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Sh. Balwinder Singh S/o Sh. Banta Singh,  
Sh. Gurcharn Singh S/o Sh. Harnam Singh,  
R/o Village –Nidhana,  
Tehsil –Guruharsahai,  
District – Ferozepur.

.....Appellant  
**Vs**

Public Information Officer,  
-Cum- APO, MGNREGA,  
Block –Guruharsahai,  
District – Ferozepur.

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o Addl. Deputy Commissioner(D),  
Administrative Complex, Ferozepur. ....Respondents

**Appeal Case No. 4480 of 2019**  
(Video Conference Proceedings)

Present:- None on behalf of the parties.

## ORDER

The RTI application is dated 16.09.2019 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter called FAA) on 30.10.2019 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 03.12.2019 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter called RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today.

2. The appellant is absent but he has sent an letter dated 13.01.2020 through email stating that he has received the information to his satisfaction and further states that the instant case may be disposed of and closed.

3. In view of the written statement of appellant received through e-mail dated 13.01.2020, the present case is disposed of and closed as the appellant has received the information to his satisfaction and does not want to pursue the matter any further. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 13.01.2020.

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Sh. Jagdeep Singh S/o Sh. Dilbag Singh,  
R/o # 139, Street No. 2, (98141-07139)  
Upkar Nagar, Civil Lines, 141001  
Ludhiana.

.....Appellant  
**Vs**

Public Information Officer,  
O/o Executive Officer,  
Panchayat Samiti,  
Dorangla, 143520  
District – Gurdaspur.

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o District Development & Panchayat Officer,  
Mini Secretariat, Gurdaspur. ....Respondents

**Appeal Case No. 4477 of 2019**  
**(Video Conference Proceedings)**

Present:- Shri Jagdeep Singh, appellant, at Chandigarh (M.No.84373-60005).  
Shri Rashpal Singh, Superintendent (Rural Development) o/o BDPO, Darangla,  
on behalf of the respondents (98141-07139).

## ORDER

The RTI application is dated 07.08.2019 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter called FAA) on 03.10.2019 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 03.12.2019 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter called RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today.

2. The representative of the respondents states that complete information has been provided to the appellant, whereas the appellant states that partial information has been provided to him, which is unauthenticated.

3. The matter regarding supply of information is discussed pointwise with both the parties. On discussion, it is found that information regarding points at Sr. No.1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 9 and 11 has been provided to the satisfaction of the appellant but without authentication. It is further found that no information concerning points at Sr. No.5, 6, 8 and 10 has been provided to the appellant. The appellant is advised to inspect the concerned record and get the copies of the documents after identification on the spot before the next date of hearing.

4. To come up on 30.1.2020 at 3.00 P.M. to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Gurdaspur.

Dated: 13.01.2020.

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Sh. Sarbjeet Singh S/o Sh. Subhash Kumar,  
Dainik Jagran Office, # 662, 1st Floor,  
Kastoori Lal Wali Gali,  
Near Ganesh Computers, Bathinda Road, Sri Muktsar Sahib.....Appellant  
**Vs**

Public Information Officer,  
O/o Block Development & Panchayat Officer,  
Sri Mukatsar Sahib.

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o District Development & Panchayat Officer,  
Mini Secretariat, Sri Mukatsar Sahib. .... Respondents

## **Appeal Case No. 4488 of 2019** **(Video Conference Proceedings)**

Present:- Shri Sarabjit Singh, appellant.  
Shri Charanjit Singh, Village Development Organizer, on behalf of the  
respondents.

### ORDER

The RTI application is dated 03.04.2019 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter called FAA) on 05.08.2019 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 03.12.2019 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter called RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today.

