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REGISTERED SHOW CAUSE NOTICE

Rajinder Kumar Sharma,

S/o Harbans Lal Sharma, VPO Raisar, Tehsil & District Barnala – 148 01

Versus

Public Information officer, o/o Divisional Forest Officer, District Sangrur. First Appellate Authority,

o/o Conservator of Forests, South Circle, Patiala.

Appeal Case No. 181 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

Rajinder Kumar Sharma (Appellant) 83605-89644 Charanjit Singh, Deputy Range Office (for the Respondent) 98156-91811 Vikram Jain, Junior Assistant (for the Respondent) 95305-30149

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **24.2.2020** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding the Van Mahotsav celebrations in the year 2013**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **20.10.2020** and second appeal was filed in the Commission on **28.12.2020** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **1.4.2021**.

2. Both parties are present through Video Conference. The respondent PIO, represented by Charanjit Singh, Deputy Range Officer and Vikram Jain, Junior Assistant, have submitted a reply vide letter No. 448 dated 4.3.2021. Along with the said reply, the requested information was also sent to the appellant. The appellant is however, not satisfied with the information furnished. He is herewith requested to list deficiencies in writing to the PIO with a copy to this Commission.

3. The respondent PIO is directed to send a copy of the information sent to the appellant, to this Commission. The respondent PIO is also to submit a fresh point-wise reply to the RTI application listing the points of the RTI application alongside the reply to each point. This RTI application was filed on 24.2.2020 since when the respondent PIO has not given any reply. The Commission takes a very serious view of the respondents PIO's conduct and herewith serves him a show cause notice.

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Appeal Case No. 181 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

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 **24.2.2020**.

"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.*"

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. <u>Next hearing on 5.8.2021 at 11.00 am through Video Conference Facility. (The appellant will attend the hearing at D.C. Office, Barnala, and the respondent PIO will attend the hearing at D.C. Office, Sangrur.)</u>

Sd/-(ASIT JOLLY) State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

Chandigarh 1.4.2021

Cc: Conservator of Forests, South Circle, Opposite Jail, District Patiala, for information and further necessary action.

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Rajinder Kumar Sharma,

S/o Harbans Lal Sharma, VPO Raisar, Tehsil & District Barnala-14801

Versus

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

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

PRESENT:

Rajinder Kumar Sharma (Appellant) 83605-89644 Charanjit Singh, Deputy Range Office (for the Respondent) 98156-91811 Vikram Jain, Junior Assistant (for the Respondent) 95305-30149

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **12.2.2020** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding GPM scheme**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **3.6.2020** and second appeal was filed in the Commission on **24.12.2020** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **1.4.2021**.

2. Both parties are present through Video Conference. The respondent PIO, represented by Charanjit Singh, Deputy Range Officer and Vikram Jain, Junior Assistant, stated that a reply was sent to the appellant vide letter No. 544 dated: 30.3.2021, wherein it is contended that the requested information is same as requested by the appellant earlier and it was provided to him in Appeal Case No. 4273/2019 which was duly disposed by the State Information Commission.

3. The respondent PIO is directed to send a copy of the Information Commission's Order in Appeal Case 4273/2019 along with the information furnished in that case, to this Commission at the earliest. This RTI application was filed on 12.2.2020 and since when the respondent PIO has not sent any reply/information to the appellant. The Commission takes a very serious view of the respondents PIO's conduct and herewith serves him with a show cause notice.

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

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 **12.2.2020**.

"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.*"

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. <u>Next hearing on 5.8.2021 at 11.00 am through Video Conference Facility. (The appellant will attend the hearing at D.C. Office, Barnala, and the respondent PIO will attend the hearing at D.C. Office, Sangrur.)</u>

Sd/-(ASIT JOLLY) State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

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Rajinder Kumar Sharma,

S/o Harbans Lal Sharma, VPO Raisar, Tehsil & District Barnala-14801

Versus

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

Appeal Case No. 997 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT: Rajinder Kumar Sharma (Appellant) 83605-89644 Charanjit Singh, Deputy Range Office (for the Respondent) 98156-91811 Vikram Jain, Junior Assistant (for the Respondent) 95305-30149

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **31.10.2020** vide which the appellant has sought information regarding works done in the Sangrur Forest Division from **1.1.2020** to **31.3.2020**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **21.12.2020** and second appeal was filed in the Commission on **18.2.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **1.4.2021**.

2. Both parties are present through Video Conference. The respondent PIO, represented by Charanjit Singh, Deputy Range Officer and Vikram Jain, Junior Assistant, stated that a reply along with information was sent to the appellant vide letter No. 541 dated 30.3.2021. The appellant however, stated that he has not yet received the said reply/information. The appellant is requested to examine the information as and when he receives it and list any deficiency to the respondent PIO as well as to this Commission.

3. The respondent PIO is directed to send a copy of the information supplied to the appellant, to this Commission at the earliest. This RTI application was filed on 31.10.2020, to which the respondent PIO replied only on 30.2.2021. The Commission takes a very serious view of the respondents PIO's conduct and herewith serves him a show cause notice.

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Appeal Case No. 997 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

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 **31.10.2020**.

