, Border Zone, Amritsar.

...Respondent

Complaint Case No. 438 of 2019

PRESENT: Sh.Ram Murti as the Complainant

Sh.Ramesh Kumar, SDO for the Respondent

ORDER:

The complainant through RTI application dated 18.02.2019 has sought information regarding action taken report on the complaint filed 07.12.2018 against Addl. SE PSPCL Rayya Division and other information concerning the office of Chief Engineer, Operation, PSPCL Border Zone, Amritsar. The complainant was not provided the information after which the appellant filed complaint in the Commission on 08.05.2019.

The respondent present pleaded that the information has been provided to the complainant. The complainant is not satisfied and informed that the PIO has not provided the action taken report on his complaint.

Hearing both the parties, the PIO is directed to relook at the RTI application and provide status of the complaint filed by the complainant.

To come up for further hearing on 04.12.2019 at 11.00 AM.

Sd/-

Chandigarh Dated 09.09.2019

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Sh Ram Murti, Sandhu Colony, Jalandhar Road, Mehta Chowk, Amritsar.

... Appellant

**Public Information Officer,** O/o Addl, SE, (Operational), PSPCL, Raiya Division, Beas, Distt Amritsar.

...Respondent

## Complaint Case No. 442 of 2019

PRESENT: Sh.Ram Murti as the Complainant

Sh. Ramesh Kumar, SDO for the Respondent

#### ORDER:

The complainant through RTI application dated 20.03.2019 has sought information regarding action taken on the complaint filed with Addl. Se PSPCL on 04.12.2018 and other information concerning the office of Addl, SE, (Operational), PSPCL, Raiya Division, Beas, Distt Amritsar The complainant was not provided the information after which the appellant filed complaint in the Commission on 09.05.2019.

Versus

The respondent present pleaded that the information sought is not specific. Having gone through the RTI application, the Commission observes that the complainant has asked for reasons for not taking action on the complaint. The information sought by the complainant does not fall under the ambit of the RTI Act. The Commission finds no merits in the RTI application.

The case is **disposed off and closed.** 

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Sh Tejinder Singh, Village Bholapur, P.O Ramgarh, Chandigarh Road, Ludhiana.

Versus

... Appellant

**Public Information Officer**,

O/o SDM-Cum- Licensing and Registration Authority, Fazlka

First Appellate Authority,

O/o SDM-Cum- Licensing and Registration Authority, Fazlka.

...Respondent

**Appeal Case No. 1815 of 2019** 

**PRESENT:** None for the Appellant

Sh.Jaswinder Singh, Data Entry Operator, O/oSDM Fazilka

ORDER:

The appellant through RTI application dated 02.01.2019 has sought information regarding re-assignment of vehicles from year 2016 to 31.12.2018 alongwith NOC issued to non-commercial vehicles as well as tests cleared by the appellant for regular license and other information concerning the office of SDM-cum-Licensing and Registering Authority, Fazilka. The appellant was not satisfied with the reply of the PIO dated 26.03.2019 wherebby the PIO denied the information stating that the information relates to 3<sup>rd</sup> party, after which the appellant filed first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 07.04.2019 which took no decision on the appeal.

The respondent present pleaded that without the availability of registration number or chassis number of the vehicle, the information cannot be provided.

The appellant is absent. The case is adjourned.

To come up for further hearing **on 09.12.2019 at 11.00 AM**. through video conference facility available in the office of **Deputy Commissioner**, **Fazilka**. The order be sent to both the parties through registered post. The appellant is directed to appear before the Commission at Chandigarh.

Sd/-

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Versus

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Sh Paramjit Singh, S/o Sh Jarnail Singh, H NO-816, Street NO-11, Ward No-27, Guru Nanak Nagari, Davindra Road, Malout, Distt Sri Mukatsar Sahib.

... Appellant

**Public Information Officer,** 

O/o SSP,

Sri Mukatsar Sahib.

First Appellate Authority, O/o SSP,

Sri Mukatsar Sahib.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 1825 of 2019

PRESENT: None for the Appellant

Sh.Manjit Singh, ASI for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant through RTI application dated 21.01.2019 has sought information regarding action taken report on the complaint dated 20.12.2018 and other information concerning the office of SSP Sri Mukatsar Sahib. The appellant was not provided the information after which the appellant filed first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 01.03.2019 which took no decision on the appeal.

The respondent present has submitted a letter dated 05.09.2019 from the PIO which is taken on the file of the Commission. The PIO has stated in the letter that since the enquiry was pending, the appellant was informed vide letter dated 07.03.2019. However, after receipt of complete enquiry report from the concerned enquiry officer, the information has been sent to the appellant vide registered letter on 29.08.2019. The PIO has further mentioned in the letter that the appellant was contacted on his mobile number and the appellant confirmed having received the information.

The appellant is absent nor has communicated any discrepancy. It is presumed that the appellant has received the information and is satisfied.

No further course of action is required. The case is disposed off and closed.

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Sh Kulwant Rai, S/o Sh Ram Ji Dass, R/o Vilalge Chatte Sekhwa, Tehsil & Distt Sangrur.

