

Sh. Sohan Singh, s/o sh Sucha Singh, R/o Village Bara, P.O Pathreri Jattan, Tehsl & Distt Roopnagar.

... Complainant

Versus

## Public Information Officer,

O/o SDO, Sub Division, PSPCL, Sukhrampur, Distt Ropar.

...Respondent

# Complaint Case No. 1003 of 2019

## PRESENT: Sh.Sohan Singh as the Complainant None for the Respondent

## ORDER:

The complainant through RTI application dated 05.06.2019 has sought information regarding copy of entry register containing the tubewell connections provided in village Pathreri and village Pathreri Jattan and other information concerning the office of SDO Sub Division, PSPCL Sukhrampur. The complainant was not provided the information after which the complainant filed a complaint in the Commission on 22.11.2019.

The appellant claims that the PIO has not provided the information. The respondent is absent. The PIO is directed to provide the information within 15 days and send a compliance report to the Commission.

The case is adjourned. To come up for further hearing on 04.05.2020 at 11.00 AM.

Chandigarh Dated 12.03.2020 Sd/-(Khushwant Singh) State Information Commissioner

**Note:** Sh.Bawa Singh, respondent appeared late and informed that the appellant was asked vide letter dated 03.07.2019 to specify the period for which the information is required, but the appellant has not clarified. The respondent was directed to get the clarification from the appellant by contacting him on his phone No.9464869183 and provide the information as per the RTI application.



Sh. Vipan Grover, Fatehgarh Panjtoor, Moga.

Versus

... Complainant

## **Public Information Officer,**

O/o SDO, Sub Division, PSPCL, Fatehgarh Panjtoor, Moga.

...Respondent

# Complaint Case No. 1020 of 2019

## PRESENT: None for the Complainant Sh.Kewal Singh, SDO Sub Division, Fatehgarh Panjtoor for the Respondent

## ORDER:

The complainant through RTI application dated 09.10.2019 has sought information regarding deputy of Sh.Jatinder Kumar, JE in different feaders – electric poles and and other information concerning the office of ich sent the same to the office of SDO, Sub Division, PSPCL, Fatehgarh Panjtoor, Moga. The complainant was not satisfied with the reply of the PIO dated 22.10.2019 after which the complainant filed a complaint in the Commission on 26.11.2019.

The respondent present pleaded that the information has been provided to the complainant. The respondent has submitted a letter of the complainant vide which the complainant has informed that he has received the information and his complaint case be closed.

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

Chandigarh Dated 12.03.2020



Sh. Sukhdev Singh, S/o Sh Madan Singh, VPO Thuhi, Tehsil Nabha.

... Complainant

## Public Information Officer,

O/o SSP, Patiala.

...Respondent

# Complaint Case No. 1026 of 2019

## PRESENT: Sh.Sukhdev Singh as the Complainant Sh.Sukhbahal Singh, HC for the Respondent

## ORDER:

The complainant through RTI application dated 10.10.2019 has sought information regarding copy of FIR filed on the complaint dated 03.04.2007 of missing persons and enquiry report on the matter and other information concerning the office of SSP Patiala. The complainant was not provided the information after which the complainant filed a complaint in the Commission on 28.11.2019.

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The respondent has brought the information today. The complainant says that there is discrepancy in the information provided.

The Commission observes that the complainant has come to the Commission without going to the First Appellate Authority. I hereby refer this case to the First Appellate Authority with the direction to treat it as an appeal and dispose off within 30 days.

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

Sd/-

Chandigarh Dated 12.03.2020 (Khushwant Singh) State Information Commissioner

CCto: First Appellate Authority, Inspector General of Police, Patiala Range, Patiala.



Sh Vijay Kumar, H NO-356, Sector-25, Panchkula.

... Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer,** 

O/o Chief Administrator, GMADA, Mohali.

**First Appellate Authority,** O/o Chief Administrator, GMADA, Mohali.

...Respondent

# Appeal Case No. 4364 of 2019

## PRESENT: None for the Appellant None for the Respondent

## ORDER:

The appellant through RTI application dated 25.05.2019 has sought information regarding approval for floating of scheme for allotment of residential plots in IT city under 753 plot scheme of GMADA and other information concerning the office of Chief Administrator, GMADA Mohali. The appellant was not provided the information after which the appellant filed first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 25.07.2019 which took no decision on the appeal.

Both the parties are absent. In the interest of justice, one more opportunity is given and the case is adjourned.