"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.*"

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. <u>Next hearing on 5.8.2021 at 11.00 am through Video Conference Facility. (The appellant will attend the hearing at D.C. Office, Barnala, and the respondent PIO will attend the hearing at D.C. Office, Sangrur.)</u>

Sd/-(ASIT JOLLY) State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

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Cc: Conservator of Forests, South Circle, Opposite Jail, District Patiala, for information and further necessary action.

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REGISTERED SHOW CAUSE NOTICE

Gurpreet Singh,

S/o Gurmukh Singh, Village Rattangarh, Tehsil Morinda, District Roopnagar.

Versus

Public Information officer,

O/o Regional Manager, Punjab State Forest Development Corporation Limited, Forest Complex, Sector-68, (Ajitgarh), District Mohali. **First Appellate Authority,** O/o General Manager, Punjab State Forest Development Corporation Ltd., Sector-68, District Mohali.

Appeal Case No. 868 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT: Gurpreet Singh (Appellant) 94174-13600 (Respondent) Absent

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **10.8.2020** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding details of daily wagers who were regularized since 2000 along with their dates of regularization and pay fixation**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **28.10.2020** and second appeal was filed in the Commission on **9.2.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **1.4.2021**.

2. The respondent PIO is absent without any intimation. Responding to this Commission's Notice No. 6174-76 dated: 12.3.2021, the respondent PIO has given a misleading reply. The respondent PIO who has chosen not to attend this hearing despite this Commissions notice, is herewith served a show cause notice.

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Appeal Case No. 868 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

3. 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 **10.8.2020**.

"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.*"

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. This Commission also requests the appellant to demonstrate in writing, the larger public interest that would be served by disclosure of the requested information to him.

6. Next hearing on 5.8.2021 at 11.00 am through Video Conference Facility at D.C. Office, Mohali.

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Versus

Public Information officer,

O/o Regional Manager, Punjab State Forest Development Corporation Limited, Forest Complex, Sector-68, (Ajitgarh), District Mohali. **First Appellate Authority,** O/o General Manager, Punjab State Forest Development Corporation Ltd., Sector-68, District Mohali.

Appeal Case No. 869 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT: Gurpreet Singh (Appellant) 94174-13600 (Respondent) Absent

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **10.8.2020** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding detail of the wages of regular and contractual employees from 2000 to 2012,** as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **28.10.2020** and second appeal was filed in the Commission on **9.2.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **1.4.2021**.

2. The respondent PIO is absent without any intimation. In response to this Commission's Notice No. 6177-79 dated: 12.3.2021, the respondent PIO has given a misleading reply. The respondent PIO, who has chosen not to attend this hearing despite this Commissions notice, is herewith served a show cause notice.

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Appeal Case No. 869 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

3. 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 **10.8.2020**.

"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.*"

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. This Commission requests the appellant to demonstrate in writing the larger public interest that would be served by disclosure of the requested information to him.

6. Next hearing on 5.8.2021 at 11.00 am through Video Conference Facility at D.C. Office, Mohali.

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Versus

Public Information officer,

O/o Regional Manager, Punjab State Forest Development Corporation Limited, Forest Complex, Sector-68, (Ajitgarh), District Mohali. **First Appellate Authority,** O/o General Manager, Punjab State Forest Development Corporation Ltd., Sector-68, District Mohali.

Appeal Case No. 870 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT: Gurpreet Singh (Appellant) 94174-13600 (Respondent) Absent

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **10.8.2020** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding the attendance register from 2000 to 2012**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **28.10.2020** and second appeal was filed in the Commission on **9.2.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **1.4.2021**.

2. The respondent PIO is absent without any intimation. Responding to this Commission's Notice No. 6180-82 dated: 12.3.2021, the respondent PIO has given some a misleading reply. The respondent PIO who has chosen not to attend this hearing despite this Commissions notice, is herewith served a show cause notice.

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Appeal Case No. 870 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

3. 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 **10.8.2020**.

"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.*"

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. This Commission requests the appellant to demonstrate in writing the larger public interest that would be served by disclosure of the requested information to him.

6. <u>Next hearing on 5.8.2021 at 11.00 am through Video Conference Facility at D.C. Office,</u> <u>Mohali.</u>

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Versus

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O/o Regional Manager, Punjab State Forest Development Corporation Limited, Forest Complex, Sector-68, (Ajitgarh), District Mohali. **First Appellate Authority,** O/o General Manager, Punjab State Forest Development Corporation Ltd., Sector-68, District Mohali.

Appeal Case No. 871 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT: Gurpreet Singh (Appellant) 94174-13600 (Respondent) Absent

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **10.8.2020** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding details of contractual/daily wages/out source employees from 2000 to 2020**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **28.10.2020** and second appeal was filed in the Commission on **9.2.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **1.4.2021**.

2. The respondent PIO is absent without any intimation. In response to this Commission's Notice No. 6183-85 dated 12.3.2021, the respondent PIO has given a vague and misleading reply. The respondent PIO who has chosen not to attend this hearing despite this Commissions notice, is herewith served a show cause notice.

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Appeal Case No. 871 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

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 **10.8.2020**.

"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.*"

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

5. This Commission requests the appellant to demonstrate in writing the larger public interest that would be served by disclosure of the requested information to him.

6. <u>Next hearing on 5.8.2021 at 11.00 am through Video Conference Facility at D.C. Office,</u> <u>Mohali.</u>

(ASIT JOLLY)

State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

Chandigarh 1.4.2021