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**Parveen Kumar,**  
Street No.1, Patwari Colony,  
Talwandi Sabo  
District Bathinda – 151302.

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**  
o/o New Mandi Township,  
Punjab Mandi Board,  
Sector 65 A, Phase 11,  
SAS Nagar (Mohali).

**First Appellate Authority,**  
o/o General Manager,  
(Enforcement), General Wing,  
Punjab Mandi Board,  
Mohali.

## **Appeal Case No. 3395 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)**

PRESENT:

Parveen Kumar (Appellant) (via Cisco Webex) 94648-17898  
Jaswinder Kaur, Superintendent (for the Respondent) 98140-41680

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **11.1.2021** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding the status of shops in Grain Market Talwandi Sabo**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **1.3.2021** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **28.7.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **11.3.2021**.

2. Both parties are present. At point no. 2 of his RTI application, the appellant has sought details of shops in Grain Market Talwandi Sabo for which, mutations have been completed up to 11.1.2020. The respondent contends that said information will have to be collated from the record and that it is not available in the form requested. The PIO seeks exemption from disclosure on the above stated grounds.

3. It is this Commission's view that the information requested at point no. 2 constitutes record that ought to have been amid the publicly available records of the Punjab Mandi Board. The respondent PIO is herewith directed to supply the record pertaining to point no. 2 of this RTI application regarding Grain Market Talwandi Saboo District Bathinda, to the appellant within 30 days.

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4. Furthermore, the Commission directs the PIO, office of Punjab Mandi Board to collect similar information pertaining to all the State Government Mandis (grain markets) in the state and post this on the Website of the Punjab Mandi Board. This would be in keeping Section 4(1)(b) of the RTI Act 2005 which reads as under:-

**Section 4 (1)** Every public authority shall— (b) publish within one hundred and twenty days from the enactment of this Act,—

(i) The particulars of its organisation, functions and duties;

(ii) The powers and duties of its officers and employees;

(iii) The procedure followed in the decision making process, including channels of supervision and accountability;

(iv) The norms set by it for the discharge of its functions;

(v) The rules, regulations, instructions, manuals and records, held by it or under its control or used by its employees for discharging its functions;

(vi) A statement of the categories of documents that are held by it or under its control;

(vii) The particulars of any arrangement that exists for consultation with, or representation by, the members of the public in relation to the formulation of its policy or implementation thereof; (viii) A statement of the boards, councils, committees and other bodies consisting of two or more persons constituted as its part or for the purpose of its advice, and as to whether meetings of those boards, councils, committees and other bodies are open to the public, or the minutes of such meetings are accessible for public;

(ix) A directory of its officers and employees;

(x) The monthly remuneration received by each of its officers and employees, including the system of compensation as provided in its regulations;

(xi) The budget allocated to each of its agency, indicating the particulars of all plans, proposed expenditures and reports on disbursements made;

(xii) The manner of execution of subsidy programmes, including the amounts allocated and the details of beneficiaries of such programmes;

(xiii) Particulars of recipients of concessions, permits or authorisations granted by it;

(xiv) Details in respect of the information, available to or held by it, reduced in an electronic form;

(xv) The particulars of facilities available to citizens for obtaining information, including the working hours of a library or reading room, if maintained for public use;

(xvi) The names, designations and other particulars of the Public Information Officers;

(xvii) Such other information as may be prescribed and thereafter update these publications every year;

5. This exercise must be completed in six months from the date of this hearing and compliance be intimated to the Commission.

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6. Next hearing on 25.5.2022 at 11.00 am via Video Conference Facility at DC Office, Mohali.

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State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

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**Manjit Singh alias kuku,**  
S/o Mahinder Singh,  
R/o Mohalla Near Wada Gurudwara,  
Sunam,  
Sangrur.

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**  
o/o Labour Commissioner, Punjab,  
Mohali.  
**First Appellate Authority,**  
o/o Principal Secretary,  
Department of Labour, Government of Punjab  
Chandigarh.

## **Appeal Case No. 3825 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)**

PRESENT:

(Appellant) Absent

Jatinder Pal Singh, Assistant Labour Commissioner (for the Respondent) 98880-17525

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **27.8.2020** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding the Punjab Building & Other Construction (Labour) Welfare Board**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **5.10.2020** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **24.8.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **11.3.2021**.