Versus

... Appellant

Public Information Officer, O/o IG, IRB, Ladda Kothi, Distt Patiala.

First Appellate Authority, O/o DGP, Armed Batalion, Jalandhar Cantt.

...Respondent

## Appeal Case No. 1826 of 2019

PRESENT: Sh.Sukhvinder Singh Kamboj, Advocate for the Appellant

Sh.Sarbvijay Singh, DSP and Sh.Satpal Singh, ASO for the Respodent

#### ORDER:

The appellant through RTI application dated 20.09.2018 has sought information regarding dismissal from service and reinstatement of Sh.Gurmeet Singh, constable No.1-IRB/577 and other information concerning the office of IG, IRB, Ladda Kothi, Distt Patiala.. The appellant was not denied the information by the PIO vide letter dated 22.10.2018 stating the Punjab Govt notification dated 07.06.2016 after which the appellant filed first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 010.11.2018 which disposed off the appeal upholding the PIO's view.

The Commission has received reply from the PIO vide letter diary No.16679 on 30.08.2019 which is taken on the file of the Commission. The PIO has denied the information citing Punjab Govt notification dated 07.06.2016. The counsel present on behalf of the appellant stated that the notification is applicable on that information which would prejudicially affect the sovereignty and integrity of India may not be disclosed, whereas the information sought is in public interest as the information would show that an employee who has not good antecedents and has been convicted in criminal cases, is working with the department which may further cause harm to sovereignty and integrity of the country.

The case is adjourned. To come up for further hearing on **04.12.2019 at 11.00 AM**.

Sd/-

Chandigarh
Dated 09.09.2019

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Sh Umesh Kumar, # 593, Sector-7, Panchkula.

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o GLADA. Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority, O/o GLADA, Ludhiana.

...Respondent

**Appeal Case No. 1843 of 2019** 

PRESENT: Sh.Umesh Kumar as the Appellant

None for the Respondent

#### ORDER:

The appellant through RTI application dated 03.01.2019 has sought information regarding auction/allotment conducted for religious places, daily need amenities like chemists, grocery, hospital school etc. alongwith sewerage connection and other information concerning the office of GLADA Ludhiana. The appellant was not provided the information after which the appellant filed first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 22.03.2019 which took no decision on the appeal.

The appellant claims that the PIO has not provided the complete information. The appellant further informed that he filed the RTI application with the office of PUDA which transferred it to GLADA Ludhiana. Thereafter, the office of GLADA asked him to submit ID proof vide letter dated 15.02.2019 and the same was sent to them on 16.02.2019. However, since the information was not provided, he filed first appeal on 22.03.2019 with the First Appellate Authority which took no decision. The appellant further informed that after filing second appeal in the Commission, the PIO provided information on points 1 & 3 and denied the information on points 4 & 5 vide letter dated 14.05.2019 stating that the information is in question form. The PIO vide letter dated 04.06.2019 has again asked for to submit ID proof and further vide letter dated 26.06.2019 to appear personally.

The respondent is absent. It appears that the PIO is misleading the RTI application and has denied the information without applying his mind. The Commission makes it clear that even if the appellant has asked information in a question form but the information exists and is held by the PIO, it must be provided. The PIO is directed to relook at points 2,4 & 6 and provide the information to the appellant.

To come up for further hearing on **04.12.2019** at **11.00** AM.

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Sh R,C Tandon, # 146, Urban Estate, Phagwara,. Distt Kapurthala.

... Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer,** O/o JDA,

Jalandhar.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o JDA, Jalandhar.

...Respondent

**Appeal Case No. 1845 of 2019** 

PRESENT: None for the Appellant

Sh.Sanjeev Sharma for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant through RTI application dated 15.02.2019 has sought information regarding dimensional plan of existing building of Bahara Hospital and other information concerning the office of JDA Jalandhar. The appellant was not provided the information after which the appellant filed first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 14.03.2019 which took no decision on the appeal.

The respondent present pleaded that the information has been sent to the appellant vide letter dated 07.08.2019 and a copy of the same is submitted to the Commission. The appellant is absent and vide email has sought exemption. The appellant has further informed that the PIO has not provided the complete information.

I have gone through the RTI application and the information provided by the PIO and find that the RTI application has been sufficiently replied and the information has been provided as per the RTI application. However, since the appellant is not satisfied, I direct the public authority to allow inspection of the complete record to the appellant by fixing a mutually convenient date and time so that the appellant can access the information, for which the instructions will be valid for a period of two months.

With the above observation and order, the case is **disposed off and closed**.

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Versus



Sh Rahul Gupta, S/o Sh Dharampal, H N0-170, Street NO-6, Mohalla Hargobindpura, Jagraon, Distt Ludhiana.

... Appellant

**Public Information Officer,** O/o Chairman, PSPCL, Patiala.

First Appellate Authority, O/o Chairman, PSPCL. Patiala.

