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## FINAL ORDER

**Gaurav Bhandari,**  
S/o Sh. Anil Kumar Bhandari,  
Chamber No. 431, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor,  
District Court, Ludhiana.

Versus

**Public Information officer,**  
O/o Ludhiana Improvement Trust,  
Feroze Gandhi Market,  
Ludhiana-141001

**First Appellate Authority,**  
O/o Ludhiana Improvement Trust,  
Feroze Gandhi Market,  
Ludhiana.

### Appeal Case No. 1155 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

(Appellant) Absent

Rama Shanker, Clerk (for the Respondent) 79734-99545

Yadwinder Singh, Accountant (for the Respondent) 79730-54756

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **19.11.2020** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding the Ludhiana Improvement Trust's Industrial Area A Scheme in three points**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **7.1.2021** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **3.3.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **11.11.2021**.

2. The appellant is absent without intimation. The respondent PIO, represented by Rama Shanker, Clerk and Yadwinder Singh, Accountant, submitted a reply to this Commission's Notice of hearing vide Letter No. 2960 Dated 2.6.2021. They stated that the requested information is concerned with the Technical Branch of LIT, which prepared the requested information and sent it to the appellant vide Letter No. 2163 Dated 28.4.2021. The respondent PIO has also tendered an apology for the delay in addressing in this RTI application.

3. The respondent PIO is herewith directed to email scanned copies of the reply and 9 pages of information sent to the appellant, to this Commission forthwith.

4. There is no further cause for action and this Appeal Case is herewith **CLOSED**.

Sd/-

**(ASIT JOLLY)**

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## FINAL ORDER

**Balwinder Singh Ladi,**  
S/o Sh. Sukhchain Singh,  
# 418, Street No. 5, Nanaksar,  
Tehdi Road, Simlapuri,  
District Ludhiana-141003

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**  
o/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation,  
District Ludhiana.  
**First Appellate Authority,**  
o/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation,  
District Ludhiana.

### Appeal Case No. 10 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

Gurmej Lal (Appellant) 97816-72776  
Satish Kumar, PIO-cum-ATP (Respondent) 9646031802  
Kashish Garg, APIO-cum-Building Inspector from Zone C (Respondent)

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **25.9.2020** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding complaint bearing diary No. 2109-PS-R Dated 21.9.2020**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **30.10.2020** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **18.12.2020** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **11.11.2021**.

2. Both parties are present. The appellant is represented by Gurmej Lal. The respondent PIO-cum-ATP, Satish Kumar Malhotra and Kashish Garg, Building Inspector-cum-APIO, are present. The respondents state that a reply has already been given to the appellant vide Letter No. 225/DRG-C/D/PIO Dated 21.10.2020, informing him that the complaint cited in the RTI application is still under process. The appellant had signed his receiving on the reply from the Building Branch Zone-C, Municipal Corporation. The appellant insists that the information/reply pertaining to the House Tax Branch has not been received. However, the respondents from the Building Branch stated that the role of the House Tax Branch only begins after the Building Branch completes its task of issuing notices etc. Following deliberations, the appellant also concurs.

3. There is no further cause for action and this Appeal Case is herewith **CLOSED**.

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

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# 418, Street No. 5, Nanaksar,  
Tehdi Road, Simlapuri,  
Ludhiana-141003

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**  
o/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation,  
Ludhiana.  
**First Appellate Authority,**  
o/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation,  
Ludhiana.

### Appeal Case No. 11 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

Gurmej Lal (Appellant) 97816-72776  
Satish Kumar, PIO-cum-ATP from Zone-C (Respondent) 9646031802  
Kashish Garg, APIO-cum-Building Inspector from Zone C (Respondent)

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **23.9.2020** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding chalan no. 20434 Dated 23.7.2013**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **30.10.2020** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **18.12.2020** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **11.11.2021**.
2. Both parties are present. The appellant is represented by Gurmej Lal. The respondent PIO, has submitted a copy of the reply/information sent to the appellant vide Letter No. 271 Dated 5.11.2020. The appellant states that he has requested copies of 2 challans but has been supplied only one. The respondent PIO represented by Kashish Garg, Building Inspector, states that she has challans in her possession and will supply attested copies forthwith.
3. There is no further cause for action and this Appeal Case is herewith **CLOSED**.

