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## REGISTERED

**Jatinder Kumar,**  
C/o Sachkhand Mishthan Bhandar,  
Nehru Gate, Nawanshehar.

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**  
o/o Principal Secretary,  
Local Government,  
Plot No. 3, Sector-35 A,  
Dakshin Marg, Chandigarh.  
**First Appellate Authority,**  
o/o Principal Secretary,  
Local Government, Punjab  
Plot No. 3, Sector-35 A,  
Dakshin Marg, Chandigarh.

## Appeal Case No. 543 of 2020 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

Jatinder Kumar (Appellant) 98723-24111  
(Respondent) Absent

ORDER:

*(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 28.8.2020)*

1. The RTI application is dated **22.8.19** vide which the appellant has sought information regarding **two complaints to the Regional Director Local Bodies Nawanshahar in 2016 regarding purchase of stationery and material for streetlights**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **27.11.19** and second appeal was filed in the Commission on **29.1.2020** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **28.8.2020**.

2. The respondent PIO is absent without intimation. The Commission takes a very serious view of this and issues him a Show Cause Notice as under:

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 wilful delay/denial of the information requested by the appellant as far back as on **22.8.19**.

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

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## **Appeal Case No. 543 of 2020 (Video Conference Proceedings)**

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. **Next hearing on 10.2.2021 at 12.00 pm through Video Conference Facility in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Mohali.**

Sd/-

(ASIT JOLLY)

State Information Commissioner

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**Bharat Bhushan Mattu,**  
# 153, Akash Nagar (Near Green Land School),  
P.O: Netaji Nagar, Salem Tabri,  
District Ludhiana.

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**  
o/o District Revenue Officer,  
S.A.S. Nagar, Punjab.

**Public Information Officer,**  
o/o Tehsildar,  
District Administrative Complex,  
Sector-76, Ground Floor,  
Mohali.

**First Appellate Authority,**  
o/o Deputy Commissioner,  
S.A.S. Nagar, Punjab.

## Appeal Case No. 4259 of 2019 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

Bharat Bhushan Mattu (Appellant) 97799-28472  
Jagdeep Singh, APIO-cum-Superintendent (for the Respondent) 98769-98882

ORDER:

*(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 29.1.2020 and 28.8.2020)*

1. The RTI application is dated **25.7.19** vide which the appellant has sought **information pertaining to the attendance registers, daily diary (roznamcha) of patwaris; the appointment letter issued to Jagtar Singh as patwari on compassionate grounds; all appointment letters of all patwaris appointed on compassionate grounds; and the log book, fuel receipts; pollution certificates and registration certificate for the official vehicle of the Tehsildar Mohali. The information was sought for the period – 1.1.18 to 20.7.19,** as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **3.9.19** and second appeal was filed in the Commission on **15.11.19** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **28.8.2020**.

2. Both parties are present through Video Conference. The respondent PIO, represented by Jagdeep Singh, APIO-cum-Superintendent from the office of Deputy Commissioner, Mohali. The appellant, also present at this hearing, stated that he has received all the requested information except the information requested at point No. 1 which is to be furnished by PIO-cum-Tehsildar, Mohali. Despite intimation by the Deputy Commissioner's office, the PIO-cum-

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## Appeal Case No. 4259 of 2019 (Video Conference Proceedings)

Tehsildar, Mohali has failed to attend this hearing. This Commission impleads the PIO-cum-Tehsildar Mohali and issues him a Show Cause Notice as under:-

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 wilful delay/denial of the information requested by the appellant as far back as on **25.7.19**.

“In addition to the written reply, the respondent PIO is also given an opportunity under Section 20 (1) proviso 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. Next hearing on 10.2.2021 at 12.00 pm through Video Conference Facility in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Mohali.

Sd/-  
(ASIT JOLLY)  
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**Jai Chand (Retired)**, s/o Jaimal Ram,  
# 3/130, Street No. 1, Ram Sharnam Colony,  
Fazilka – 152 123

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**  
o/o Punjab Ex-Servicemen Corporation,  
SCO: 89-90, Sector 34-A,  
Chandigarh – 160 022

**First Appellate Authority,**  
o/o Chairman-Cum-Managing Director,  
Punjab Ex-Servicemen Corporation,  
SCO: 89-90, Sector 34-A,  
Chandigarh – 160 022.