2. The appellant states that no information has been received by him till date.
3. The representative of the respondents states that the appellant has sought voluminous information concerning 97 villages and 30 Panchayats Secretaries have to supply the information.
4. From the foregoing discussion, it must be held that the appellant erred in approaching the Block Development and Panchayats Officer, Sri Mukatsar Sahib as Head of Sri Mukatsar Sahib Block, for seeking information from various public authorities on the pretext that these public authorities are subordinate to the BDPO Sri Mukatsar Sahib. The appellant was required under Section 6(1) (a) to approach the PIO of the concerned public authority, which holds or controls the information, which in

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the present case would mean the PIOs. On asking, the appellant was not able to establish any public interest in the information being sought for by him. Consequently, it must be held that the PIO of the office of Block Development and Panchayats Officer is under no legal obligation to collect, collate and supply information to the appellant from other public authorities. Of course, it goes without saying that PIO of the office of Block Development and Panchayats Officer, Sri Mukatsar Sahib is obligated to provide the information pertaining to the office of Block Development and Panchayats Officer, Sri Mukatsar Sahib. The appellant is advised to submit public interest in seeking the information from 97 villages. Each Sarpanch of the concerned panchayat is Public Information Officer. The appellant is advised to file fresh application for seeking information from the concerned PIO who is the custodian of the record.

5. To come up on 27.01.2020 at 3.00 P.M. through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Sri Mukatsar Sahib..

Dated: 13.01.2020.

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Sh. Baljinder Singh S/o Sh. Resham Singh,  
R/o Village –Rameana, (98769-34303)  
Tehsil –Jaito, District – Faridkot.

.....Appellant

Vs

Shri Harpinder Singh,  
Gram Rozgar Sewak (MANREGA)  
O/O Block Development and Panchayats Officer,  
Jaiton, District Faridkot.

Public Information Officer,  
O/o Block Development & Panchayats Officer,  
Block –Jaito, District – Faridkot.

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o District Development & Panchayats Officer,  
Mini Secretariat, Faridkot.

.....Respondents

**Appeal Case No. 4466 of 2019**  
(Video Conference Proceedings)

Present:- Shri Shamsheer Singh on behalf of the appellant.  
Shri Jagtar Singh, Panchayat Secretary, on behalf of the respondents.

## ORDER

The RTI application is dated 13.03.2019 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter called FAA) on 18.09.2019 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 03.12.2019 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter called RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today.

2. The appellant states that no information has been received by him till date.

3. The representative of the respondents states that information sought for by the appellant relates to MANGREGA and Shri Harpinder Singh, GRS (M.No.9501200435) is the custodian of the record.

4. After hearing both the parties and going through the record available on the case file, it is revealed that information sought for by the appellant relates to MANREGA, which is to be supplied by Shri Harpinder Singh, GRS, MANREGA. The present representative of the respondents is directed to transfer application for seeking information to the abovesaid GRS for supplying the information to the appellant under Section 6(3) of the RTI Act, 2005. Shri Harpinder Singh, GRS is impleaded as a necessary party with the direction to supply the information pertaining to MANREGA, if not available on the website. If the information is available on the website, then the appellant may be informed about website on which the requisite information is available, before the next date of hearing.

5. To come up on 30.1.2020 at 3.00 P.M. to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Faridkot

Dated: 13.01.2020.

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Sh. Chamkaur Singh S/o Sh. Gurdeep Singh,  
R/o Village –Rameana, (9478800039)  
Tehsil –Jaito, District – Faridkot.

.....Appellant

**Vs**

Public Information Officer,  
O/o Block Development & Panchayat Officer,  
Block –Jaito, District – Faridkot.

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o District Development & Panchayat Officer,  
Mini Secretariat, Faridkot.

.....Respondents

**Appeal Case No. 4465 of 2019**  
(Video Conference Proceeding)

Present:- Shri Chamkaur Singh appellant.  
Shri Jagtar Singh, Panchayat Secretary, on behalf of the respondents.

## ORDER

The RTI application is dated 17.07.2019 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter called FAA) on 18.09.2019 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 03.12.2019 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter called RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today.

2. The appellant states that no information has been provided to him till date. On the other hand, the respondent-PIO states that complete information has been sent to the appellant through registered post.