To come up for further hearing on 06.05.2020 at 11.00 AM.

Sd/-

Chandigarh Dated 12.03.2020

Sh Ramandeep Singh, Ward NO-18, Street NO-2, Kartar Nagar, Amloh Road, Khanna.

Versus

## **Public Information Officer,**

O/o Chief Electrical Inspector to Govt Pb, Punjab Electrical Inspectorate, Near Khalsa College, Patiala.

## First Appellate Authority,

O/o Chief Electrical Inspector to Govt Pb, Punjab Electrical Inspectorate, Near Khalsa College, Patiala.

...Respondent

## Appeal Case No. 4372 of 2019

### PRESENT: None for the Appellant Sh.Darshan Singh, Xen for the Respondent

### ORDER:

The appellant through RTI application dated 11.08.2019 has sought information regarding rule, regulation, notification for obtaining license for being a electrical contractor of A class – documents alongwith fee, receipts of Rohit Kumar who has been granted license of A class and other information concerning the office of Punjab Electrical Inspectorate, Near Khalsa College, Patiala. The appellant was not provided the information after which the appellant filed first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 25.09.2019 which took no decision on the appeal.

The respondent present pleaded that the information has been supplied to the appellant vide letter dated 09.09.2019 and again on 14.10.2019 and a copy of the same submitted to the Commission. The appellant vide email has informed that he has received the information and his appeal case may be closed.

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

Chandigarh Dated 12.03.2020 Sd/-(Khushwant Singh) State Information Commissioner



... Appellant



Sh Sarabjeet Singh Gill, H NO-60-35-P-376-1,Street No-8, Maha Singh Nagar, P.O Dhandari Kalan, Ludhiana.

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o GLADA, Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Addl Chief Administrator, GLADA, Ludhiana.

...Respondent

## Appeal Case No. 4378 of 2019

## PRESENT: None for the Appellant Sh.Santosh Kumar Bains, PIO for the Respondent

## ORDER:

The appellant through RTI application dated 15.07.2019 has sought information regarding action taken on complaint diary No.3102 of 04.07.2019 – marriage palaces and other information concerning the office of GLADA Ludhiana. The appellant was not provided the information after which the appellant filed first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 16.08.2019 which took no decision on the appeal.

The respondent present informed that the information has been supplied to the appellant vide letter dated 04.03.2020 and a copy of the same submitted to the commission. The appellant is absent and vide email has informed that the information is incomplete.

Having gone through the RTI application, the Commission observes that the RTI application is illegible and is comprehensible. However, the Commission went through the application, matched it with the information that has been provided to the appellant and observed that the RTI application has been sufficiently replied and the information has been provided to the best possible extent.

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

Chandigarh Dated 12.03.2020



Sh Diyal Singh, S/o Sh Balwant Singh, R/o Village chak Bazida, Tehsil Jalalabad, Distt Fazilka.

... Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer,** O/o Tehsildar, Jalalabad.

**First Appellate Authority,** O/o SDM, Jalalabad

...Respondent

# Appeal Case No. 4385 of 2019

## PRESENT: None for the Appellant None for the Respondent

### ORDER:

The appellant through RTI application dated 11.07.2019 has sought information regarding murabba No.56 Kila No.16-25 Chak Bajida Tehsil Jalalabad and other information concerning the office of Tehsildar Jalalabad. The appellant was not provided the information after which the appellant filed first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 11.09.2019 which took no decision on the appeal.

The Commission has received an email from the PIO stating that the information has been supplied to the appellant vide letter dated 20.12.2019 and a copy of the same submitted to the Commission. The PIO has also enclosed a letter of the appellant vide which the appellant has informed that he has received the information and his appeal case be closed.

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

Chandigarh Dated 12.03.2020



Sh Aman Kumar Jain, S/o Sh Bhagwan Dass, R/o H NO-2164, Lakar Mandi, Abohar, Distt Fazilka.

... Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer,** O/o Tehsildar, Abohar, Distt Fazilka.

**First Appellate Authority,** O/o SDM, Abohar, Distt Fazilka.

...Respondent

# Appeal Case No. 4425 of 2019

## PRESENT: Sh.Aman Kumar as the Appellant None for the Respondent

## ORDER:

The appellant through RTI application dated 30.08.2019 has sought information regarding Rapat No.371 dated 23.10.2019, Rapat No.1051 dated 03.07.2019 and mutation No.30752 dated 06.06.2019 and other information concerning the office of Tehsildar Abohar The appellant was not satisfied with the reply of the PIO dated 24.09.2019 after which the appellant filed first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 09.10.2019 which took no decision on the appeal.