## **Appeal Case No. 134 of 2020 (Video Conference Proceedings)**

PRESENT:

Jai Chand (Appellant) 70093-78320  
Col. J.S. Sahi, PIO (Respondent) 98156-67535

ORDER:

*(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 5.3.2020 and 28.8.2020)*

1. The RTI application is dated **4.10.19** vide which the appellant has sought information **pertaining to present status and action taken on his application No. 3/130/JC dated 25.7.19 to the General Manager (Security and Administration); copy of PESCO's posting policy for supervisors and guards; copy of the statement page against him on 24.7.19; copy of inquiry report, if any, on AE Ramesh Gumber's letter to the GM (Security and Adm) PESCO on 10.7.19; and record of payments given to him by PECSO since his joining on 1.3.18 etc.,** as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **14.11.19** and second appeal was filed in the Commission on **30.12.19** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **28.8.2020**.

2. Both parties are present through Video Conference. The appellant Jai Chand continued to insist that he has not got the information pertaining to para 1 and 4 of his RTI application. On examining the two paragraphs on his RTI application alongside the respondent PIO's reply of 8.5.2020, this Commission feels that the respondent PIO needs to clarify para No. 1 on whether any investigation/inquiry was conducted in response to the appellant's complaint. As regards para No. 4, the requested information has already been provided and is on the file at this Commission as well as in the possession of the appellant.

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

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Information supplied under the RTI Act, 2005

Signature of the PIO

Name of the PIO

Name of the Public Authority

Date

4. Next hearing on 10.2.2021 at 12.00 pm through Video Conference Facility in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Mohali.

Sd/-

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**Bohar Singh**, s/o Banta Singh,  
Village Chak Pakhi, PO Chimne Wala,  
Tehsil & District Fazilka – 152 12

**Versus**

**Public Information Officer,**  
o/o Senior Superintendent of Police,  
Mohali.

## **Complaint Case No. 962 of 2019 (Video Conference Proceedings)**

PRESENT:

(Complainant) Absent

Inspector Berma Singh (for the Respondent)

Head Constable Harwinder Singh (for the Respondent) 97800-08018

ORDER:

*(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 23.1.2020 and 28.8.2020)*

1. The complainant, **Bohar Singh**, filed this RTI application dated **14.8.19** and sought **information pertaining to his complaint to the SSP Mohali, against one Vinod Kumar on 9.4.19** from the PIO o/o **Senior Superintendent of Police, Mohali**, when no information was received, the Complainant filed a complaint under Section 18 of the RTI Act, 2005 to the Commission on **5.11.19**. The case was last heard on **28.8.2020**.

2. The complainant is absent but as pointed out by him in a written submission to this Commission dated 10.10.2020, he had earlier sought exemption from personal appearance. The complainant has taken objection to the reply submitted by the respondent PIO vide his letter of 12.8.2020. After going through the complainant's RTI application, this Commission is of the view that the respondent PIO has fairly responded to all the points except point No.1, wherein the complainant has sought a copy of the instructions issued by the Punjab Government to the Police Department in regard to the compliance of the directions of the Supreme Court vide "Lalita Kumari V/s Government of UP" (W.P. CRL) No. 68/2008.

3. The respondent PIO is directed to make another effort to search for the aforesaid instruction and supply to the complainant with a copy to this Commission before the next hearing.

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 10.2.2021 at 12.00 pm through Video Conference Facility in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Mohali.**

**Sd/-**  
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**Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia,**

Ward No. 18, Street No. 2,  
Kartar Nagar, Amloh Road,  
Khanna – 141 401

**Versus**

**Public Information Officer,**

o/o Executive Officer,  
Municipal Council, Amloh.

**First Appellate Authority,**

o/o Regional Deputy Director Urban Local Government,  
1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Mini Secretariat, Ferozepur Road,  
Ludhiana.

## **Appeal Case No. 3608 of 2019 (Video Conference Proceedings)**

PRESENT:

Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia (Appellant) 94645-00405

Amarjeet Singh, Junior Assistant (for the Respondent) 96462-89966

ORDER:

*(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 27.11.19, 29.1.2020, 1.7.2020, and 28.8.2020)*

1. The RTI application is dated **29.4.19** vide which the appellant has sought **information by way of copies of MB No. 206 with work orders of all bills entered in it etc.**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **10.6.19**, and second appeal was filed in the Commission on **26.9.19** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **28.8.2020**.