2. The appellant is absent without intimation. The respondent PIO, represented by Jatinder Pal Singh, Assistant Labour Commissioner, states that a reply was sent to the appellant vide Letter No. 3421 Dated 11.11.2020 along with the requested information. The appellant has however, informed the Commission via telephone that he has received nothing.

3. In view of the above, the respondent PIO is directed to send duly attested copies of the information and reply sent to the appellant, to this Commission. Once this is received, it be conveyed to the appellant, or he can collect it at his convenience.

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

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## Appeal Case No. 3825 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

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 25.5.2022 at 11.00 am via Video Conference Facility at DC Office, Mohali.

Sd/-

(ASIT JOLLY)

State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

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**Taranjit Singh,**  
No.33, Adarsh Nagar, Tarehti,  
PO Shahpurkandi,  
Pathankot.  
Versus

**Public Information Officer,**  
o/o Chief Engineer,  
Canal Water Resource, Pb.,  
Sector-18, Chandigarh.  
**First Appellate Authority,**  
o/o Chief Engineer,  
Canal Water Resource, Pb.,  
Sector-18, Chandigarh.

## **Appeal Case No. 3868 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)**

PRESENT:

Taranjit Singh (Appellant) 97819-48678  
Davinder Singh, Senior Assistant (for the Respondent) 85560-01310

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **21.4.2021** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding his complaint dated 19.12.2020 in Six points**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **24.5.2021** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **27.8.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **11.3.2021**.
2. Both parties are present. The respondent PIO, represented by Davinder Singh, Senior Assistant, has submitted a reply to the Commission vide No. 520-21 Dated 11.2.2022 wherein he states that a pointwise reply by way of information was sent to the appellant vide Letter No. 5448-51/62-E Dated 21.12.2021, which was received by the appellant on 29.12.2021. The appellant confirmed that he has received the said reply/information but contends that it has nothing to do with the information sought in the RTI application.
3. Following deliberations at this hearing, the respondent PIO is directed to submit a pointwise reply to the RTI application by way of the action taken on the complaint cited in the RTI application at the level of the Chief Engineer Canal, Water Resources, Chandigarh. This must be done before the next hearing.
4. IMPORTANT! All documents / information supplied to appellants / complainants must mandatorily be attested as under:

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## Appeal Case No. 3868 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

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 25.5.2022 at 11.00 am via Video Conference Facility at DC Office, Mohali.

**Sd/-**

**(ASIT JOLLY)**

State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

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**Sat Narain Bansal,**  
# 127, Phulkian Enclave,  
Patiala.

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**  
o/o Superintendent Engineer Headquarters,  
Water Resources Department, Punjab,  
Sector-18, Chandigarh.

**Public Information Officer,**  
o/o Principal Secretary,  
Department of water resources,  
Punjab, Chandigarh.

**First Appellate Authority,**  
o/o Director, Water Cell,  
Water Resources Department, Punjab,  
Sector-17 E, Chandigarh.

### Appeal Case No. 4123 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

Sat Narain Bansal (Appellant) (via Cisco Webex) 97791-89592  
Navraj Singh, Senior Assistant (for the Respondent) 98784-30854

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **26.11.2020** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding the reappointment of retired Superintending Engineers and Executive Engineers on contract**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **30.12.2020** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **9.9.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **11.3.2021**.

2. Both parties are present. As per the respondent PIO's reply to the appellant vide Letter No. 3697 Dated 29.12.2021, the information was denied as personal information under Section 8(1)(j) and also as "not being in larger public interest". Notably, the respondent PIO's decision was rejected by the First Appellate Authority vide his Order 64-66 Dated 15.1.2021 and he was ordered to provide the requested information. The respondent PIO failed to comply with the FAA's Order.

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## Appeal Case No. 4123 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

3. The respondent PIO, represented by Navraj Singh, Senior Assistant is present and herewith directed to provide a written, pointwise reply to the RTI application along with the requested information to the appellant. A copy of the reply as well as information after due attestation must also be submitted to this Commission.

