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Navdeep Gupta,
S/o Ved Parkash Gupta,
4, Nimrit Vilia,
Mansahia Colony,
District Patiala.

Versus

Public Information officer,
o/o Superintendent Engineer,
Engineering Branch,
Municipal Corporation,
District Patiala.

Public Information officer,
o/o Municipal Corporation,
District Patiala.

First Appellate Authority-cum-
o/o Municipal Corporation,
District Patiala.

Appeal Case No. 531 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

Pawan Goyal (for the Appellant) 94170-10429
(Respondent) Absent

ORDER:

*(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on **30.6.2021**)*

1. The RTI application is dated **7.9.2020** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding recarpeting of roads etc.,** as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **3.11.2020** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **21.1.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **30.6.2021**.

2. The respondent PIO is absent without intimation. This is despite the Show Cause Notice issued to him vide this Commission's Order of 30.6.2021. Another employee of the Municipal Corporation, Patiala, present at this hearing (in Complaint Case No. 134/2021), Loveneesh Goyal, informed the Commission that the information requested in this RTI application pertains to the Engineering Branch of the Municipal Corporation, Patiala, which has a separate PIO. Sh. Loveneesh Goyal is requested to find out and communicate the name and mobile number of the PIO, o/o Superintendent Engineer, Engineering Branch, to this Commission after today's hearing.

3. Meanwhile the PIO-cum-Superintendent Engineer, Sh. Sham Lal from Engineering Branch, Municipal Corporation, Patiala, who was issued a Show Cause Notice on 30.6.2021, is given final opportunity to submit a written reply and/or be heard in person failing which penalty as per RTI Act 2005, will follow.

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4. IMPORTANT! All documents / information supplied to appellants / complainants must mandatorily be attested as under:

Information supplied under the RTI Act, 2005

Signature of the PIO

Name of the PIO

Name of the Public Authority

Date

5. **Next hearing on 23.3.2022 at 11.00 am via Video Conference Facility at DC Office, Patiala.**

Sd/-

(ASIT JOLLY)

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Kanchan,
D/o Late Sh. Pawan Kumar,
Balmiki Basti Bouran Gate,
Nabha – 147 201, District Patiala.

Versus

Public Information officer,
o/o Executive Officer,
Municipal Committee,
Nabha, District Patiala.
First Appellate Authority-cum-Deputy Director,
Department of Local Bodies, Mini Secretariat,
District Patiala.

Appeal Case No. 653 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

(Appellant) Absent

Teja Singh, Sanitary Supervisor (for the Respondent) 98554-66292

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 30.6.2021)

1. The RTI application is dated **4.3.2020** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding benefits given to the legal heirs of deceased Pawan Kumar**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **26.6.2020** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **25.1.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **30.6.2021**.

2. The appellant is absent without intimation. The respondent PIO, represented by Teja Singh, Sanitary Supervisor, states that a reply along with 6 pages of information was sent to the appellant vide Letter No. 1517MR Dated 30.11.2021. The Commission notes that the respondent PIO has also sent an earlier reply sent to the appellant vide Letter No. 725MG Dated 16.7.2021 along with the requested information.

3. However, subsequent to the earlier reply, the appellant Ms. Kanchan, had written to the Commission saying that the respondent PIO has supplied incomplete information. The appellant however, has not stated what the specific deficiency is. The appellant is requested to examine the reply sent the respondent PIO vide Letter No. 1517MR Dated 30.11.2021 and list deficiencies if any to the respondent PIO as well as to this Commission.

4. Next hearing on 23.3.2022 at 11.00 am via Video Conference Facility at DC Office, Patiala.

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Sukrit Sharda,

S/o Sh. Jatinder Sharda,
50/186, Old Shahpur Road,
District Pathankot-145001

Versus

Public Information Officer,

o/o Executive Engineer, Punjab Mandi Board,
District Patiala-147001

First Appellate Authority,

o/o Chief Engineer (North), Punjab Mandi Board,
Punjab Mandi Bhawan, Sector-65 A,
S.A.S Nagar (Mohali)-160062

Appeal Case No. 2048 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

(Appellant) Absent

D.K. Singla, SDO (for the Respondent) 98886-13658

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 22.10.2021)

1. The RTI application is dated **3.2.2021** vide which the appellant has sought information **by way of attested copies of the cashbook, bills/vouchers entered in MBs and payments sanctioned from 1.4.2020 to 31.1.2021**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **15.3.2021** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **27.4.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **22.10.2021**.

