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Sh.Nitin Kumar,  
C/o Police Public Dairy, 15-A,  
Shastri Nagar, Model Town,  
Ludhiana.

...Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o Addl. Chief Secretary,  
Local Govt.Deptt.,Pb, Chd.

**First Appellate Authority,**  
O/oChief Secretary,  
Punjab,Chandigarh.

Respondent

**Appeal Cases No. 1320/2020 and 1307/2020**

**PRESENT:   None for the Appellant**  
**None for the Respondent**

**ORDER:**

The appellant through RTI application dated 10.01.2020 has sought information regarding status of enquiry of Improvement Trust Kartarpur as per letter received from the office of D.G.Vigilance Punjab, Chandigarh – copy of all types of petty purchases done in Trust from 01.01.2014 to 18.11.2018 – list of tender work got done by trust 01.01.14 to 18.11.2018 from the office of Additional Chief Secretary Local Govt Department Punjab, Chandigarh. The appellant was not provided the information after which the appellant filed first appeal before the first appellate authority on 09.03.2020 which took no decision on the appeal..

The case came up for hearing last on 29.09.2020 through video conferencing at DAC Ludhiana. The appellant informed that he has received a letter dated 01.05.2020 from the PIO stating that since an inquiry is pending no documents can be provided. As per the appellant, the PIO has also not supplied the information on points b &c.

The appellant also stated that in an earlier RTI application, the Improvement Trust had supplied an affidavit that the information is not available in their office since the record had been handed over to the Punjab Vigilance Department because of an ongoing enquiry.

Having gone through the RTI application and its subsequent trail, it was observed that the appellant had filed the RTI application in the office of Chief Secretary, which transferred it to the Secretary Vigilance department Punjab, and the Vigilance office further transferred it to Additional Chief Secretary, Local Govt. Pb, Chandigarh. On 06.02.2020.

Sh.Sanjeev Kumar, PIO-Local Govt Department appeared late and informed that the enquiry is pending and the reply has been sent to the appellant.

The respondent was directed to look into the matter and report to the commission that under whose custody the information exists regarding points B & C (copy of all types of petty purchases done in Trust from 01.01.2014 to 18.11.2018 – list of tender work got done by trust 01.01.14 to 18.11.2018 ) . If the information is available in the custody of the vigilance office, the respondent was directed to procure it and provide the information to the appellant.

The Commission did not find that providing information about points b &c would hamper the vigilance inquiry, though there is nothing on the file to establish that any such inquiring is pending.

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The PIO-Vigilance office was directed to provide copies of points B & C (copy of all types of petty purchases done in Trust from 01.01.2014 to 18.11.2018 – list of tender work got done by trust 01.01.14 to 18.11.2018) to the respondent if it is in its custody. If the record is not in the custody of the vigilance department anymore, the Vigilance Department was directed to provide the noting through which the record has been handed back to the Improvement Trust.

**Hearing dated 10.12.2020:**

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Ludhiana. Both the parties are absent.

The PIO vide email has informed that the information on points-2 & 3 has been provided to the appellant.

The Commission has also received a letter from the appellant on 17.11.2020 stating that a similar appeal case No.1307 of 2020 is fixed for hearing in the Court of SIC-Preety Chawla and has requested to fix both the cases in one court.

The appeal case No.1307 of 2020 has been transferred from the bench of SIC-Preety Chawla to this bench. In this case also, the appellant has sought exactly the same information from the office of SP-Vigilance Bureau, Jalandhar. Both the cases are clubbed together.

As per the email of the respondent the information stands provided. Since the information has been provided, I dispose of the case, however, with a stricture to the appellant to not follow this practice of filing similar cases in the commission as the appellant while filing an appeal in the commission undertakes a pledge that the matter under appeal or complaint has not been previously filed or pending or decided by any State Information Commissioner.

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

**Chandigarh**  
**Dated:10.12.2020**

**Sd/-**  
**(Khushwant Singh)**  
**State Information Commissioner**

**CC to :1. O/o S.P Vigilance Bureau,**  
**Jalandhar**

**2.O/o DIG-Vigilance Bureau,**  
**Jalandhar.**

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Sh.Gurwinder Singh,  
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Ludhiana.

....Appellant

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o XEN,  
Water Supply and Sanitation,  
Division No-3,Ludhiana.