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

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## FINAL ORDER

**Tejinder Singh,**  
Civil Court, Tehsil Complex,  
Backside Sanjh Kender,  
Phillaur, District Jalandhar.

Versus

**Public Information officer,**  
O/o Municipal Town Planner.  
Ludhiana.

**First Appellate Authority,**  
O/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation,  
Ludhiana.

### Appeal Case No. 1017 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

(Appellant) Absent

Satish Kumar, PIO-cum-ATP from Zone-C (Respondent) 9646031802

Gurpreet Singh, Building Inspector from Zone-A (for the Respondent)

Rohit Thakur, Building Inspector from Zone-B (for the Respondent)

Ajay Kumar, Building Inspector from Zone-D (for the Respondent) 98762-99511

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **5.10.2020** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding O & M Cell in Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **12.12.2020** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **22.2.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **11.11.2021**.

2. The appellant is absent but has informed the Commission of his inability to attend this hearing. Meanwhile, representatives from all the four Zones have submitted replies/information separately to the appellant. The appellant however, in an email to this Commission Dated 11.11.2021, contends that has not been given copy of NOC issued by the all Zones.

3. In view of this, the Commission directs the PIOs/incharge of Zone A, B, and D to submit attested copies of NOC already supplied to the appellant, to the Commission. The PIO Zone C has stated in reply to the appellant as well as to the Commission that in the period cited in the RTI application, no NOC was issued to any gas agency or petrol pump in said Zone.

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## Appeal Case No. 1017 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

4. Under the circumstances, there is no further cause for action and this Appeal Case is herewith **CLOSED**.

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State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

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## FINAL ORDER

**Sarabjeet Singh Gill,**

H.No.60-35-P-376-1,  
St.No.8, Maha Singh Nagar, PO Dhandari Kalan,  
District Ludhiana-141014

Versus

**Public Information officer,**

O/o ATP, Zone-C,  
Municipal Corporation,  
Gill Road, District Ludhiana.

**First Appellate Authority,**

O/o ATP, Zone-C,  
Municipal Corporation,  
Gill Road, District Ludhiana.

## Appeal Case No. 1052 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

Gurmej Lal (Appellant) 97816-72776  
Satish Kumar, PIO-cum-ATP from Zone-C (Respondent) 9646031802  
Kashish Garg, APIO-cum-Building Inspector from Zone C (Respondent)

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **25.11.2020** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding complaint Dated 23.12.2020 on Whatsapp**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **29.12.2020** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **24.2.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **11.11.2021**.
2. Both parties are present. The respondent PIO-cum-ATP, Satish Malhotra and Kashish Garg, Building Inspector from Zone-C, have submitted a reply that was sent to the appellant vide Letter No. 341 Dated 15.12.2020, with a pointwise reply to the RTI application and the requested information. The appellant, represented by Gurmej Lal however, states that he has not received copies of the assessment sheets and challans.
3. The respondent PIO assured both the appellant and this Commission that attested copies of said documents will be supplied forthwith.
4. On the PIO's assurance, this Commission sees no further cause for action and this Appeal Case is herewith **CLOSED**.

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

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## FINAL ORDER

**Nitin Kumar Garg,**

S/o Sh. Brish Bhan Garg,  
C/o Police Public Dairy,  
# 15 A, Shastri Nagar, Model Town,  
Ludhiana.

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**

o/o Municipal Corporation, Headquarters,  
Zone-A, Near Mata Rani Chowk,  
District Ludhiana.

**First Appellate Authority,**

o/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation,  
Near Mata Rani Chowk,  
District Ludhiana.

### Appeal Case No. 135 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

Nitin Kumar Garg (Appellant) 82888-63200  
Rajinder Kumar, Clerk from Zone-D (for the Respondent)

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **1.9.2020** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding quality checking of roads in the past one year**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **10.10.2020** 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 **11.11.2021**.
2. Both parties are present. The respondent PIO vide Letter No. 325/PIO/B & R/D Dated 31.3.2021, has informed the appellant that his request for information is not specific as per the Section 2 of the RTI Act 2005. If considered, the information is too much voluminous and liable to be denied as per Section 7(9) of the RTI Act 2005.
3. The respondent PIO has also uphold the Hon'ble Supreme Court's Judgment in Civil Appeal 6454 of 2011 titled "Central Board of Secondary Education and Anr Versus Aditya Badoadhyia." The Commission concurs with the respondent PIO's reply to the appellant and herewith uphold his decision.
4. Under the circumstances, there is no further cause for action and this Appeal Case is herewith **CLOSED**.