2. The appellant is absent without intimation. The respondent PIO, represented by D.K. Singla, SDO, states that a reply has been sent to the appellant vide Letter No. 832 Dated 15.2.2021, informing him that the information sought in his RTI application was not specific. The respondent PIO has also requested the appellant to clarify the exact information he requires. There was however, no reply from the appellant. The respondent PIO has also contended at this hearing that the information requested in the RTI application is voluminous.

3. The respondent PIO is herewith directed to submit a fresh pointwise reply to the RTI application along with an estimate of volume of information requested in the said RTI application.

4. IMPORTANT! All documents / information supplied to appellants / complainants must mandatorily be attested as under:

Information supplied under the RTI Act, 2005

Signature of the PIO

Name of the PIO

Name of the Public Authority

Date

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Appeal Case No. 2048 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

5. Next hearing on 23.3.2022 at 11.00 am via Video Conference Facility at DC Office, Patiala.

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REGISTERED SHOW CAUSE NOTICE

Harmanjit Singh Deol,
S/o Pargat Singh Deol,
16-E, Model Town,
District Patiala-147001

Versus

Public Information Officer

o/o District Attorney

Patiala District, Patiala

Public Information officer,

o/o Deputy Commissioner,

District Patiala.

First Appellate Authority-cum-

o/o Additional Deputy Commissioner,

Mini Secretariat,

District Patiala.

Appeal Case No. 802 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

(Appellant) Absent

Harjit Singh, APIO-cum-Superintendent (for the Respondent) 94633-28586

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 30.6.2021)

1. The RTI application is dated **3.9.2020** vide which the appellant has sought information as under:

“Undersigned while presiding as Judicial Magistrate 1st Class at Nabha has decided case FIR No. 83/11.09.2013 registered at Police Station Bhadson. Office of the District Attorney, Patiala has sought permission from your office to file appeal before District (and) Sessions Judge, Patiala in FIR No. 83/11/09.2013 registered at Police Station Bhadson. In the above stated Letter No. 191 dated 28.05.2019 addressed to your office by the office of DA, Patiala, it has been mentioned that Assistant Public Prosecutor Sh. Gaurav Deewan who has conducted the trial has opined that appeal be filed in this case. Deputy District Attorney has also consented for the same. Kindly provide undersigned with a copy of the above mentioned opinions given by the Assistant Public Prosecutor as well as Deputy District Attorney along with copy of checking memo mentioned in the above stated Letter No. 191 dated 28.5.19 addressed to your office by the office of the DA, Patiala.”

First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **13.10.2020** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **5.2.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **30.6.2021**.

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Appeal Case No. 802 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

2. At the last hearing on 30.6.2021, the respondent PIO, represented by Harjeet Singh, Superintendent from the office of Deputy Commissioner, Patiala, stated that some of the information that is available with his office has been supplied to the appellant and the RTI application was transferred to the office of District Attorney, Patiala vide Letter No. 490 Dated 21.9.2020. Subsequently, this Commission had ordered the PIO, office of District Attorney, Patiala, to submit a reply alongwith the information to the appellant, with a copy to this Commission. However, despite this Commission's Order, the PIO office of District Attorney, Patiala has neither submitted any reply and nor is he present at this hearing. This Commission deems it fit to issue the respondent PIO, office of District Attorney, Patiala with this Show Cause Notice:

3. The respondent PIO, office of District Attorney Patiala District, Patiala is herewith ordered to **SHOW CAUSE** as to why a penalty should not be imposed upon him under Section 20 (1) of RTI Act, 2005, for causing willful delay/denial of the information requested by the appellant as far back as on **3.9.2020**.

“In addition to the written reply, the respondent PIO is also given an opportunity under Section 20 (1) provision there to, for a personal hearing before the imposition of such penalty on the next date of hearing. He may take note that in case he does not file his written reply and does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the 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*.” Copies of this order be sent to the parties through registered post.