3. After hearing both the parties, it is ascertained that information has been sent to the appellant through registered post, which is in transit. The respondent-PIO is directed to hand over one more copy of the information during the hearing, said to have been sent to the appellant through registered post. The appellant is advised to go through the same and revert back to the authorities in case of deficiencies in the information before the next date of hearing.

4. To come up on 30.01.2020 at 3.00 P.M. to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Faridkot.

Dated: 13.01.2020.

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Sh. Rachhpal Singh Sandhu S/o Sh. Malkit Singh,  
R/o H No. 1896, Street No. 1, (98556-95755)  
Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar,  
Kacha Dosanj Road, Moga-142001

.....Appellant

**Vs**

Public Information Officer,  
O/o Deputy Commissioner,  
Administrative Complex, Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o Deputy Commissioner,  
Administrative Complex, Ludhiana.

.....Respondents

**Appeal Case No. 4491 of 2019**  
(Video Conference Proceeding)

Present:- Shri Rachhpal Singh, appellant.  
Shri Ranjot Singh, Patwari, on behalf of the respondents.

## ORDER

The RTI application is dated 06.08.2019 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter called FAA) on 18.09.2019 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 03.12.2019 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter called RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today.

2. The appellant states that no information has been supplied to him till date.
3. The representative of the respondents states that as per his knowledge, no inquiry is pending against the present appellant. He further states that one inquiry was pending which was finalized and filed since long.
4. After hearing both the parties and going through the record available on the case file, it is revealed that as per version of the representative of the respondents, no inquiry is pending against the present appellant. The respondents are directed to get the record inspected from the appellant and provide copies of the documents on identification on the spot before the next date of hearing.
5. To come up on 27.01.2020 at 3.00 P.M. to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana.

Dated: 13.01.2020.

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Sh. Jogi Ram S/o Sh. Nathuni Ram,(94635 26517)

R/o H No. 2, Manmohan Nagar,

New Aman Nagar Extention,

Near Makkar Chaki, Bahadar ke Road,

PO –Netaji Nagar, Salem Tabri, Ludhiana.

.....Appellant

**Vs**

Public Information Officer,

O/o District Revenue Officer,

Administrative Complex, Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Deputy Commissioner,

Administrative Complex,

Ferozepur Road, Ludhiana.

..... Respondents

**Appeal Case No. 4058 of 2019**

(Video Conference Proceeding)

Present:- None on behalf of the appellant.

Shri Ranjit Singh, Patwari, SK Branch on behalf of the respondents.

## ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 06.01.2020 vide which the respondents were directed to supply information concerning points at Sr. No. 2 to 4 before the next date of hearing.

2. The appellant is absent but he has sent letter dated 13.01.2020 stating that due to heavy rain, he is unable to attend the hearing and one adjournment may be given without intimation.

3. The representative of the respondents states that in compliance to the previous order dated 06.01.2020, he sent in writing that the application was directly forwarded without any noting alongwith a copy of Intqal. He further states that the appellant is seeking copy of Rozanamacha from 1.3.2019 to date which relates to third party. The information-seeker may be advised to seek specific information with regard to Rozanamacha Register and no instruction regarding engaging private persons are available in their record.

4. After hearing the representative of the respondents, he is directed to send the above version, in writing, to the appellant, who is advised to go through the same and revert back to the authorities in case of deficiencies in the information within 10 days from today. The respondents are directed to remove the same on its receipt from the appellant before the next date of hearing.

5. To come up on 27.01.2020 at 3.00 P.M. to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana.

Dated :13.01.2020

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Sh. Ravi Parkash Gupta,  
R/o H.No. 738, Sector-41- A,  
Chandigarh.

.....Appellant

**Vs**

Public Information Officer,  
O/o Principal Secretary to Govt. of Punjab,  
Deptt. of Finance,  
Pb. Civil Secretariat- 1, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o Principal Secretary to Govt. of Punjab,  
Deptt. of Finance,  
Pb. Civil Secretariat- 1, Chandigarh.