4. This RTI application was submitted on 26.11.2020 and the PIO's conduct is in clear violation of the RTI Act, 2005. In view of this, this Commission deems it fit to issue this Show Cause Notice to the respondent PIO-cum-Superintending Engineer, Sh. Manoj Kumar Bansal.

5. The respondent **PIO-cum-Superintending Engineer, Sh. Manoj Kumar Bansal** 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 **26.11.2020**.

“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*.” Copies of this order be sent to the parties through registered post.

6. 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

7. Next hearing on 25.5.2022 at 11.00 am via Video Conference Facility at DC Office, Mohali.

Sd/-

(ASIT JOLLY)

State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

Chandigarh

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Cc: Chief Engineer Headquarter,  
Dispute Resolution,  
Water Resources Department,  
Sector 18, Chandigarh, for information and further necessary action.

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**Rajinder Kumar Sharma,**

VPO Raisar,

Tehsil & Distt. Barnala.

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**

o/o Chief Conservator of Forest,

Punjab, Mohali.

**First Appellate Authority,**

o/o Additional Chief Secretary,

Department of Forest and Wildlife Preservation,

Mini Secretariat, Sector-9,

Punjab, Chandigarh.

## **Appeal Case No. 4128 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)**

PRESENT:

Rajinder Kumar Sharma (Appellant) (via Cisco Webex) 83605-89644

Vijay Kumar, Superintendent (for the Respondent) 94175-35028

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **16.3.2021** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding Order No. 56 dated 23.11.2019 by the Chief Forest Officer in Four points**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **16.6.2021** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **10.9.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **11.3.2021**.

2. Both parties are present. The respondent PIO, represented by Vijay Kumar, Superintendent, has submitted a reply vide Letter No. 11562 Dated 2.3.2022 giving a pointwise reply to the RTI application and denying all the information, including enquiry report cited in the RTI application. The appellant contends that the enquiry pertains to issues of larger public interest and therefore must be disclosed in the public domain.

3. The Commission directs the respondent PIO to submit two copies of the said Enquiry Report, duly attested as "Information Supplied Under the RTI Act, 2005" along with a covering letter, to the Commission within 10 days of this hearing. The Commission will take an informed decision to whether the contents of said report can be disclosed in the larger public interest.

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

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## Appeal Case No. 4128 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

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 25.5.2020 at 11.00 am via Video Conference Facility at DC Office, Mohali.

Sd/-

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**Parwinder Singh,**  
S/o Hakam Singh,  
Village Jagpura, PO Banur,  
Tehsil & Distt. Mohala.

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**  
o/o Forest Corporation Limited,  
Forest Complex, Sector 68, Mohali.  
**First Appellate Authority,**  
o/o Forest Corporation Limited,  
Forest Complex, Sector 68, Mohali.

## **Appeal Case No. 4145 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)**

PRESENT:

(Appellant) Absent

Tejesh Sood, DFO (for the Respondent) 98880-36911

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **10.4.2021** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding an FIR against the GBP Group Banur for felling trees in Four points,** as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **29.5.2021** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **13.9.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **11.3.2021**.

2. The appellant is absent without intimation. The respondent PIO, represented by Tejesh Sood, DFO from the Divisional Forest Office, Mohali, states that a reply vide Letter No. 2196 Dated 20.7.2021 was sent to the appellant by way of a pointwise reply to the RTI application. The appellant however, in his Second Appeal to the Commission states that he has not received any reply/information from the respondent PIO.

3. In view of the above, the respondent PIO is directed to submit a copy of the pointwise reply and information sent to the appellant, to this Commission forthwith.

4. **Next hearing on 13.7.2022 at 11.00 am via Video Conference Facility at DC Office, Mohali.**

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

Chandigarh  
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**Pawan Kalia**, Advocate,  
18, Adarsh Nagar,  
Kapurthala.

Versus

**Public Information Officer**,  
o/o Divisional Forest Officer,  
Forest Complex, Sector 68,  
SAS Nagar, Mohali.  
**First Appellate Authority**,  
o/o Conservator of Forest,  
Forest Complex, Sector 68,  
SAS Nagar, Mohali.

## **Appeal Case No. 4180 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)**

PRESENT:

(Appellant) Absent

Tejesh Sood, DFO (for the Respondent) 98880-36911

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **7.6.2021** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding the CAMPA Scheme for 2019-20 and 2020-21 in Three points**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **26.7.2021** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **14.9.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **11.3.2021**.

