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Satnam Singh,

s/o Mangal Singh, Village Wasal Mohan Ke, PO Pindi, Tehsil Guruharsahai, District Ferozepur – 152022

Versus

Public Information Officer, o/o Director Public Instruction (Elementary), <u>Punjab, Mohali.</u> First Appellate Authority, o/o Director Public Instructions (Elementary), <u>Punjab, Mohali.</u>

Appeal Case No. 2755 of 2019

PRESENT: Satnam Singh (Appellant) 93079-00008 Ravinder Singh, Senior Assistant (for the Respondent) 81469-46611

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated 7.9.18 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 30.7.19 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (RTI Act). The first hearing of this appeal case was held in the Commission4.9.19, wherein the respondent PIO stated that the requested information had been sent to the appellant (*dasti*) by messenger on 14.5.19. the appellant was requested to intimate the Commission if he had received the same but there has been no communication from the appellant till today's hearing.

2.Both parties are present and the respondent PIO, represented by Ravinder Singh, Senior Assistant, submitted that the information was handed over in person to the appellant during the visit to the DPI office. The appellant however, stated that in the information furnished is not attested.

3. The respondent PIO is directed to furnish duly attested copies of the requested information before the next hearing of this appeal case.

4. The next hearing on 28.11.19 at 11.00 am for compliance.

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Rajesh Gupta,

H.No.21/5,Ashapuri, Barewal,<u>Ludhiana – 141012</u>

Versus

Public Information Officer, o/o Punjab State Power Corporation Limited, Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority, o/o Punjab State Power Corporation Limited, Ludhiana.

Appeal Case No. 2756 of 2019

PRESENT: Rajesh Gupta (Appellant) Absent Amandeep Singh, APIO (for the Respondent) 96461-11535

ORDER:

1.The RTI application is dated 27.3.19 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 30.7.19 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (RTI Act). The first hearing of this appeal case was held in the Commission on 4.9.19, wherein the PIO was directed to appear in person at today's hearing.

2.The appellant is absent without intimation to this Commission today. The respondent PIO, represented by Amandeep Singh, Senior Executive Engineer, has submitted reply by way of the response sent to the appellant's RTI application, wherein each of the three points on which information was sought, have been responded to. Since the appellant is not present in this hearing, he is requested to go through the reply submitted by the PIO and apprise this Commission if he is satisfied.

3. Next hearing on 28.11.19 at 11.00 am.

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Ravi Kumar,

s/o Dharmendar Kumar, H.No.107, Near Santpura, Patiala Gate,<u>Sangrur – 148001</u>.

Versus

Public Information Officer, o/o Executive Officer, Nagar Council,<u>Sangrur</u>. First Appellate Authority, o/o Deputy Director Local Government, <u>Patiala.</u>

Appeal Case No. 2758 of 2019

PRESENT: Ravi Kumar (Appellant) 93560-37575 Arjan Dev, Section Officer(for the Respondent) 98153-10652

ORDER:

1.The RTI application is dated 27.3.19 vide which the appellant has sought information regarding a particular Nagar Council vehicle (PB13-22-6978), as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 30.7.19 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (RTI Act). The first hearing of this appeal case was held in the Commission on 4.9.19, wherein both parties were absent. The appellant had informed the Commission of his inability to attend the hearing since his presence was required at a district court hearing in Sangrur.

2. The respondent PIO, represented by Arjan Dev, Section Officer, sought some more time to submit a reply, while assuring this Commission that he would furnish the requested information before the next hearing. He has, meanwhile, submitted orally that the information pertains to a vehicle purchased for the Nagar Council through MPLAD funds.

3. This Commission directs the respondent PIO, to be present at the next hearing on 28.11.19 with the original record as well as attested copies for handing over to the appellant Ravi Kumar. In case of non-compliance, this Commission will be constrained to initiate penal action against the respondent PIO as per the RTI Act, 2005.

4. Next hearing on 28.11.19 at 11.00 am.

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Ravi Kumar,

s/o Dharmendar Kumar, H.No.107, Near Santpura, Patiala Gate,<u>Sangrur – 148001</u>.