Public Information Officer  
o/o Additional Chief Secretary to Govt. of Punjab,  
Departments of Animal Husbandry, Fisheries and Dairy Development,  
Punjab Civil Secretariat-2, Chandigarh.

.....Respondents

## **Appeal Case .No. 2697 of 2019**

Present:- Shri Rajesh Gupta on behalf of the appellant.  
None on behalf of the respondents.

### ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 18.12.2019, in which it is mentioned that PIO/Additional Chief Secretary to Government of Punjab, Department of Animal Husbandry, Fisheries and Dairy Development, Chandigarh was impleaded as a necessary party with the direction to take appropriate action regarding points at Sr. No. 1 to 4, 5(i), 7 and 8 and intimate the appellant regarding action taken before the next date of hearing and the case was adjourned to 13.01.2020.

2. The representative of the appellant states that no information has been received by him till date.

3. Today none is present on behalf of the respondents.

4. Last opportunity is afforded to the PIO/Additional Chief Secretary to Govt. of Punjab, Department of Animal Husbandry, Fisheries and Dairy Development, Punjab, Chandigarh to take appropriate action as per direction given in the previous order dated 18.12.2019 and intimate the appellant regarding action taken with a copy to the Commission before the next date of hearing.

4. To Come up on 27.01.2020 at 11.00 A.M.

Dated: 13 01.2020

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Chief Information Commissioner  
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Sh. Mitter Sain Meet,  
R/o # 297, (98556-31777)  
Street No. 5, Upkar Nagar,  
Civil Lines, District –Ludhiana.

.....Complainant

**Vs**

Public Information Officer,  
O/o Financial Commissioner(Appeal-1),  
Punjab Civil Secretariat -2,  
Sector-9, Chandigarh.

PIO/Deputy Commissioner,  
District Administrative Complex,  
Shahid Bhagat Singh Nagar.

.....Respondents

**Complaint Case No. 1040 of 2019**

Present:- None on behalf of the complainant.

Shri Darshan Singh, Senior Assistant alongwith Ms. Sapna Goyal, clerk,  
on behalf of the respondent-PIO.

## ORDER

The RTI application is dated 04.11.2019 vide which the complainant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. Complaint was filed in the Commission on 26.11.2019 under Section 18 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter called RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today.

2. The complainant is absent but he has sent an application dated 08.01.2020 stating that he may be exempted from appearance due to Lohri of his grandson.

3. The representatives of the respondent-PIO place a copy of their reply which has been sent to the complainant also on 7.1.2020, which might have been received by him. After the receipt of the reply, no response has been received in their office. He further states that Tehsildar is the competent authority to take action on complainant's application dated 4.11.2019.

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**Complaint Case No. 1040 of 2019**

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4. After hearing the representative of the respondents and going through the record available on the case file, it is ascertained that application of the complainant was forwarded by the present respondent-PIO to office of the Deputy Commissioner, SBS Nagar vide their letter dated 25.10.2019. The present respondent-PIO sent detailed reply to the complainant vide their letter dated 7.1.2020. Regarding point at Sr. No.1, the action taken report has been intimated and regarding point at Sr. No.2, PIO o/o the Deputy Commissioner, SBS Nagar is directed to supply the information regarding ਇਸ ਪੱਤਰ ਨਾਲ ਸੰਬੰਧਤ ਹਰ ਸਾਰੀ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ ਅਤੇ ਅਧਿਕਾਰੀਆਂ ਵਿਚਕਾਰ ਹੋਏ ਚਿੱਠੀ ਪੱਤਰ ਦੀਆਂ ਨਕਲਾਂ before the next date of hearing.

5. To come up on 27.01.2020 at 3.00 P.M. through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Shahid Bhagat Singh Nagar.

Dated: 13.01.2020.

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Sh. Nirmal Singh Dhiman  
S/o Late Sh. Gurbax Singh,  
R/o House No. 895, Phase –11,  
District – SAS Nagar.