The respondent is absent. The Commission has received a letter diary No.4004 on 28.02.2020 from the PIO stating that the information has been provided to the appellant vide letter dated 24.09.2019. The appellant is not satisfied and stated that he has received information only on points-1 & 2. Regarding point-3, the PIO has not provided the vasika number of the transfer deed. The PIO has also not provided the website of the department.

The PIO is directed to provide the following information to the appellant:

- Point-3 To provide vasika number and date of the transfer deed
- Point-4&5 To provide website of the department and appropriately answer point-5

To come up for further hearing on **05.05.2020 at 11.00 AM** through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Fazilka. Copies of order be sent to both the parties through registered post.

Chandigarh Dated 12.03.2020



Sh Aman Kumar Jain, S/o Sh Bhagwan Dass, R/o H NO-2164, Lakar Mandi, Abohar, Distt Fazilka.

... Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer,** O/o Tehsildar, Abohar, Distt Fazilka.

**First Appellate Authority,** O/o SDM, Abohar, Distt Fazilka.

...Respondent

# Appeal Case No. 4426 of 2019

### PRESENT: Sh.Aman Kumar as the Appellant None for the Respondent

### ORDER:

The appellant through RTI application dated 30.08.2019 has sought information regarding attachment and stay of property as per DRT Chandigarh – case No.725 of 2000 – copy of register in which the said order were entered and other information concerning the office of Tehsildar Abohar. The appellant was not satisfied with the reply of the PIO dated 03.09.2019 vide which the appellant was asked to clarify number and date on which the application was submitted in the office of Tehsildar Abohar, after which the appellant filed first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 09.10.2019 which took no decision on the appeal.

The appellant pleaded that they have already mentioned the date and number of the application in the RTI application but the PIO has not provided the information.

The PIO is directed to relook at the RTI application and provide appropriate information to the appellant within 15 days.

To come up for further hearing on **05.05.2020 at 11.00 AM** through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Fazilka. Copies of order be sent to both the parties through registered post.

Chandigarh Dated 12.03.2020



Sh Gurmel Singh Nahar, Forth Floor, Near Public Lift, Court Complex, Ludhiana.

Versus

... Appellant

**Public Information Officer,** 

O/o Assistant, EO, GLADA, Ludhiana.

**First Appellate Authority,** O/o Assistant, EO, GLADA, Ludhiana.

...Respondent

# Appeal Case No. 4427 of 2019

### PRESENT: None for the Appellant Sh.Santosh Kumar Bains, PIO for the Respondent

## ORDER:

The appellant through RTI application dated 09.09.2019 has sought information regarding area approved for rehri farhi by GLADA behind Green Land School and other information concerning the office of Assistant EO GLADA Ludhiana. The appellant was not provided the information after which the appellant filed first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 10.10.2019 which took no decision on the appeal.

The respondent present pleaded that the reply was sent to the appellant vide letter dated 25.10.2019. However, the appellant was not satisfied and filed appeal in the Commission. The respondent further informed that during the period from RTI application till the date of hearing, an unapproved plan has been created which has been sent to the appellant vide letter dated 04.03.2020. A copy of reply is submitted to the Commission.

The appellant is absent. Having gone through the reply, the Commission finds that the RTI application has been sufficiently replied and no further course of action is required. A copy of the reply is being sent alongwith the order for the appellant.

The case is disposed off and closed.

Chandigarh Dated 12.03.2020



Sh Gagandeep Singh Threeke, SCO-26, Shant Park, Main Sua Road, Threeke, Ludhiana.

... Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer,** O/o GLADA, Ludhiana.

**First Appellate Authority,** O/o Chief Administrator, GLADA, Ludhiana.

...Respondent

# Appeal Case No. 4433 of 2019

### PRESENT: Sh.Gagandeep Singh as the Appellant Sh.Santosh Kumar Bains, PIO for the Respondent

## ORDER:

The appellant through RTI application dated 30.07.2019 has sought information regarding colony set up under khasra numbers 3238, 396, 363, 357, 364, 326, 327 as per jamabandi 2012-2013 and other information concerning the office of Chief Administrator, GLADA Ludhiana. The appellant was not provided the information after which the appellant filed first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 05.09.2019 which took no decision on the appeal. After filing first appeal, the PIO asked the appellant vide letter dated 18.09.2019 to clarify the colony, name of applicant and documents.