**First Appellate Authority,**  
O/o SE,  
Water Supply and Sanitation Circle,  
Ludhiana.

Respondent

**Appeal Case No. 1419 of 2020**

**PRESENT:   None for the Appellant**  
**None for the Respondent**

**ORDER:**

The appellant through RTI application dated 18.09.2019 has sought information regarding copy of allotment letter if any govt accommodation to the Xen in Ludhiana from 01.09.2018 to 31.08.2019 – payment of rent made if the accommodation is on rent – Headquarter of the Xen and other information concerning the office of Xen Water Supply & Sanitation Ludhiana. The appellant was not provided the information after which the appellant filed first appeal before the first appellate authority on 03.01.2020 which took no decision on the appeal..

The case last came up for hearing on 29.09.2020 through video conferencing at DAC Ludhiana. The appellant was absent The case was adjourned.

**Hearing dated 10.12.2020:**

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Ludhiana. Both the parties are absent.

The Commission has received a letter from the PIO on 03.12.2020 stating that the information has been provided to the appellant and the appellant is satisfied with the information. The PIO has also enclosed a copy of acknowledgement of the appellant having received the information.

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

**Chandigarh**  
**Dated:10.12.2020**

**Sd/-**  
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VPO Threke, Ludhiana.

....Appellant

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o Chief Vigilance Officer,  
Local GovtDep'tt, Sec-35-A,  
Pb, Chandigarh.

**First Appellate Authority, O/o**  
Chief Vigilance Officer, Local  
Govt. Dep'tt, Pb.,  
Sec-35-A, Chandigarh.

Respondent

**Appeal Case No. 1545 of 2020**

**PRESENT: None for the Appellant**  
**Sh.Rajiv Sagar, Suptd. O/o CVG-Local Govt. Pb for the Respondent**

**ORDER:**

The appellant through RTI application dated 25.02.2020 has sought information regarding action taken on application dated 23.12.2019 – copy of order issued for deputing the employee of improvement trust Sh.Kuldeep Singh on construction site of house of Chairman Improvement Trust and other information concerning the office of Chief Vigilance Officer, Local Govt. Pb Chandigarh. The appellant was not provided the information after which the appellant filed first appeal before the first appellate authority on 16.03.2020 which took no decision on the appeal..

On the date of last hearing on 29.09.2020, the appellant claimed that the PIO has not provided the information.

The respondent was absent and vide letter received in the Commission on 23.09.2020, the PIO informed that the enquiry is pending and the reply has been sent to the appellant vide letter dated 19.08.2020.

After going through the record, the Commission was of the view that the appellant has not asked for the inquiry but merely asked that whatever action that has been taken from the date of complaint upto the date of filing RTI application. The PIO was directed to provide a copy of the proceedings on the noting on his complaint.

**Hearing dated 10.12.2020:**

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Ludhiana. The respondent present pleaded that in compliance with earlier order of the Commission, the information has been sent to the appellant vide letter dated 27.11.2020 with a copy to the Commission.

The appellant is absent nor has communicated any discrepancy. Having gone through the RTI application and the information supplied by the PIO, I see that the RTI has been sufficiently replied and no further course of action is required. A copy of the information is being sent to the appellant with the order.

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

**Chandigarh**  
**Dated: 10.12.2020**

**Sd/-**  
**(Khushwant Singh)**  
**State Information Commissioner**



Sh.Rohit Sabharwal,  
Kundan Bhawan, 126.  
Model Gram,Ludhiana.

Appellant

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o Director, Local Bodies, Pb.  
Sector-35-A,Chandigarh.

**First Appellate Authority,**  
O/o Director, Local Bodies,Pb.  
Sector-35-A, Chandigarh

.....Respondent

**Appeal Case No. 1569 of 2020**

**PRESENT:      None for the Appellant**  
**Sh.Harjit Singh, Draftsman O/o MC Zone-D, Ludhiana for the Respondent**

**ORDER:**

The appellant through RTI application dated 14.01.2020 has sought information regarding copy of complete information generated in connection to the letter dated 22.10.2019 while taking action over the matter and as available on record and other information concerning the office of Director Local Govt. Pb Chandigarh. The appellant was not provided the information after which the appellant filed first appeal before the first appellate authority on 27.02.2020 which took no decision on the appeal..

The case first came up for hearing on 29.09.2020 through video conferencing at DAC Ludhiana. The respondent was absent. The Commission received a copy of letter through email from the ATP O/o Director Local Govt vide which the PIO has informed the appellant that since the information relates to the office of MC Ludhiana, the RTI application has been transferred to them under section 6(3) and the appellant to get the information from MCLudhiana.