2. Both parties are present through Video Conference from the office of Deputy Commissioner, Mohali. At the last hearing on 28.8.2020, the PIO was directed to submit a duly notarised affidavit regarding the missing record i.e. details of any FIR / DDR / Departmental enquiry conducted to fix responsibility for the “missing” record. The respondent PIO has failed to comply. He is given one final opportunity to comply with this Commission’s directions of 28.8.2020. Failing this, the Commission will impose penalties as per the RTI Act 2005.

3. 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**

4. **Next hearing on 10.2.2021 at 12.00 pm through Video Conference Facility in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Mohali.**

**Sd/-**

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**Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia,**

Ward No. 18, Street No. 2,  
Kartar Nagar, Amloh Road,  
Khanna – 141401

**Versus**

**Public Information Officer,**

o/o Executive Officer,  
Municipal Council, Amloh.

**First Appellate Authority,**

o/o Regional Deputy Director Urban Local Government,  
1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Mini Secretariat, Ferozepur Road,  
District Ludhiana.

## **Appeal Case No. 3609 of 2019 (Video Conference Proceedings)**

PRESENT:

Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia (Appellant) 94645-00405

Amarjeet Singh, Junior Assistant (for the Respondent) 96462-89966

ORDER:

*(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 27.11.19, 29.1.2020, 1.7.2020, and 28.8.2020)*

1. The RTI application is dated **29.4.19** vide which the appellant has sought **information by way of copies of notices issued to violators etc.**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **10.6.19** and second appeal was filed in the Commission on **26.9.19** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **28.8.2020**.

2. Both parties are present through Video Conference from the office of Deputy Commissioner, Mohali. At the last hearing on 28.8.2020, the PIO was directed to submit a duly notarised affidavit regarding the missing record i.e. details of any FIR / DDR / Departmental enquiry conducted to fix responsibility for the “missing” record. The respondent PIO has failed to comply. He is given one final opportunity to comply with this Commission’s directions of 28.8.2020. Failing this, the Commission will impose penalties as per the RTI Act 2005.

3. 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**

**4. Next hearing on 10.2.2021 at 12.00 pm through Video Conference Facility in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Mohali.**

**Sd/-**

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**Versus**

**Public Information Officer,**  
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Municipal Council, Amloh.  
**First Appellate Authority,**  
o/o Regional Deputy Director Urban Local Government,  
1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Mini Secretariat, Ferozepur Road,  
Ludhiana.

## **Appeal Case No. 3610 of 2019 (Video Conference Proceedings)**

PRESENT:

Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia (Appellant) 94645-00405  
Amarjeet Singh, Junior Assistant (for the Respondent) 96462-89966

ORDER:

*(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 27.11.19, 29.1.2020, 1.7.2020, and 28.8.2020)*

1. The RTI application is dated **29.4.19** vide which the appellant has sought **information by way of copies of all resolutions passed in the the Municipal Council from 1.1.13 to 31.12.14**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **10.6.19**, and second appeal was filed in the Commission on **26.9.19** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **28.8.2020**.

2. Both parties are present through Video Conference from the office of Deputy Commissioner, Mohali. At the last hearing on 28.8.2020, the PIO was directed to submit a duly notarised affidavit regarding the missing record i.e. details of any FIR / DDR / Departmental enquiry conducted to fix responsibility for the “missing” record. The respondent PIO has failed to comply. He is given one final opportunity to comply with this Commission’s directions of 28.8.2020. Failing this, the Commission will impose penalties as per the RTI Act 2005.

3. 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**

4. **Next hearing on 10.2.2021 at 12.00 pm through Video Conference Facility in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Mohali.**

**Sd/-**  
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10.12.2020

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Khanna – 141 401

**Versus**

**Public Information Officer,**  
o/o Municipal Engineer, o/o Municipal Council,  
Mandi Gobindgarh.  
**First Appellate Authority,**  
o/o Regional Deputy Director, Urban Local Government,  
1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Mini Secretariat, Ferozepur Road,  
District Ludhiana.

## **Appeal Case No. 3067 of 2019 (Video Conference Proceedings)**

PRESENT:

Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia (Appellant) 94645-00405  
Sandeep Singh, Junior Engineer (for the Respondent) 75081-00568

ORDER:

*(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 1.11.19, 20.12.19, 13.2.2020, 1.7.2020, and 28.8.2020)*

1. The RTI application is dated **4.4.19** vide which the appellant has sought **information by way of certified copies of MB No. 452 to 460**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **19.5.19** and second appeal was filed in the Commission on **22.8.19** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **28.8.2020**.