Versus

Public Information Officer, o/o Regional Transport Officer, <u>Sangrur</u>. First Appellate Authority, o/o State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, <u>Chandigarh</u>.

Appeal Case No. 2759 of 2019

PRESENT: Ravi Kumar (Appellant) 93560-37575 (Respondent) Absent.

ORDER:

1.The RTI application is dated 18.2.19 vide which the appellant has sought information regarding preferred vehicle registration numbers from 1.1.12 to 18.2.19 etc., as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 30.7.19 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (RTI Act). The first hearing of this appeal case was held in the Commission on 4.9.19, wherein both parties were absent. The appellant had informed the Commission of his inability to attend the hearing since he was to attend a district court hearing in Sangrur.

2.The respondent PIO is absent without any intimation to this Commission and has since the last hearing, made no attempt to either reply to this Commission's notice or provide the requested information to the appellant Ravi Kumar.

3. The respondent PIO is directed to furnish the information requested by the appellant within 10 days of receiving this order..

4.This order may be treated as SHOW CAUSE NOTICE to the respondent PIO to explain in a self-attested affidavit as to why a penalty be not imposed upon him under Section 20(1) of RTI Act, 2005 on him for causing wilful delay/denial of the information to the appellant and why compensation not be awarded to the Appellant under Section 19(8)(b) of the RTI Act for the detriment suffered by him.

5.In addition to the written reply, the PIO is also given an opportunity under Section 20(1) proviso thereto, 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.

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6.Next hearing on 28.11.19 at 11.00 am.

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Satnam Singh,

s/o Sh. Mangal Singh, Village Wasal Mohan Ke, PO Pindi, Tehsil Guruharsahai, District Ferozepur – 152022

Versus

Public Information Officer, SCERT, Punjab, <u>Mohali.</u> First Appellate Authority, o/o Director, SCERT Punjab, <u>Mohali.</u>

Appeal Case No. 2760 of 2019

PRESENT: Satnam Singh (Appellant) 93079-00008 Rama, Lecturer (for the Respondent) 95015-74200

ORDER:

1.The RTI application is dated 23.1.19 vide which the appellant has sought information regarding Pawan Kumar's complaint with supporting documents etc., as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 30.7.19 under section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (RTI Act). The first hearing of this appeal case was held in the Commission on 4.9.19, wherein the respondent PIO gave an assurance that the requested information would be retrieved and handed over to the appellant Satnam Singh before today's hearing.

2.The respondent PIO, represented by Rama, Lecturer, submitted that she is unable to locate the letter requested by the appellant since it is referred to without any specific date. So the appellant Satnam Singh was requested to provide more specific details of the letter he is seeking a copy of.

3. This <u>case is adjourned to 28.11.19</u>, before which, the appellant can inform the respondent PIO and the Commission if he has found any specific reference to the aforesaid letter. If the appellant is not apprise this Commission of such reference before 28.11.19 (via e-mail or post), this case will be deemed to be CLOSED at the next hearing.

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Parmod Kumar Kalia,

H.No. 5775(Duplex), Modern Housing Complex, Manimajra, <u>Chandigarh</u>

Versus

Public Information Officer, o/o PUDA, <u>Mohali.</u>

First Appellate Authority, o/o AGM (HR) PUDA, Mohali

Appeal Case No. 2764 of 2019

PRESENT:

Parmod Kumar Kalia (Appellant) 94170-05775 Daljit Singh Sekhon, Superintendent (for the Respondent) 95015-80467

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated 29.10.18 vide which the appellant has sought information pertaining to assured career promotion benefits in 31 points, as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 30.07.19 under section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (RTI Act). The first hearing of this appeal case was held in the Commission on 4.9.19, wherein the respondent PIO was directed to submit a detailed pointwise reply to the appellant's RTI request. The respondent was further directed to ensure that any copies furnished by way of information must be individually attested by a competent officer.