4. IMPORTANT! All documents / information supplied to appellants / complainants must mandatorily be attested as under:

Information supplied under the RTI Act, 2005

Signature of the PIO

Name of the PIO

Name of the Public Authority

Date

5. **Next hearing on 23.3.2022 at 11.00 am via Video Conference Facility at DC Office, Patiala.**

**Sd/-
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Cc: Principal Secretary Home, Punjab, Civil Secretariat, Chandigarh, for information and further necessary action.

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Harmanjit Singh Deol,
S/o Pargat Singh Deol,
16-E, Model Town,
District Patiala-147001

Versus

Public Information officer,
o/o Station House Officer, Police Station Sadar Nabha,
District Patiala.

Public Information officer,
o/o Senior Superintendent of Police,
District Patiala.

First Appellate Authority-cum-
o/o Inspector General of Police, Patiala Range,
District Patiala.

Appeal Case No. 800 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

(Appellant) Absent

ASI, Hakam Singh (for the Respondent) 62399-82833

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 30.6.2021)

1. The RTI application is dated **29.9.2020** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding posting details of police personnel attached with Ilaka Magistrate from Police Station Sadar Nabha,** as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **6.11.2020** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **5.2.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **30.6.2021**.

2. The appellant is absent without intimation. The respondent PIO, represented by ASI, Hakam Singh from the office of SSP Patiala is present. At the last hearing on 30.6.2021, the Commission had directed the PIO, office of SSP Patiala to transfer this RTI application to the PIO-cum-SHO, Police Station Sadar Nabha. In the same order, the Commission had issued a Show Cause Notice to the PIO-cum-SHO, Police Station Sadar Nabha. Despite this, he failed either to submit a reply to the Show Cause Notice, or be heard in person at this hearing.

3. ASI Hakam Singh is herewith directed to submit a copy of the letter vide which this RTI application was transferred to SHO, Police Station Sadar Nabha. He is also directed to ascertain the name and telephone number of SHO, Police Station Sadar Nabha and communicate this to the Commission forthwith. SHO, Police Station Sadar Nabha is meanwhile given one final opportunity to submit a reply this Commission's Show Cause Notice, failing which, penalties as per the RTI Act 2005, shall follow.

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Appeal Case No. 800 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

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Harmanjit Singh Deol,
S/o Pargat Singh Deol,
16-E, Model Town,
District Patiala-147001

Versus

Public Information officer,
o/o Station House Officer, Police Station Kotwali Nabha,
District Patiala.

Public Information officer,
o/o Senior Superintendent of Police,
District Patiala.

First Appellate Authority-cum-
o/o Inspector General of Police, Patiala Range,
District Patiala.

Appeal Case No. 801 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

(Appellant) Absent

ASI, Hakam Singh (for the Respondent) 62399-82833

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 30.6.2021)

1. The RTI application is dated **29.9.2020** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding posting details of police personnel attached with the Ilaka Magistrate from Police Station Kotwali Nabha,** as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **6.11.2020** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **5.2.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **30.6.2021**.

2. The appellant is absent without intimation. The respondent PIO, represented by ASI Hakam Singh from the office of SSP Patiala is present. At the last hearing on 30.6.2021, the Commission had directed the PIO, office of SSP Patiala to transfer this RTI application to the PIO-cum-SHO, Police Station Kotwali Nabha. In the same Order, the Commission had issued a Show Cause Notice to the PIO-cum SHO, Police Station Kotwali Nabha. Despite this, he failed either to submit a reply to the Show Cause Notice or make a personal appearance at this hearing.

3. ASI Hakam Singh is herewith directed to submit a copy of the letter vide which, this RTI application was transferred to SHO Police Station Kotwali Nabha. He is also directed to ascertain the name and telephone number of SHO, Police Station Kotwali Nabha and communicate this to the Commission forthwith. The PIO-cum-SHO, Police Station Kotwali Nabha is meanwhile given one final opportunity to reply this Commission's Show Cause Notice failing which penalties as per the RTI Act 2005, will follow.