2. The appellant is absent without intimation. The respondent PIO, represented by Tejesh Sood, DFO from the Divisional Forest Office, Mohali, has submitted that a reply was sent to the appellant vide Letter No. 2191 Dated 20.7.2021 raising a demand of Rs. 50,000/- as the cost of copying the requested information which as per his contention at this hearing, would involve several photocopying several thousand pages.

3. The respondent states that there was a minor delay in raising the demand for copying costs owing to the fact that the ongoing pandemic was at a peak at the time of RTI application was filed to his office. The respondent PIO also informed this Commission that a second reply dated 20.8.2021 was sent to the appellant informing him that in case he was reluctant to deposit the 50,000/- sought from him, he could inspect the record in the office of respondent PIO and seek specific documents as per his requirement. The appellant is absent at today's hearing and there has been no communication from him since he filed Second Appeal on 14.9.2021.

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## **Appeal Case No. 4180 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)**

4. The respondent PIO is herewith directed to submit a written assessment of the volume of record that would need to be copied in order to address this RTI application. Said assessment must be submitted to this Commission with a copy to the appellant at the earliest.

5. **Next hearing on 13.7.2022 at 11.00 am via Video Conference Facility at DC Office, Mohali.**

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State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

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**Bharat Bhushan Mattu,**

H.No.153, Akash Nagar, Near Green Land School,

Central Post Office,

Ludhiana

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**

o/o Punjab Mandi Board,

Mohali.

**First Appellate Authority,**

o/o Punjab Mandi Board,

Mohali.

## **Appeal Case No. 4117 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)**

PRESENT:

Bharat Bhushan Mattuu (Appellant) (via Cisco Webex)

Jaswinder Kaur, Superintendent (for the Respondent) 98140-41680

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **15.6.2021** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding public servants falling under Group A, B, and C in Punjab Mandi Board**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **19.7.2021** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **9.9.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **11.3.2021**.

2. Both parties are present. The appellant was contacted on telephone. The respondent PIO in a reply to this Commission's Notice of hearing No. 1989 Dated 17.12.2021 has sought exemption from disclosure on two grounds: **(i)** That the information is not available in the format requested and would have to be collected/created; **(ii)** that such information is exempt as personal information as per the Hon'ble Supreme Court's Order in Civil Appeal No. 10044 of 2010, which reads as under:

*"Reading of the aforesaid judicial precedents, in our opinion, would indicate that personal records, including name, address, physical, mental and psychological status, marks obtained, grades and answer sheets, are all treated as personal information. Similarly, professional records including qualification, performance, evaluation reports, ACRs, disciplinary proceedings, etc. are all personal information. Medical records, treatment, choice of medicine, list of hospitals and doctors visited, findings recorded, including that of the family members, information relating to assets, liabilities, income tax returns, details of investments, lending and borrowing, etc. are personal information. Such personal information is entitled to protection from unwarranted invasion of privacy and conditional access is available when stipulation of larger public interest is satisfied. This list is indicative and not exhaustive."*

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## **Appeal Case No. 4117 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)**

The appellant however, states that the information must be disclosed in the larger public interest.

3. In view of this, the Commission requests the appellant to make a written submission to demonstrate the larger public interest that would be served by the public disclosure of the information sought by him in his RTI application.

4. **Next hearing on 13.7.2022 at 11.00 am via Video Conference Facility at DC Office, Mohali.**

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

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**Bharat Bhushan Mattu,**  
H.No.153, Akash Nagar, Near Green Land School,  
Central Post Office,  
Ludhiana

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**  
o/o Registrar, Water Resource Department,  
Punjab, Mohali.  
**First Appellate Authority,**  
o/o Secretary,  
Punjab State Irrigation Department,  
Punjab, Chandigarh.