2. Both parties are present and the respondent PIO represented by Daljit Singh Sekhon, Superintendent and Simranjeet Kaur, Senior Assistant, have submitted that the requested information has been handed over to the appellant with proper attestation. The appellant Parmod Kumar Kalia has however, pointed out that there are some gaps in the information provided to him. He also pointed to the fact that the Index of the documents given to him is not attested.

3. This Commission directs the respondent PIO to have every single page of the information, including the index, attested.

4. The appellant is requested to apprise the respondent of the missing information so that the same may also be provided to him. The appellant and respondent have mutually agreed to inspection of the record on 21.10.19, during which, the respondent will hand over the attested copies of whatever missing information the appellant requires.

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5.Next hearing on 28.11.219 at 11.00 am for compliance.

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Gagandeep Singh Janjua, Village Tura,PO Kumbh,Tehsil Amloh, <u>District Fatehgarh Sahib.</u>

Versus

Public Information Officer, o/o Tehsildar, Balachaur, <u>District SBS Nagar</u>. First Appellate Authority, o/o SDM, Balachaur, <u>District SBS Nagar</u>.

Appeal Case No. 2787 of 2019

PRESENT: Gagandeep Singh Janjua (Appellant) 97806-43243 Varinder Kumar, Kanugo (for the Respondent) 94630-10274

ORDER:

1.The RTI application is dated 25.9.18 vide which the appellant has sought information pertaing to certain land records etc., as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 31.7.19 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (RTI Act). The first hearing of this appeal case was held in the Commission on 4.9.19, wherein the respondent PIO was directed to transfer the RTI application to the o/o DC Hoshiarpur, who, according to the PIO (o/o Tehsildar Balachaur), is the custodian of the requested record.

2.The respondent PIO, represented by Varinder Kumar,Office Kanugo Balachaur, has handed over the requested information to the appellant Gagandeep Singh Janjua and the appellant says that he is satisfied with the information furnished. The respondent PIO in this case Tehsildar, Balachaur is cautioned against such delays in responding to information requested under the RIT Act in future. This RTI was filed on 25.09.2018 and it is after more than a year that the requested information has been given to the appellant. Such delays on the part of the respondent PIO in future could invite penal action under RTI Act, 2005.

3. There is no further cause for action and this appeal case is herewith **CLOSED**.

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Gagandeep Singh Janjua, Village Tura, PO Kumbh, Tehsil Amloh, <u>District Fatehgarh Sahib</u>.

Versus

Public Information Officer, o/o Tehsildar, Banga, <u>District SBS Nagar</u>.

First Appellate Authority, o/o SDM, Banga, <u>Disrtrict SBS Nagar</u>.

Appeal Case No. 2781 of 2019

PRESENT: Gagandeep Singh Janjua (Appellant) 97806-43243 Jasbir Kumari, Junior Assistant (for the Respondent) 98720-39124

ORDER:

1.The RTI application is dated 1.5.19 vide which the appellant has sought information regarding the letter / notification vide which, land was allotted to a *dera* in village Paddi Mathwali, as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 31.7.19 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (RTI Act). The first hearing of this appeal case was held in the Commission on 5.9.19, wherein the respondent PIO (o/o Tehsildar Banga) had submitted that the requested information is in the custody of the o/o DC Jalandhar. The respondent was directed to either transfer the RTI application to the DC Jalandhar, or retrieve the information from that office and supply it to the appellant.

2.The respondent PIO, represented today by Jasbir Kumari, Junior Assistant, has submitted that only the PIO o/o Deputy Commissioner, Nawanshaher (SBS Nagar). is empowered to issue a letter to retrieve old Nawanshahar records from the office of DC Jalandhar.

3. The respondent PIO (o/o Tehsildar, Banga) is once again directed to transfer the RTI application to the PIO, office of DC Nawanshaher (SBS Nagar) for further action to retrieve the requested record from office of DC Jalandhar. A copy of this order is being sent to PIO,

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office of DC Nawanshar so that the appellant's requested information addressed at the earliest.

4.Next hearing on 28.11.19 at 11.00 am.

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