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Appeal Case No. 801 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

4. Next hearing on 23.3.2022 at 11.00 am via Video Conference Facility at DC Office, Patiala.

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Harmanjit Singh Deol,

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16-E, Model Town,
District Patiala-147001

Versus

Public Information officer,

o/o Station House Officer,
Police Station Bhadson,
District Patiala.

Public Information Officer,

o/o Senior Superintendent of Police,
District Patiala.

First Appellate Authority,

o/o Inspector General of Police,
Patiala Range,
District Patiala.

Appeal Case No. 1050 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

(Appellant) Absent

ASI, Hakam Singh (for the Respondent) 62399-82833

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 30.6.2021)

1. The RTI application is dated **29.9.2020** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding posting details of police personnel attached with ilaka magistrate from Police Station Bhadson**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **6.11.2020** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **23.2.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **30.6.2021**.

2. The appellant is absent without intimation. The respondent PIO, represented by ASI, Hakam Singh is present. At the last hearing on 30.6.2021, the PIO, office of SSP Patiala was directed to transfer this RTI application to the PIO-cum-SHO, Police Station Bhadson under Section 6(3) of the RTI Act 2005. In the same Order, the PIO-cum-SHO, Police Station Bhadson was issued a Show Cause Notice. In response to the Show Cause Notice to him, the SHO, Police Station Bhadson has written to the Commission vide Letter No. 1706/5A/Bhadson Dated 30.7.2021 along with the copy of information sent to the appellant. The appellant is requested to examine the information sent to him and list any deficiency.

3. **Next hearing on 23.3.2022 at 11.00 am via Video Conference Facility at DC Office, Patiala.**

Sd/-

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Harmanjit Singh Deol,

S/o Sh. Pargat Singh,
16-E, Model Town,
District Patiala-147001

Versus

Public Information officer,
o/o Station House Officer,
Police Station Bhadson, District Patiala.

Public Information Officer,
o/o Senior Superintendent of Police,
District Patiala.

First Appellate Authority,
o/o Inspector General of Police,
Patiala Range, District Patiala.

Appeal Case No. 1055 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

(Appellant) Absent

ASI, Hakam Singh (for the Respondent) 62399-82833

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 30.6.2021)

1. The RTI application is dated **29.9.2020** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding leave details of PHG Jatinder Pal Singh, Posted at Police Station Bhadson,** as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **6.11.2020** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **24.2.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **30.6.2021**.

2. The appellant is absent without intimation. The respondent PIO, represented by ASI, Hakam Singh from the office of SSP, Patiala was directed to transfer this RTI application to the PIO-cum-SHO, Police Station Bhadson. In the same Order the PIO-cum-SHO PS Bhadson was issued a Show Cause Notice. In a reply, the PIO-cum-SHO, Police Station Bhadson has written to the Commission vide Letter No. 1705/SA/Bhadson Dated 3.7.2021 alongwith the information requested in the RTI application. The appellant is requested to examine the information and list deficiencies, if any.

3. **Next hearing on 23.3.2022 at 11.00 am via Video Conference Facility at DC Office, Patiala.**

Sd/-

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Raj Singh,

S/o Late Sh. Ishar Singh,
Village Todarwal, PO Babarpur Police Station,
Bhadson, Tehsil-Nabha,
District Patiala – 147 201

Versus

Public Information Officer,

o/o Senior Superintendent of Police,
District Patiala.

First Appellate Authority,

o/o Inspector General of Police, Patiala Range,
District Patiala.

Appeal Case No. 2686 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

Raj Singh (Appellant) 98142-41257
ASI, Hakam Singh (for the Respondent) 62399-82833

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **21.6.2021** vide which the appellant has sought information as under:

- 1] CCTV footage between 2:00 pm and 5:00 pm on 31.5.2021 at the office of DSP Nabha.
- 2] CCTV footage 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm on 31.5.2021 at the office of SHO PS Sadar Nabha.
- 3] CCTV footage 11:00 am to 2:00 am, 31.5.2021 to 1.6.2021 at PS Kotwali Nabha.

as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **23.6.2021** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **25.6.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice to the parties issued for first hearing in the Commission on **1.12.2021**.