...Respondent

## **Appeal Case No. 1852 of 2019**

Present: Sh.Rahul Gupta as the Appellant

Sh.GurmanpreetSingh,APIO-cum-Addl.S.E Operation Division Jagraon for

the Respondent

#### ORDER:

The appellant through RTI application dated 23.02.2019 has sought information on 11 points regarding action taken report on application dated 04.01.2019 and other information concerning the office of Chairman, PSPCL Patiala. The appellant was not provided the information after which the appellant filed first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 06.04.2019 which took no decision on the appeal.

The respondent present pleaded that the information has been supplied to the appellant vide letter dated 20.06.2019 and a copy is submitted to the Commission. The appellant is not satisfied and stated that the PIO has not provided action taken report on his complaint.

Hearing both the parties, the Commission directs the PIO to relook at the RTI application and provide status report on the complaint of the appellant and other information what is available on record. The information be provided within 10 days.

With the above order, the case is **disposed off and closed**.

Sd/-

Chandigarh Dated 09.09.2019

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Sh Jasvinder Singh, S/o Sh Lt Sh Ajmer Singh, H NO-123, North Avenue, Badhson Road, Patiala. Corresponding Adress, # 224, Sector-94, JLPL, Mohali.

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o Administrative Officer, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Head Offfice, Patiala.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Punjab Pollution Control Board, Patiala.

...Respondent

**Appeal Case No. 1848 of 2019** 

**PRESENT:** None for the Appellant

Sh. Harnek Chand, Admn Officer Pollution Control Board, Pb for the

Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant through RTI application dated 04.01.2019 has sought information regarding pay fixation of law officer/sr. law officer Sh.Kulraj Rai, Jasinder Singh, Pardeep Sharma and Amrik Singh other information concerning the office of Punjab Pollution Control Board Patiala. The appellant was not provided the information after which the appellant filed first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 22.02.2019 which took no decision on the appeal. Thereafter, the PIO sent information to the appellant vide letter dated 15.03.2019. On being not satisfied with the information, the appellant filed 2<sup>nd</sup> appeal in the Commission on n20.05.2019.

The respondent present pleaded that the information has been provided to the appellant vide letter dated 15.03.2019 and a copy submitted to the Commission. The appellant is absent.

Having gone through the record, the Commission observes that the PIO has provided the information on points 1 & 2 and denied the information on points 3 & 4 stating that the information relates to 3<sup>rd</sup> party. The First Appellate Authority has also upheld the view of the PIO. The Commission however, does not consider the information regarding salary and designation of an officer, as the third party information and directs the PIO to provide information on points 3 & 4. The PIO to provide the information within 10 days and send a compliance report to the Commission.

Regarding point-5, I uphold the view of the PIO that the service book of an employee is a personal information, and the PIO has rightly denied it unless there is a larger public interest in its disclosure, which is not the instance in this case.

With the above observation and order, the case is disposed off and closed.

Chandigarh
Dated 09.09.2019

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Sh Jasbir Singh, S/o sh Harbans Singh, Village Jalal Khera, Po Sular, Distt Patiala.

... Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer,** O/o SSP, Patiala.

**First Appellate Authority,** O/o SSP, Patiala.

...Respondent

## Appeal Case No. 1861 of 2019

PRESENT: Sh.Jasbir Singh as the Appellant

Sh.Ajeet Singh, ASI and Sh.Chaman Lal, HC for the Respondent

### ORDER:

The appellant through RTI application dated 02.03.2019 has sought information regarding licensed armament deposited with the office of SSP during Panchayat election of village Jalal Khera and other information concerning the office of SSP Patiala. The appellant was not provided the information after which the appellant filed first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 04.04.2019 which took no decision on the appeal.

The respondent present pleaded that the information has been provided to the appellant. The appellant has received the information and is satisfied.

Since the infomraiton has been provided, no further course of action is required. The case is **disposed off and closed**.

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Sh Jasbir Singh, S/o sh Harbans Singh, Village Jalal Khera, Po Sular, Distt Patiala.

... Appellant

**Public Information Officer,** O/o SDO, PSPCL, Sub Division, Sullar Cantt,

First Appellate Authority, O/o Chief Engineer, PSPCL Commercial, Patiala.

...Respondent

## **Appeal Case No. 1785 of 2019**

Versus

PRESENT: Sh.Jasbir Singh as the Appellant

Sh.Ravi Kumar, SDO-PSPCL Sub Division, Sullar Cant for the Respondent

#### ORDER:

Patiala.

The appellant through RTI application dated 02.03.2019 has sought information on 11 points regarding electric connection provided upto 01.01.2019 in village Kohar Khera and other information concerning the office of SDO Sub Division Sullar Cant Patiala. The appellant was not provided the information after which the appellant filed first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 04.04.2019 which took no decision on the appeal.

The respondent present pleaded that the information is voluminous and has to be created, which will divert the sufficient resources of the department.

Hearing both the parties, the Commission directs the PIO to provide total number of tubewell connections installed in the village.

With the above order, the case is **disposed off and closed.** 

Sd/-

Chandigarh
Dated 09.09.2019