## **Appeal Case No. 4211 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)**

PRESENT:

Bharat Bhushan Mattuu (Appellant) (via Cisco Webex)  
Priyanka, Assistant (for the Respondent) 84270-38150

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **25.6.2021** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding public servants falling under Grade A, B, and C in the department** as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **30.7.2021** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **16.9.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **11.3.2021**.
2. Both parties are present. The appellant was contacted via telephone. The respondent PIO, represented by Ms. Priyanka, Assistant, states that a reply was sent to the appellant vide Letter No. 1521 Dated 13.8.2021, wherein he was informed that the information requested is personal information and he should demonstrate the larger public interest.
3. After deliberations, the appellant is requested to make a written submission demonstrating a larger public interest for disclosure of the information. The Commission will take an informed decision at the next hearing.
4. **Next hearing on 13.7.2022 at 11.00 am via Video Conference Facility at DC Office, Mohali.**

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

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**Prem Sagar,**  
H.No. 58, Main Bazar,  
Sawan Nagar,  
Amritsar.

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**  
o/o Admn Officer-2, Irrigation Works,  
Punjab, Sector-18, Chandigarh.  
**First Appellate Authority,**  
o/o Superintendent Engineer,  
Irrigation Works, Punjab,  
Sector 17, Chandigarh.

## **Appeal Case No. 4290 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)**

PRESENT:

(Appellant) Absent

Gurdeep Singh, Senior Assistant (for the Respondent) 98784-17006

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **6.3.2021** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding Five letters issued by the Chief Engineer Canals (Irrigation Works) Punjab**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **3.5.2021** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **21.9.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **11.3.2021**.
2. The appellant is absent but has informed the Commission that the respondent PIO has provided him copies of irrelevant letters which have nothing to do the information requested in the RTI application. The respondent PIO, represented by Gurdeep Singh, Senior Assistant, says that a reply was sent to the appellant vide Letter No. 231 Dated 1.2.2022 along with the requested information.
3. A perusal of the information shows that while none of the pages supplied have been attested in the format stipulated by the Commission, the action taken on the matter cited in the RTI application, is not addressed by the information provided.
4. The respondent PIO is directed to send certified copies of all the information pertaining to this RTI application, to the appellant along with a copy to this Commission. The information must be accompanied by covering letter quoting the RTI application and giving a pointwise reply.

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## Appeal Case No. 4290 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

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. Next hearing on 13.7.2022 at 11.00 am via Video Conference Facility at DC Office, Mohali.

Sd/-

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**Prem Sagar,**  
H.No.58, Main Bazar,  
Sawan Nagar,  
Amritsar.

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**  
o/o Registrar, Water Resource Department, Punjab,  
Sector 18, Chandigarh.  
**First Appellate Authority,**  
o/o Superintendent Engineer,  
Inter State Waters Irrigation works, Punjab,  
Sector 18, Chandigarh.

## **Appeal Case No. 4369 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)**

PRESENT:

(Appellant) Absent

Gurdeep Singh, Senior Assistant (for the Respondent) 98784-17006

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **24.2.2021** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding his promotion etc.** as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **3.5.2021** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **24.9.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **11.3.2021**.
2. The appellant is absent but has informed the Commission that the respondent PIO has provided him copies of irrelevant letters which have nothing to do the information requested in the RTI application. The respondent PIO, represented by Gurdeep Singh, Senior Assistant, says that a reply was sent to the appellant vide Letter No. 229 Dated 1.2.2022 along with the requested information.
3. A perusal of the information shows that while none of the pages supplied have been attested in the format stipulated by the Commission, the action taken on the matter cited in the RTI application is not addressed by the information provided.
4. The respondent PIO is directed to send certified copies of all the information pertaining to this RTI application, to the appellant alongwith a copy to this Commission. The information must be accompanied by a covering letter quoting the RTI application and giving a pointwise reply.

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## Appeal Case No. 4369 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

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. Next hearing on 13.7.2022 at 11.00 am via Video Conference Facility at DC Office, Mohali.

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**Bhupinder Punj,**  
S/o Braham Prakash,  
186, VPO Lohara,  
Ludhiana.

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**

o/o Executive Engineer,

Discharge Division, IB,

Punjab, Mohali.

**First Appellate Authority,**

o/o Chief Engineer,

Vigilance Quality & Monitoring Water

Resource Department,

Punjab, Chandigarh.

## **Appeal Case No. 4330 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)**

PRESENT:

(Appellant) Absent

(Respondent) Absent

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **27.5.2021** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding Anjana Kumari, Asha Kumari, Ram Saroop, Ram Bhadur, etc.**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **19.7.2021** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **23.9.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **11.3.2021**.