2. Both parties are present. In a reply to the appellant vide Letter No. 1946 Dated 19.10.2021, the respondent PIO has informed the appellant that CCTV Footage he seeks is “confidential”. He has sought exemption from disclosure under Section 8(1)(g) and 8(1)(j) of the RTI Act 2005. Following deliberations at this hearing, during which, the appellant revealed some very shocking details about events at the police premises for which he seeks information as cited in his RTI application.

3. The respondent PIO’s contention that the requested information is exempt under Section 8(1)(j) and 8(1)(g) is rejected. The Commission is of the view that there is a larger public interest involved here and this justifies disclosure of requested information.

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Appeal Case No. 2686 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

4. The respondent PIO is herewith, directed to retrieve the CCTV Footage sought at all the three points of RTI application and supply it to the appellant as well as to this Commission on a pen-drive or CD/DVD. In the event that CCTV Footage is no longer available the PIO-cum-SSP Patiala is directed to submit a duly notarised affidavit stating this and giving reasons for the same.

5. **Next hearing on 23.3.2022 at 11.00 am via Video Conference Facility at DC Office, Patiala.**

Sd/-

(ASIT JOLLY)

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Bhinder Kaur,
W/o Sh. Raj Singh,
Village Todarwal,
P.O- Babarpur Police Station,
Bhadson, Tehsil-Nabha,
District Patiala-147201

Versus

Public Information Officer,
o/o Senior Superintendent of Police,
District Patiala.
First Appellate Authority,
o/o Inspector General of Police, Patiala Range,
District Patiala.

Appeal Case No. 2687 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

Bhinder Kaur (Appellant) 98142-41257
ASI, Hakam Singh (for the Respondent) 62399-82833

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **21.6.2021** vide which the appellant has sought information as under:

- 1] CCTV footage between 2:00 pm and 5:00 pm on 31.5.2021 at the office of DSP Nabha.
- 2] CCTV footage 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm on 31.5.2021 at the office of SHO PS Sadar Nabha.
- 3] CCTV footage 11:00 am to 2:00 am, 31.5.2021 to 1.6.2021 at PS Kotwali Nabha.

as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **23.6.2021** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **25.6.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice to the parties issued for first hearing in the Commission on **1.12.2021**.

2. Both parties are present. In a reply to the appellant vide Letter No. 1949 Dated 19.10.2021, the respondent PIO has informed the appellant that CCTV Footage he seeks is "confidential". He has sought exemption from disclosure under Section 8(1)(g) and 8(1)(j) of the RTI Act 2005. Following deliberations at this hearing, during which, the appellant revealed some very shocking details about events at the police premises for which she seeks information as cited in his RTI application.

3. The respondent PIO's contention that the requested information is exempt under Section 8(1)(j) and 8(1)(g) is rejected. The Commission is of the view that there is a larger public interest involved here and this justifies disclosure of requested information.

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4. The respondent PIO is herewith, directed to retrieve the CCTV Footage sought at all the three points of RTI application and supply it to the appellant as well as to this Commission on a pen-drive or CD/DVD. In the event that CCTV Footage is no longer available the PIO-cum-SSP Patiala is directed to submit a duly notarised affidavit stating this and giving reasons for the same.

5. **Next hearing on 23.3.2022 at 11.00 am via Video Conference Facility at DC Office, Patiala.**

Sd/-

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Rajesh Kumar,
S/o Late Sh. Om Parkash,
80, Near Thana Sadar,
Railway Road, Nabha – 147 201

Versus

Public Information Officer,
o/o Executive Officer,
Nagar Council, Nabha.
First Appellate Authority,
o/o Secretary, Local Government,
Punjab, Chandigarh.

Appeal Case No. 2444 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

(Appellant) Absent
Rajinder Pal, Clerk (for the Respondent) 98551-06934

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **21.5.2020** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding MB books issued by the Store in-charge**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **8.1.2021** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **21.5.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice to the parties issued for first hearing in the Commission on **1.12.2021**.