The appellant claimed that the ATP had transferred the RTI application to MC only on 22.09.2020. The PIO-Local Govt.Pb was directed to explain the reason for delay in transferring the RTI application.

The PIO-MC Ludhiana was impleaded in the case and directed to provide the information to the appellant as per RTI application transferred by the Local Bodies within 15 days and send a compliance report to the Commission.

**Hearing dated 10.12.2020:**

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Ludhiana. Sh.Harjit Singh, Draftsman O/o MC-Zone-D, Ludhiana is present who informed that the information has already been provided to the appellant in an earlier case No.1635 of 2020 which was heard by SIC, Lt Gen Ajae Kumar Sharma (Retd) on 01.09.2020 and disposed off. The respondent has also sent a copy of RTI application and order of the SIC(AKS) through email which has been taken on the file of the Commission.

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Having gone through the record, the Commission observes that the appellant had earlier filed a similar appeal case No.1635/2020 for seeking exactly the same information which was heard by SIC(AKS) and disposed off .

In view of above, as the information has already been provided, no further course of action is required. The case is **disposed off and closed** with a warning to the appellant to not file duplicate appeals.

Chandigarh  
Dated:10.12.2020

Sd/-  
(KhushwantSingh)  
State InformationCommissioner

CC to PIO-MC, Ludhiana.

Sh.Naresh Devgan Sharma,  
Advocate, Chamber NO-702/2,  
District Courts, Ludhiana.

...Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o Commissioner of Police,  
Ludhiana.

**First Appellate Authority,**  
O/o Commissioner of Police,  
Ludhiana.

Respondent

**Appeal Case No. 3877 of 2019**

**PRESENT: Sh.Naresh Devgan as the Appellant**  
**Sh.Kuldeep Singh, Sub Inspector for the Respondent**

**ORDER:** This order should be read in continuation to the earlier order.

The appellant through RTI application dated 15.11.2018 had sought information regarding action taken on his application sent through email for further investigation/reinvestigation of FIR No.83 dated 28.03.2017 – police station Daba, Ludhiana registered against accused Vijay Goyal for forging a fake order dated 13.01.2013 pertaining to Hon'ble Supreme Court and other information from the office of Commissioner of Police Ludhiana. The appellant was not provided the information after which the appellant filed first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 18.11.2020 which took no decision on the appeal.

The case has already been heard on 28.11.2018, 15.01.2019, 12.02.2019, 26.03.2019, 22.08.2019, 28.11.2019, 19.12.2019, 24.02.2019 & 17.08.2019.

On the date of hearing on 19.12.2019, Sh.Pawandeep Singh, SI appeared on behalf of the PIO and pleaded that the appellant was asked to visit the concerned police station and get the information but the appellant has not come forward. The appellant informed that he had already submitted his observations to the PIO through email dated 15.11.2018 with a copy to the Commission and despite many visits, the PIO has not provided the complete information.

The Commission observed that there had been an enormous delay in providing the information and the PIO was dilly dallying the information, the PIO was issued a **show cause notice under Section 20 of the RTI Act and directed to file reply on** an affidavit. The PIO was again directed to provide complete information to the appellant within 15 days.

On the date of hearing on **24.02.2020**, the respondent submitted his reply which was taken on the file of the Commission. The respondent informed that the information has been provided to the appellant. The appellant was not satisfied and stated that the information provided is not relevant as he has asked for action taken on his applications sent to the PIO through email. Hearing both the parties, the Commission observed that the respondent needs more clarification from the appellant. The respondent was directed to visit the chamber of the appellant in District Court, Ludhiana on 25.02.2020 at 01.00 PM and get the clarification on the information sought by the appellant. The PIO was also directed to provide complete information as per the RTI application.

The respondent did not bring reply to the show cause notice. The PIO was given one last opportunity to submit reply to the show cause notice.

On the date of hearing on **17.08.2020**, the respondent present pleaded that complete information has been provided to the appellant on 22.07.2020. The appellant was absent nor had pointed out any discrepancies. The case was adjourned.

**On the date** of last hearing on **29.09.2020**, as per respondent, the information had been provided. As per appellant, the information that had been supplied did not relate to the information that had been sought in the RTI application.

The PIO was directed to give in writing on an affidavit that whatever information has been provided is true, complete and no other information is available in the record.

A copy of the order was sent to Deputy Commissioner of Police Ludhiana to look into the matter of the pending RTI application. The PIO was also directed to file reply to the show cause notice.