2. Both parties are absent. This case is adjourned to its next hearing.

3. **Next hearing on 13.7.2022 at 11.00 am via Video Conference Facility at DC Office, Mohali.**

Sd/-

**(ASIT JOLLY)**

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**Surinder Kumar,**

S/o Milkhi Ram,

#564 E, Bhai Randhir

Singh Nagar, PO Rajguru Nagar,

Ludhiana.

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**

o/o Financial Advisor,

Punjab Water Resource Management

& Development Corporation,

SCO-8-9-10, Sector-55,

SAS Nagar (Mohali).

**First Appellate Authority,**

o/o Superintendent Engineer,

Punjab Water Resource Management

& Development Corporation,

SCO-8-9-10, Sector-55,

SAS Nagar (Mohali).

## **Appeal Case No. 4370 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)**

PRESENT:

(Appellant) Absent

Rakhi, Superintendent (Respondent)

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **28.4.2021** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding TDS and interest**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **NIL** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **28.9.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **11.3.2021**.

2. The appellant is absent without intimation. The respondent PIO, represented by Ms. Rakhi, Superintendent, states that a reply was sent to the appellant vide Letter No. 244 Dated 3.6.2021.

3. The respondent PIO is herewith directed to send a copy of said reply to the Commission forthwith. The respondent PIO is also to file a detailed, written reply to this Commission's Notice of hearing Dated 3.12.2021, which must include a pointwise reply to the RTI application.

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

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## Appeal Case No. 4370 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

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 13.7.2022 at 11.00 am via Video Conference Facility at DC Office, Mohali.

Sd/-

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**Harjit Singh,**

S/o Sh. Chanan Singh,

VPO Qilla Raipur,

Patti Karma Parkash,

Raipur, District Ludhiana.

Versus

**Public Information officer,**

o/o Labour Commissioner,

Sector-64, Punjab,

District Mohali.

## **Complaint Case No. 476 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)**

PRESENT:

(Complainant) Absent

(Respondent) Absent

ORDER:

*(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 22.10.2021 and 3.12.2021)*

1. The complainant, **Harjit Singh**, filed this RTI application dated **27.1.2020** and sought information **regarding action taken against defaulter labour officers**, from the PIO o/o **Labour Commissioner, Mohali**. When no information was received, the Complainant filed a complaint under Section 18 of the RTI Act, 2005 to the Commission on **15.4.2021**. The case was last heard on **3.12.2021**.

2. Both parties are absent. The case is adjourned to its next hearing.

3. **Next hearing on 13.7.2022 at 11.00 am via Video Conference Facility at DC Office, Mohali.**

Sd/-

**(ASIT JOLLY)**

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**Parmod Kumar,**

S/o Late Sh. Hem Raj,

H. No. 2650, Ward No.12,

Near Dushira Ground,

Kharar, Mohali.

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**

o/o Assistant Labour Commissioner,

SCO 102, Phase 3B2,

SAS Nagar, Mohali.

## **Complaint Case No. 1127 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)**

PRESENT:

(Complainant) Absent

Jatinder Pal Singh, PIO-cum-Assistant Labour Commissioner (Respondent) 98880-17523

ORDER:

1. The complainant, **Parmod Kumar**, filed this RTI application dated **9.2.2021** and sought information **regarding a Notice issued by the Punjab State Information Commission**, from the PIO o/o **Assistant Labour Commissioner, Mohali**. When no information was received, the Complainant filed a complaint under Section 18 of the RTI Act, 2005 to the Commission on **3.9.2021**. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **11.3.2021**.

2. The complainant is absent without intimation. The respondent PIO-cum-Assistant Labour Commissioner, Jatinder Pal Singh, states that a reply was sent to the complainant vide Letter No. 268 dated 8.3.2022 alongwith Two pages by way of information. The complainant however, informed the Commission that there has not received any communication. The respondent PIO is directed to send a copy of aforesaid reply sent to the complainant and appended information, which must be attested as per the format stipulated by this Commission.

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 13.7.2022 at 11.00 am via Video Conference Facility at DC Office, Mohali.**

**Sd/-**

**(ASIT JOLLY)**

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