Sd/-

**(ASIT JOLLY)**

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## FINAL ORDER

**Nitin Kumar Garg,**  
S/o Sh. Brish Bhan Garg,  
C/o Police Public Dairy,  
# 15 A, Shastri Nagar  
Model Town,  
District Ludhiana.

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**  
o/o Executive Engineer,  
Civil, Mandi Board Division,  
District Ludhiana.

**First Appellate Authority,**  
o/o Chief Engineer (North),  
Mandi Board,  
Chandigarh.

### Appeal Case No. 136 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

Nitin Kumar Garg (Appellant) 82888-63200  
(Respondent) Absent

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **18.3.2020** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding amount utilized in different works, work order book etc.**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **5.8.2020** 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 **11.11.2021**.
2. The respondent PIO is absent without intimation. The appellant has meanwhile, informed the Commission that the respondent had written to him vide Letter No. 19 Dated 22.3.2021, raising the demand of Rs. 972/- as copying charges and Rs. 500/- for postal charges for the requested information. The appellant says that he collected the information in person after depositing cash on 3.5.2021. The appellant is requested to email a copy of the cash receipt and statement that he has received the information, to this Commission.
3. The Commission notes that the respondent PIO has acted contrary to the RTI Act, 2005 by raising a demand for copying costs a full year after he received this RTI application, which was filed on 18.3.2020. The PIO must know that no money can be sought from any applicant after the lapse of the stipulated 30-day period from the date of filing of this RTI.

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## Appeal Case No. 136 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

4. However, since the appellant raises no objection and has voluntarily deposited the amount notified by the respondent PIO, the Commission sees no occasion to intervene at this stage.

5. There is no further cause for action and this Appeal Case is herewith **CLOSED**.

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**(ASIT JOLLY)**  
State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

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## FINAL ORDER

**Jasbir Singh,**

S/o Sh. Gurbaksh Singh,  
Guru Nanak Nagar,  
Village Bholapur,  
District Ludhiana-141123

Versus

**Public Information officer,**

o/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation,  
Ludhiana.

**First Appellate Authority,**

o/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation,  
Ludhiana.

### Appeal Case No. 1162 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

(Appellant) Absent

Hitesh Kumar, SDO from Zone A (for the Respondent) 99889-97224

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **4.11.2020** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding a news item in the Ludhiana Kesari Dated 15.10.2020**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **12.12.2020** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **3.3.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **11.11.2021**.

2. The appellant is absent without intimation. The respondent PIO, represented by Hitesh Kumar, SDO from Zone-A, states that the appellant asked for information with regard to a meeting with the Commissioner and others as reported in a local Ludhiana newspaper. A reply was sent to the appellant vide Letter No. 363 Dated 18.12.2020, wherein he was informed that there is no official record regarding the matter cited in this RTI application. The Commission concurs with the respondent PIO's reply.

3. Under the circumstances, there is no further cause for action and this Appeal Case is herewith **CLOSED**.

Sd/-

**(ASIT JOLLY)**

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## FINAL ORDER

**Parkash Singh Chugh,**  
# 1831, Opposite Dera Kalsian,  
Millerganj,  
District Ludhiana-141003

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**  
o/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation,  
Ludhiana.

### Complaint Case No. 2 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:  
(Complainant) Absent  
(Respondent) Absent

ORDER:

1. The complainant, **Parkash Singh Chugh**, filed this RTI application dated **5.10.2020** and sought information **regarding complaints and action taken against SDO Rakesh Kumar Singla**, from the PIO o/o **Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana**. When no information was received, the Complainant filed a complaint under Section 18 of the RTI Act, 2005 to the Commission on **18.12.2020**. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **11.11.2021**.
2. Both parties are absent. However, the respondent PIO has submitted a copy of a reply to the complainant vide Letter No. 2055/EE/C/RTI Dated 7.12.2020, wherein he was informed that the information requested by him pertains to a third party who has refused disclosure of the information, which is personal to him. The Commission concurs with the respondent PIO's decision to deny the information.
3. Under the circumstances, there is no further cause for action and this Appeal Case is herewith **CLOSED**.

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

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## FINAL ORDER

**Parkash Singh Chugh,**  
# 1831, Opposite Dera Kalsian,  
Millerganj,  
District Ludhiana-141003

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**  
o/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation,  
Ludhiana.