2. The appellant is absent without intimation. The respondent PIO, represented by Rajinder Pal, Clerk, submitted that a reply was sent to the appellant vide Letter No. 1450MB Dated 13.9.2021 with a pointwise reply to the RTI application. The Commission has examined the said reply and is of the view that the exemption claimed as per Section 8(1)(j) for points 3 and 4 of the RTI application, is not maintainable.

3. This Commission directs the respondent PIO to supply attested copies of the information pertaining to points 3 and 4 along with a copy of the FIR/DDR/police complaint regarding the loss of MB No. 179 and 180. This must be done forthwith. A copy of all documents supplied be submitted to the Commission.

4. IMPORTANT! All documents / information supplied to appellants / complainants must mandatorily be attested as under:

Information supplied under the RTI Act, 2005

Signature of the PIO

Name of the PIO

Name of the Public Authority

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Appeal Case No. 2444 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

5. Next hearing on 23.3.2022 at 11.00 am via Video Conference Facility at DC Office, Patiala.

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Bahadur Singh,
S/o Sh. Narata Singh,
VPO-Mandauly Via
Post Office-Kauli,
Tehsil-Rajpura,
District Patiala-140701

Versus

Public Information Officer,
o/o Divisional Forest Officer,
District Patiala.
First Appellate Authority,
o/o Conservator of Forests,
South Circle, Opposite District Jail,
District Patiala-147001

Appeal Case No. 2453 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

Bahadur Singh (Appellant)
Kulwant Singh Baniwal (for the Appellant)
Amandeep Singh, Range Officer (for the Respondent) 97807-70003

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **27.10.2018** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding funds received and used by Range Officer Patiala**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **26.2.2021** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **24.5.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice to the parties issued for first hearing in the Commission on **1.12.2021**.
2. Both parties are present. The respondent PIO, represented by Amandeep Singh, Range Officer, stated that a reply along with the requested information was sent to the appellant vide Letter No. 139036/3 Dated 6.3.2019. As per the respondent PIO, the information was after the appellant deposited a sum of Rs. 5862.00 on 24.12.2018. The appellant insists that the information is deficient, even though he has not listed any specific deficiency. The appellant is given an opportunity to list specific deficiencies in a letter to the respondent PIO with a copy to this Commission.
3. On receiving the list of deficiencies, the respondent PIO is to submit a reply to each point along with the information if available in his record.

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Appeal Case No. 2453 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

4. IMPORTANT! All documents / information supplied to appellants / complainants must mandatorily be attested as under:

Information supplied under the RTI Act, 2005

Signature of the PIO

Name of the PIO

Name of the Public Authority

Date

5. **Next hearing on 23.3.2022 at 11.00 am via Video Conference Facility at DC Office, Patiala.**

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Balvir Singh,
S/o Sh. Aatma Singh,
Village-Mandauli,
Tehsil-Rajpura,
District Patiala.

Versus

Public Information Officer,
o/o Divisional Forest Officer,
District Patiala.
First Appellate Authority,
o/o Conservator of Forest,
South Circle,
District Patiala.

Appeal Case No. 2484 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

Balvir Singh (Appellant)
Amandeep Singh, Range Officer (for the Respondent) 97807-70003

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **19.3.2021** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding Forest Range Office, Rajpura**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **23.4.2021** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **25.5.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice to the parties issued for first hearing in the Commission on **1.12.2021**.
2. Both parties are present. The respondent PIO, represented by Amandeep Singh, Range Officer, state that a reply along with the requested information was sent to the appellant vide Letter No. 3 Dated 16.4.2021. The appellant however, insists that he has not received the requested information.
3. This Commission directed the respondent PIO to send a copy of the reply sent to the appellant vide Letter No. 3 dated 16.4.2021, along with the appended information, to the Commission. All the appended information must be attested as information supplied under RTI Act 2005.
4. IMPORTANT! All documents / information supplied to appellants / complainants must mandatorily be attested as under:

Information supplied under the RTI Act, 2005

Signature of the PIO

Name of the PIO

Name of the Public Authority

Date

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Appeal Case No. 2484 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

5. Next hearing on 23.3.2022 at 11.00 am via Video Conference Facility at DC Office, Patiala.

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REGISTERED SHOW CAUSE NOTICE

Sudhir Sharma (Advocate),
S/o Sh. Karam Chand Sharma,
Opposite Triveni Palace,
Patiala Road, Nabha – 147 201,
District Patiala.