The Commission observed that the appellant to collect the information had to suffer undue inconvenience, the PIO-Commissioner of Police, Ludhiana was directed to pay an amount of **Rs.2500/-** via demand draft drawn through Govt. Treasury as compensation to the appellant and inform the Commission of the compliance of the order and submit proof of having compensated the appellant.

**Hearing dated 10.12.2020:**

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC, Ludhiana. The respondent present pleaded that in compliance with the earlier order of the Commission, an affidavit has been provided to the appellant with a copy to the Commission.

Regarding compensation amount of Rs.2000/-, as per respondent, the amount has been deposited in Govt Treasury on 08.12.2020.

However, as per order of the Commission, the same was to be paid to the appellant by way of demand draft. The respondent has assured to pay compensation amount of Rs.2000/- by way of demand draft to the appellant within a day or so. The PIO is directed to correct the anomaly and pay compensation amount to the appellant by way of demand draft and send a compliance report to the Commission.

The commission has also received reply to the show cause notice which has been taken on the file of the Commission.

Information stands provided to the best possible extent and the compensation is being paid. Having gone through the reply, I accept the plea of the PIO and drop the show cause.

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

**Chandigarh**  
**Dated:10.12.2020**

**Sd/-**  
**(Khushwant Singh)**  
**State Information Commissioner**





Sh. Naresh Devgan Sharma,  
Advocate, Chamber NO-702/2,  
Distt.Courts,Ludhiana.

...Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o Commissioner of Police,  
Ludhiana.

**First Appellate Authority,**  
O/o Commissioner of Police,  
Ludhiana.

...Respondent

**Appeal Case No. 3878 of 2019**

**PRESENT:**     **Sh.Naresh Devgan as the Appellant**  
                  **Sh.Kuldeep Singh, Sub Inspector for the Respondent**

**ORDER:**       This order should be read in continuation to the earlier order.

The appellant through RTI application dated 15.11.2018 had sought information regarding action taken on the applications through email for cancellation of FIR No.194/2014, P.S.Div.No.5, FIR No.25/2017, P.S.Focal Point and FIR No.236/2014 P.S.Division No.5 and other information concerning the office of Commissioner of Police Ludhiana. The appellant was not provided the information after which he filed first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 18.10.2018 which took no decision on the appeal.

The case has already been heard on 28.11.2018, 15.01.2019,12.02.2019,26.03.2019, 22.08.2019, 28.11.2019, 19.12.2019, 24 02.2019 & 17.08.2019.

On the date of hearing on **19.12.2019**, the respondent pleaded that the appellant was asked to visit the concerned police station and get the information but the appellant did not come forward. The appellant informed that he had already submitted his observations to the PIO through email dated 15.11.2018 with a copy to the Commission and despite his visits, the PIO had not provided the complete information.

The Commission observed that there has been an enormous delay in providing the information and the PIO is dilly dallying the information, the PIO was issued a **show cause notice under Section 20 of the RTI Act 2005 and directed to** file a reply on an affidavit. The PIO was again directed to provide complete information to the appellant within 15 days.

On the date of hearing on **24.02.2020**, the respondent submitted his reply which was taken on the file of the Commission. The respondent informed that the information has been provided to the appellant. The appellant was not satisfied and stated that the information provided is not relevant as he has asked for action taken on his applications sent to the PIO through email. Hearing both the parties, the Commission observed that the respondent needs more clarification from the appellant. The respondent was directed to visit the chamber of the appellant in District Court, Ludhiana on 25.02.2020 at 01.00 PM and get the clarification on the information sought by the appellant. The PIO was also directed to provide complete information as per the RTI application.

The respondent did not bring reply to the show cause notice. The PIO was given one last opportunity to submit a reply to the show cause notice.

On the date of hearing on **17.08.2020**, the respondent present pleaded that complete information has been provided to the appellant on 22.07.2020. The appellant was absent nor had pointed out any discrepancies. The case was adjourned.

**On the date** of last hearing on **29.09.2020**, as per respondent, the information had been provided. As per appellant, the information that had been supplied did not relate to the information that was sought in the RTI application.

The PIO was directed to give in writing on an affidavit that whatever information has been provided is true, complete and no other information is available in the record.

A copy of the order was sent to Deputy Commissioner of Police Ludhiana to look into the matter of this pending RTI application. The PIO was also directed to file reply to the show cause notice.

**Hearing dated 10.12.2020:**

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC, Ludhiana. The respondent present pleaded that in compliance with the earlier order of the Commission, an affidavit has been provided to the appellant with a copy to the Commission.