### Complaint Case No. 3 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:  
(Complainant) Absent  
(Respondent) Absent

ORDER:

1. The complainant, **Parkash Singh Chugh**, filed this RTI application dated **8.10.2020** and sought information **regarding Simranjeet Singh Junior Engineer B&R Zone-D Atma Nagar, Ludhiana,** from the PIO o/o **Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana**. When no information was received, the Complainant filed a complaint under Section 18 of the RTI Act, 2005 to the Commission on **18.12.2020**. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **11.11.2021**.
2. Both parties are absent. The respondent PIO has submitted a copy of the reply sent to the complainant vide Letter No. 308/PIO/B & R/Zone-B Dated 17.2.2021, wherein he was informed that the information requested in this RTI application is not available in his office "is voluminous" etc.
3. The Commission has examined the RTI application carefully and is of the view that some of the information, which qualifies as third party and personal information, is exempt from disclosure as per Section 8(1)(j) and Section 11 of the RTI Act 2005. The Commission also sees that this RTI application, which seeks information from points 1 to 10 is largely in the form of fishing enquiry against a particular employee of the Municipal Corporation with the evident motive of harassing/targeting said employee. This is however, a complaint case, where the Commission is under no obligation to ensure that the requested information is supplied to the complainant.
4. On the question of whether any penalty will be applied to the respondent PIO, the Commission notes that the RTI application is Dated 8.10.2020 and the respondent PIO's reply 17.2.2021 pertains to a period when the state was dealing with restrictions due to the ongoing pandemic. In view of the above the delay in addressing this RTI application is condoned. There is no further cause for action and this Appeal Case is herewith **CLOSED**.

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

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## FINAL ORDER REVERT BACK TO PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER

To,

**Public Information officer,**  
O/o Municipal Corporation,  
District Ludhiana.

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**Amarjot Singh Sidhu,**  
#7, Pakhowal Road,  
New Lajpat Nagar,  
District Ludhiana.

Versus

**Public Information officer,**  
O/o Municipal Corporation,  
District Ludhiana.

### Complaint Case No. 226 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

Ramandeep Singh, Advocate (for the Complainant) (via Cisco Webex)  
Ajay Kumar, Building Inspector from Zone-D (for the Respondent) 98762-99511

ORDER:

1. The complainant, **Amarjot Singh Sidhu**, filed this RTI application dated **11.9.2020** and sought information **regarding constituting committee i.e. the Enforcement, Monitoring & Vigilance Committee in compliance of High Court Orders passed in CWP No. 4886 of 2003 etc.,** from the PIO o/o **Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana**. When no information was received, the Complainant filed a complaint under Section 18 of the RTI Act, 2005 to the Commission on **22.2.2021**. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **11.11.2021**.

2. Both parties are present. The appellant's lawyer attended the hearing via Cisco Webex. The respondent PIO, represented by Ajay Kumar, Building Inspector from Zone-D, states that addressing this RTI application initially delayed because the complainant had not appended his ID Proof with his RTI application. The PIO wrote to the complainant vide Letter No. 127/ATP/D/RTI Dated 28.9.2020, requesting him for his ID Proof. Subsequent to this, the respondent PIO sent the information to the complainant vide Letter No. 388/ATP-D/RTI-D Dated 15.1.2021. The said information approximately (18 pages) was sent to the complainant vide Speedpost on 1.6.2021.

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## **Complaint Case No. 226 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)**

3. The complainant, represented by his lawyer Ramandeep Singh, states that he has received information pertaining to point 2 of his RTI application, but information with respect to point 1 has not been given. He has also stated that his essential objective is to get the information. This is a complaint case and the Commission is not obligated to provide information, but only to consider the matter of imposing any penalty upon the respondent PIO.

4. In view of the complainant's statement that he requires the information, **this Complaint Case is herewith remanded back to the respondent PIO, Zone-D Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana** with the direction to consider the RTI application afresh and supply the information to the complainant as per the provisions of the RTI Act 2005. The complainant is also advised to write to the respondent PIO listing the deficiency in the information already provided to him.

5. Under the circumstances, there is no further cause for action and this Complaint Case is herewith **Disposed of and CLOSED.**

Sd/-

**(ASIT JOLLY)**

State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

Chandigarh  
11.11.2021

**Cc:** Deputy Registrar, Punjab State Information Commission, for information.