Versus

Public Information officer,
o/o Executive Officer,
Municipal Council,
Nabha-147201,
District Patiala.

Complaint Case No. 117 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

Sudhir Sharma (Complainant) 84376-88808

Teja Singh, Sanitary Supervisor (for the Respondent) 98554-66292

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 30.6.2021)

1. The complainant, **Sudhir Sharma**, filed this RTI application dated **24.10.2020** and sought information **regarding vehicles owned by MC Nabha, expenditure on repairs and maintenance of vehicles etc.**, from the PIO o/o **Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Patiala**. When no information was received, the Complainant filed a complaint under Section 18 of the RTI Act, 2005 to the Commission on **18.1.2021**. The case was last heard on **30.6.2021**.
2. Both the parties are present. As directed by this Commission, the appellant visited the office of respondent PIO for inspection on 5.7.2021. Following which he was supplied 161 pages pertaining to point 4 of the RTI application. The appellant states that despite his request, no inspection was allowed pertaining to the point no. 2 and 3 of his RTI application.
3. The Commission takes a very serious view of the respondent PIO's conduct in causing unnecessary harassment to the complainant and deems it fit to issue him this Show Cause Notice. He is also directed to either supply all the information sought at point no. 3 and 4 of RTI application or arrange for a fresh inspection of record in respect of point no. 3 and 4 before the next hearing.
4. The respondent PIO is herewith ordered to **SHOW CAUSE** as to why a penalty should not be imposed upon him under Section 20 (1) of RTI Act, 2005, for causing willful delay/denial of the information requested by the appellant as far back as on **24.10.2020**.

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“In addition to the written reply, the respondent PIO is also given an opportunity under Section 20 (1) provision there to, for a personal hearing before the imposition of such penalty on the next date of hearing. He may take note that in case he does not file his written reply and does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the 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*.” Copies of this order be sent to the parties through registered post.

5. IMPORTANT! All documents / information supplied to appellants / complainants must mandatorily be attested as under:

Information supplied under the RTI Act, 2005

Signature of the PIO

Name of the PIO

Name of the Public Authority

Date

6. Next hearing on 23.3.2022 at 11.00 am via Video Conference Facility at DC Office, Patiala.

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Cc: Additional Deputy Commissioner, Urban Development, Municipal Council, Nabha, District Patiala, for information and further necessary action.

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Ram Parkash,
S/o Sh. Behli Ram,
632, Ravi Dass Nagar, Factory Area,
Patiala.

Versus

Public Information officer,
o/o Municipal Corporation,
Patiala

Complaint Case No. 134 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

Ram Parkash (Complainant)

Lovneesh Goyal, PIO-cum-Superintendent (Respondent) 98886-41727

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 30.6.2021)

1. The complainant, **Ram Parkash**, filed this RTI application dated **18.11.2019** and sought information **regarding the status of his medical bills**, from the PIO o/o **Municipal Corporation, Patiala**. When no information was received, the Complainant filed a complaint under Section 18 of the RTI Act, 2005 to the Commission on **25.1.2021**. The case was last heard on **30.6.2021**.

2. Both parties are present. At the last hearing on 30.6.2021, the incumbent PIO-cum-Superintendent, Lovneesh Goyal, was directed to submit a list of PIOs since 18.11.2019 alongwith their designation, tenure, and present place of posting etc.. Sh. Lovneesh Goyal is present at this hearing and states that he did not receive a copy of the Commission's Order of 30.6.2021 and he has since been posted out of the concerned branch of MC Patiala. He also informed the Commission that current PIO-cum-DCFA, is Sh. Neeraj Raheja.

3. This Commission is herewith directs the respondent PIO-cum-DCFA, Neeraj Raheja to submit list of all PIO's since 18.11.2019 alongwith there designation, tenure, and present place of posting to this Commission within 10 days of receiving this Order.

4. **Next hearing on 23.3.2022 at 11.00 am via Video Conference Facility at DC Office, Patiala.**

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