2. Both parties are present through Video Conference from the office of Deputy Commissioner, Mohali. The respondent PIO represented by Sandeep Singh, JE, stated that the requested information has been provided to the appellant. The appellant informed this court that some of the pages provided to him have not been attested. On being requested to visit the office of Municipal Council, Mandi Gobindgarh to get the above mentioned pages attested, the appellant was reluctant.

3. Under the circumstances, this Commission directs the respondent PIO to depute a responsible officer to visit the appellant's home after taking an appointment to attest the remaining pages. The respondent PIO is also directed to submit a duly notarised affidavit that all the information pertaining to this RTI request has been provided to the appellant and that there is no other information in the custody of the Municipal Council Mandi Gobindgarh.

4. **Next hearing on 10.2.2021 at 12.00 pm through Video Conference Facility in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Mohali.**

**Sd/-**  
**(ASIT JOLLY)**  
State Information Commissioner

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**Kanwal Nain Singh**, S/o Raghbir Singh Wadhawan,  
# 62, Model Town,  
Ambala City-134003

**Versus**

**Public Information Officer**,  
o/o Greater Mohali Area Development Authority (GMADA),  
Sector-62, PUDA Bhawan, Mohali.

**First Appellate Authority**,  
o/o Estate Officer,  
Greater Mohali Area Development Authority (GMADA),  
Sector-62, PUDA Bhawan, Mohali.

## **Appeal Case No. 1294 of 2020 (Video Conference Proceedings)**

PRESENT:

Kanwal Nain Singh (Appellant) 98120-51827

Gurwinder Singh, PIO-cum-Assistant Estate Officer (Respondent) 98786-02071

ORDER:

*(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 28.8.2020)*

1. The RTI application is dated **11.2.2020** vide which the appellant has sought information regarding, **allotment of sites to religious bodies/institutions from 1999 to 2001, Mohali**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **20.3.2020** and second appeal was filed in the Commission on **15.5.2020** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **28.8.2020**.

2. Both parties are present through Video Conference from the office of Deputy Commissioner, Mohali. The respondent PIO-cum-Assistant Estate Officer, Gurwinder Singh, stated that the requested information is voluminous and amounts to approximately 3,000 pages. The appellant Kanwal Nain Singh however, estimates that the information requested by him is precise and would not amount to many pages. Anyhow, since the respondent has stated at this hearing that the information is voluminous, he is directed to have all pages scanned and provided to the appellant on a pen-drive or CD.

3. 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**

4. **Next hearing on 10.2.2021 at 12.00 pm through Video Conference Facility in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Mohali.**

**Sd/-**

**(ASIT JOLLY)**

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**Kanwal Nain Singh**, S/o Raghbir Singh Wadhawan,  
# 62, Model Town,  
Ambala City-134003

**Versus**

**Public Information Officer**,  
o/o Greater Mohali Area Development Authority (GMADA),  
Sector-62, PUDA Bhawan, Mohali.

**First Appellate Authority**,  
o/o Estate Officer, Greater Mohali Area Development Authority (GMADA),  
Sector-62, PUDA Bhawan, Mohali.

## **Appeal Case No. 1295 of 2020 (Video Conference Proceedings)**

PRESENT:

Kanwal Nain Singh (Appellant) 98120-51827

Gurwinder Singh, PIO-cum-Assistant Estate Officer (Respondent) 98786-02

ORDER:

*(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 28.8.2020)*

1. The RTI application is dated **28.1.2020** vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated, **allotment of sites to religious bodies/institutions, from 1999 to 2001, in the specific context of Radha Swami Satsangh Beas in Sector 76 Mohali.** in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **6.3.2020** and second appeal was filed in the Commission on **15.5.2020** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **28.8.2020**.

2. Both parties are present through Video Conference from the office of Deputy Commissioner, Mohali. The respondent PIO-cum-Assistant Estate Officer, Gurwinder Singh, stated that the information pertains to various branches in GMADA. He requested that the appellant be asked to personally inspect the record and pick out the information he requires.

3. The respondent PIO is to communicate with all the concerned branches and intimate the appellant, a date and time for inspection. A copy of this is to be emailed to this 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**

**Date**

5. **Next hearing on 10.2.2021 at 12.00 pm through Video Conference Facility in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Mohali.**

**Sd/-**

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