The commission has also received reply to the show cause notice which has been taken on the file of the Commission.

Information stands provided. Having gone through the reply, I accept the plea of the PIO and drop the show cause.

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

**Chandigarh**  
**Dated:10.12.2020**

**Sd/-**  
**(Khushwant Singh)**  
**State Information Commissioner**



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Goal Nagar, Haibowal Kalan,  
Ludhiana.

...Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o Deputy Secretary,  
PSPCL, Patiala.

**First Appellate Authority,**  
O/o Chief Engineer, T.S,  
PSPCL, Patiala.

Respondent

**Appeal Case No. 2567 of 2019**

**PRESENT:     None for the Appellant**  
**Sh.Sanchit Asstt.Manager O/o Dy.Chief Engineer (Personnel)PSPCL**  
**Patiala for the Respondent**

**ORDER:**

The case was first heard on 16.12.2019. The respondent present pleaded that the information has been provided to the appellant vide letter dated 23.05.2019. The appellant was not satisfied with the information regarding points-1 & 4. The respondent provided information on point-4 during the hearing. The respondent informed that the information regarding point-1 relates to the pension department.

The Chief Accounts Officer(Pension), PSPCL-Patiala was impleaded in the case and directed to provide the information on point-1 to the appellant. The information be provided within 15 days and send a compliance report to the Commission.

The case was again heard on **21.01.2020**. The appellant claimed that the PIO has not provided the information. The respondent from the office of Chief Accounts Officer(Pension), PSPCL Patiala was absent. The PIO- Chief Accounts Officer(Pension), PSPCL Patiala was given one last opportunity to comply with the earlier order of the Commission and provide the information on point-1 to the appellant within 10 days. The PIO was also directed to be present on the next date of hearing with the explanation for not complying with the order of the Commission.

The case was last heard on **24.06.2020**. The respondent pleaded that the information regarding point-1 relates to the pension department. The appellant claimed that the information that has been provided is incomplete and the PIO has not provided copy of complete pension file.

The PIO-O/o Chief Accounts Officer(Pension), was absent on 2<sup>nd</sup> consecutive hearing nor has complied with the order of the Commission. The PIO-O/o Chief Accounts Officer (Pension) was issued a **show cause notice and directed to file a reply on an affidavit**. The PIO was again directed to provide the information to the appellant within 10 days.

**Appeal Case No. 2567 of 2019**

On the date of hearing on 17.08.2020, the respondent present pleaded that the information has been provided to the appellant. The appellant claimed that the information that has been provided is not the copy of the complete pension file. As per discussion during the hearing, the PIO was directed to provide a copy of the complete pension file to the appellant within a week.

The respondent submitted a reply to the show cause notice which was taken on the file of the Commission.

The Commission also observed that since the appellant had to suffer undue inconvenience to get the information, the PIO was directed to pay an amount of **Rs.2000/-** via demand draft as compensation to the appellant and inform the Commission of the compliance of the order and submit proof of having compensated the appellant.

On the date of last hearing on 29.09.2020, the respondent stated that the compensation amount of Rs.2000/- has been paid to the appellant. The appellant has received the compensation. The appellant further informed that he has inspected the record but the information on point-5 has not been provided.

As per respondent, the information on point-5 relates to their Establishment (Non-gazetted branch-2). The PIO-Dy. Chief Engineer (Personnel), PSPCL Patiala was directed to allow inspection of records regarding point-5 and provide the information. The PIO was ordered to contact the appellant on mobile No.98886-27135 for any clarification.

**Hearing dated 10.12.2020:**

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC, Ludhiana. Sh.Sanchit, Asstt. Manager O/o- Dy.Chief Engineer(Personnel), PSPCL Patiala is present who informed that in compliance with earlier order of the Commission, the appellant was contacted on his mobile No.98886-27135 and asked to inspect the record regarding point-5 but the appellant did not turn up and informed that the copies of record inspected on 03.09.2020 be sent to him.

As per respondent, the copies of record inspected on 03.09.2020 have been sent to the appellant vide letter dated 20.11.2020.

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

Information stands provided. Having gone through the reply submitted on 17.08.2020, I accept the plea of the PIO and drop the show cause.

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

**Chandigarh**  
**Dated:10.12.2020**

**Sd/-**  
**(Khushwant Singh)**  
**State Information Commissioner**

**CC to 1. PIO-O/o Chief Accounts Officer(Pension),**  
**PSPCL, Patiala.**

**2. PIO- Dy.Chief Engineer(Personnel),**  
**PSPCL Patiala**