The respondent present pleaded that the information has been provided to the appellant vide letter dated 03.03.2020 and a copy of the same is submitted to the Commission. The appellant is not satisfied and wants this information on an affidavit.

The PIO is directed to send the information on an affidavit.

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

Chandigarh Dated 12.03.2020



Sh Sukhchain Singh, s/o Sh Gurcharan Singh, Patti Mahian, Opp Water Tanki, VPO Bhawanigarh, Distt Sangrur.

... Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer,** O/o Punjab Pollution Cntrol Board, Patiala.

**First Appellate Authority,** O/o Punjab Pollution Control Board, Patiala.

...Respondent

# Appeal Case No. 4435 of 2019

## PRESENT: Sh.Baljinder Singh for the Appellant None for the Respondent

## ORDER:

The appellant through RTI application dated 31.07.2019 has sought information regarding notice No.1701 dated 02.04.2019 against Heritage Public School, Rampura Bhawanigarh and other information concerning the office of Punjab Pollution Control Board, Patiala. The appellant was not provided the information after which the appellant filed first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 14.09.2019 which took no decision on the appeal.

The appellant claims that the PIO has not provided the information. The respondent is absent. The PIO is directed to provide whatever action has been taken on the complaint of the appellant.

The case is adjourned. To come up for further hearing on **11.05.2020 at 11.00 AM**.

Chandigarh Dated 12.03.2020

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

**Note:**Sh.Simarpreet Singh, JE appeared late and brought information. He was directed to send the information to the appellant through registered post. A copy of the information is being enclosed with the order for the appellant.



Smt. Renu Bala, W/o Sh. Davinder Kumar, H No-7, Chotta Chowk, Malerkotla..

Versus

... Appellant

...Respondent

**Public Information Officer,** Principal, S.A Jain High School, Malerkotla.

First Appellate Authority, DEO (SE),

Sangrur

Appeal Case No. 1747 of 2018

Present: Renu Bala as the Appellant Sh.Imran Farooqi, Advocate for Management Committee, SA Jain High School and Sh.Shiv Kumar, Junior Assistant O/o DEO(SE) Sangrur for the Respondent

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

The case was first heard on **30.08.2018**: The respondent was absent and has sought adjournment due to hearing before the Educational Tribunal in another case. The PIO was directed to provide the information to the appellant within 15 and explain the reasons for not responding to the RTI application within time prescribed under the RTI Act.

The case was again heard on **09.10.2018.** Sh.Varinder Singh, PIO appeared and pleaded that the information is with the Management Committee and the appellant has been informed vide letter dated 18.04.2018. The PIO was directed to procure the information from the Management Committee and send the same to the appellant within 15 days.

The case again came up for hearing on **21.11.2018.** The counsel present on behalf of the respondent sought adjournment and assured to provide the information before the next date of hearing.

The case was further heard on **15.01.2019.** The respondent was absent and vide email had sought exemption for personal appearance on medical grounds. The appellant was also absent.

The case was again heard on **11.03.2019.** The appellant informed that no information had been provided by the PIO. The respondent was absent. The PIO was issued **a show cause notice under section 20 of the RTI Act** and the PIO was directed to file reply on an affidavit. The PIO-Principal, S.A.Jain High School, Malerkotla was also directed to provide the information within 10 days and appear before the Commission on the next date of hearing.

The Commission also observed that the since the school was an aided school and fell under the jurisdiction of DEO (SE), Sangrur, the PIO-DEO (SE) was also impleaded and directed to ensure compliance of the order of the Commission.

On the date of next hearing on **02.04.2019.** Sh.Imran Farooqi Advocate representing the respondent brought information and handed it over to the appellant. The appellant was not satisfied with the information and alleged that the copy of the attendance register, which was being handed to her was not a factual document and that the SA Jain High School management has tampered with the record to hide their discrepancies. The appellant pointed out that the register does not have her attendance, even though she has been paid a salary for that period where she has been marked absent, which itself is self-explanatory that the document is fudged.

#### Appeal Case No. 1747 of 2018

Having gone through the merits of the case and its history, it was clear that the information was delayed time and again in spite of the various orders of the commission which also proved the fact that the respondent was reluctant in sharing the information and kept dillydallying to part with the sought information. The pretext largely by the PIO to deny the information was based on the claim that the custody of the information was with the management of the school and it had to be procured from them to provide the information. Even though the commission found a grave error on the part of the PIO, it also observed that the designated PIO is a mere PT teacher in the school and cannot on his own, provide the information without the consent of the Management.