.....Appellant

**Vs**

Public Information Officer,  
O/o Financial Commissioner, Revenue,  
Administration -1 Branch,  
Punjab Civil Secretariat,  
Sector-1, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o Financial Commissioner, Revenue,  
Punjab Civil Secretariat,  
Sector-1, Chandigarh.

.....Respondents

## **Appeal Case No. 4500 of 2019**

Present:- Shri Nirmal Singh Dhiman, appellant in person.

Shri Jaswinder Singh, Superintendent Grade-1-cum PIO on behalf of the respondents.

### ORDER

The RTI application is dated 25.06.2019 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter called FAA) on 05.08.2019 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 04.12.2019 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter called RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today.

2. The appellant states that he has not received information till date.

3. The respondent-PIO hands over information to the appellant during the hearing. The appellant is advised to go through the same and revert back to the authorities, in case of deficiencies in the information, so provided to him during the proceedings and send public interest involved in seeking the information before the next date of hearing.

4. To come up on 27.01.2020 at 11.00 A.M.

Dated: 13.01.2020.

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Sh. Sohan Lal Astt. Engineer(Retd.),  
R/o House No. 677, MIG, (98144-01531)  
Phase –I, Urban Estate,  
District – Patiala.

.....Appellant

**Vs**

Public Information Officer,  
O/o Chief Engineer,  
Panchayati Raj, Public Work,  
Vikas Bhawan, Sector- 62,  
SAS Nagar.

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o Financial Commissioner,  
Rural Development & Panchayat, Pb,  
Vikas Bhawan, Sector- 62,  
SAS Nagar.

.....Respondents

## **Appeal Case No. 4490 of 2019**

Present:- Shri Sohan Lal Sharma, appellant in person.

Shri Jagjit Singh, Senior Assistant, on behalf of the respondents.

### ORDER

The RTI application is dated 17.07.2018 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter called FAA) on 15.01.2019 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 03.12.2019 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter called RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today.

2. The appellant states that no information has been supplied to him till date.

3. The representative of the respondents states that they wrote a letter dated 13.05.2019 to the appellant to deposit Rs.486/- with the respondents to get photocopies of 243 pages sought by him regarding point at Sr. No.4, which relates to their office. He further states that information sought by the appellant relates to various public authorities who have their own separate public information officer. As per his version, information may be available in the office of Financial Commissioner Rural Development and Panchayats regarding points at Sr. No.1, 2, 5, 8 and 9, information regarding points at Sr. No.3 may be available with the office of the Executive Engineer, Panchayati Raj, Mohali, regarding point at Sr. No.6 and 7 may be available with the

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office of the Superintending Engineer, Panchayati Raj, Mohali. and information regarding point at Sr. No. 10 may be available with Joint Development Commissioner (Narega) .

4. From the foregoing discussion, it must be held that the appellant erred in approaching the Chief Engineer, Panchayati Raj, Mohali as Head of Engineering Wing of Panchayati Raj, for seeking information from various public authorities on the pretext that these public authorities are subordinate to the Chief Engineer, Panchayati Raj, Mohali. The appellant was required under Section 6(1) (a) to approach the PIO of the concerned public authority, which holds or controls the information, which in the present case would mean the PIOs. On asking, the appellant was not able to establish any public interest in the information being sought for by him. Consequently, it must be held that the PIO of the office of Chief Engineer is under no legal obligation to collect, collate and supply information to the appellant from other public authorities. Of course, it goes without saying that PIO of the office of Chief Engineer, Panchayati Raj is obligated to provide the information pertaining to the office of Chief Engineer, Panchayati Raj, Mohali. The appellant is advised to inspect record available in the office of the present PIO on any working day and get copies of identified documents after depositing fee @ Rs.2/- per page before the next date of hearing.

5. To come up on 28.01.2020 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.

Dated: 13.01.2020.

Sd/-  
(Suresh Arora),  
Chief Information Commissioner,  
Punjab.