From the arguments, it was concluded that there is no point in pursuing the show cause against the PIO and hence, the show-cause against the PIO was dropped and the Commission declared the President of the management Committee as the deemed PIO and directed him to **show cause** why a maximum penalty should not be imposed on him for the reasons above. The President was directed to appear personally with his reasons on an affidavit.

Regarding the allegation by the appellant about the provided copies of the attendance register being fudged, the Commission directed the President of SA Jain High School to come with the original register from the period 01.01.2016 to 31.12.2016 and 01.01.2017 to 13.02.2018 to the commission, which will be corroborated with the record that must have been submitted to the District Education Officer's since it is a govt. aided school. The PIO-DEO Sangrur was directed to bring the original attendance record and all the relevant documents to the case, which were submitted by the school authorities at the next date of hearing.

On the next date of hearing which was held on **21.05.2019**, the PIO-DEO Sangrur sought exemption being on election duty. The PIO-Management Committee was absent. The Commission directed the PIO-President, SA Jain High School to be present at the next date of hearing alongwith the written reply on an affidavit as well as the original record, otherwise the Commission will be constrained to issue Warrants u/s 18(3) of the RTI Act. The PIO-DEO(SE) Sangrur was also directed to be present on the next date of hearing alongwith relevant record to the case.

The case was again heard on **17.07.2019.** The PIO was again absent. The PIO-President, S.A.Jain High School, Malerkotla was issued a bailable warrant through SSP Sangrur for his presence before the Commission on 23.10.2019. The PIO was also directed to provide the information within five days of receipt of this order The PIO-DEO (SE) Sangrur was also directed to be present alongwith the relevant record.

That on **23.10.2019**, the respondent was absent. The appellant informed that due to award of imprisonment to Sh.Ajay Kumar Jain by the Addl. Session Judge, Sangrur, the charge of Grant-in-aid of S.A.Jain High School, has been now given to the DEO(SE) Sangrur. The PIO-DEO(SE) was also absent. The Commission issued a show cause notice to the PIO-DEO(SE) Sangrur under section 20 of the RTI Act and directed reply to the show cause on an affidavit and be present personally on the next date of hearing alongwith relevant record.

On the last hearing which was held on **04.12.2019**, the police had not executed the bailable warrant against Krishan Kumar Jain, President of the Management Committee of SA Jain High School. However, Sh.Imran Farooqi advocate appeared on behalf of Management Committee of SA Jain High School and filed a reply which was taken on the file of the Commission. The case was adjourned after the counsel assured that the Management Committee will provide the attendance register duly certified by Varinder Singh, who is the official designated by the DEO Office, Sangrur to look after the affairs of the school. The appellant expressed satisfaction to that response. All parties, including PIO-DEO(SE) Sangrur were directed to be present.

### Hearing dated 12.03.2020:

Sh.Imran Farooqi, counsel for the Management Committee of SA Jain High School and Sh.Shiv Kumar, Junior Assistant O/o DEO(SE) are present. The appellant is also present. The counsel has brought the copy of attendance register duly signed by Varinder Singh, the official designated by the DEO Office, Sangrur to look after the affairs of the school which has been provided to the appellant. The appellant has received 29 pages information and is satisfied.

Information stands provided. Show cause is dropped.

However, in this case, the anomaly of the appellant getting a salary for the period where her attendance is not marked on the register still remains to be enquired. Under the powers vested in Section 18(2), I hereby direct the DEO(SE) to conduct a full-fledged enquiry into this case and submit an enquiry report to the Commission. Suitable action may also be taken after completion of enquiry.

A copy of this order is being marked to Sh.Krishan Kumar, Secretary, School Education for his perusal into the matter.

With the above observations and order, the case is disposed off and closed.

Chandigarh Dated: 12.03.2020 Sd/-(Khushwant Singh) State Information Commissioner

CC to :1. Sh.Krishan Kumar Jain, President, S.A. Jain High School, Malerkotla

- 2. PIO- DEO(SE) Sangrur
- 3. Sh.Krishan Kumar, Secretary, Department of School Education, Punjab, Chandigarh.
- 4. Senior Superintendent of Police, Sangrur