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APPEAL CASE NO. 1092 OF 2019

Shri Ravinder Singh Gill,(9417533942) H.No.986, Near Dev Hotel, Main Bazar, Moga.

...Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o Principal Secretary, Local Government, Punjab, Municipal Bhawan, Sector 35-A, Chandigarh.

Public Information Officer, O/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Moga.

First Appellate Authority, O/o Principal Secretary, Local Government, Punjab, Municipal Bhawan, Sector 35-A, Chandigarh.

...Respondents

PRESENT: Shri Ravinder Singh Gill the Appellant, in person.

Shri J. S. Dhanoa, Duperintendent-cum-PIO, Sh. Harjit Singh, Superintendent-cum-

PIO & Sh. Balwinder Pal, APIO, of LG-III on the behalf of the respondents.

ORDER:

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 09.01.2020.

- 2. The Appellant is present for today's hearing in the Commission and states that the remaining information is yet to be supplied by the Respondents.
- 3. Shri J. S. Dhanoa, Superintendent-cum-PIO, Sh. Harjit Singh, Superintendent –cum PIO & Sh. Balwinder Pal, APIO, of LG-III, appear on the behalf of the respondents along with the remaining information which is handed over to the appellant in the court.
- 4. The appellant after going through the provided information expresses his satisfaction with same and requests the court to close the case.
- 5. The sought for information stands supplied and hence, **the case is ordered to be closed and disposed**. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

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APPEAL CASE NO. 1622 OF 2019

Sh. Krishan Gopal Singla, S/o Sh. Brii Lal. Ward No. 16B/190, Sangrur Road, Tehsil Dhuri, District Sangrur.

...Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o Deputy Commissioner, Bathinda.

Public Information Officer, O/o Tehsildar. Bathinda.

First Appellate Authority, O/o Deputy Commissioner, Bathinda.

...Respondents

PRESENT: None on behalf of the Appellant.

Shri Sukhbir Singh Brar, Tehsildar-cum-PIO on behalf of the Respondents.

ORDER:

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This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 09.01.2020.

- The Appellant is absent for the 03rd time consecutively without any intimation to the 2. Commission.
- 3. Shri Sukhbir Singh Brar, Tehsildar-cum-PIO appears in the court and states that in pursuant to the previous order dated 09.01.2020 of the Commission, the sought for information has again been sent to the appellant by registered post vide letter No. 06/RTI dated 07.01.2020 endorsed to Commission. The letter & receipt of the Post Office is taken on record.
- On the perusal of case file it reveals that last and final opportunity was given to the appellant to appear in the court today i.e. 13.02.2020 to pursue his case but he failed to do so. It is assumed that he has received the demanded information and he might be satisfied with the same.
- Keeping the above in view, the appeal case is closed and disposed as the demanded information stands supplied to the appellant. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

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APPEAL CASE NO. 2624 OF 2019

Shri Preet Singh, S/o Shri Surmukh Singh, H. No. 1231/11, Ranjit Nagar, Near NRI Colony, Randhawa Road, Kharar, District S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali).

...Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o Chairman Water Supply, Gram Panchayat Village Balongi, S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali).

First Appellate Authority,

O/o XEN/Executive Engineer, Water Supply and Sanitation Division No. 3, Phase-1, S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali).

...Respondents

PRESENT: Sh. Preet Singh, Appellant.

Smt. Bhinderjit Kaur, Chairman alongwith Advocate Narinder Singh Swaitch

for the Respondents.

ORDER:

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 09.01.2020.

- 2. Smt. Bhinderjit Kaur, Chairman, Water Supply, Gram Panchayat, Balongi, appears along with Advocate Narinder Singh Swaitch, submits an affidavit which is handed over to the appellant.
- 3. The appellant is present in the court and after going through the affidavit, he expresses his satisfaction and requests the court to close the case.
- 4. The information stands supplied and hence, **the case is closed and disposed**. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

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Smt. Bhinderjit Kaur

W/o Sh. Paramjit Singh, O/o Chairman Water Supply, Gram Panchayat Village Balongi Colony, S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali).

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APPEAL CASE NO. 2647 OF 2019

Smt. Rajni Gupta, W/o Shri Anurag Gupta, Chahrian Mohalla, Raja Ram Street, Sunam-148028 (Sangrur).

...Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o The Block Primary Education Officer, Block-I, Sunam, District Sangrur.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o The Block Primary Education Officer, Block-I, Sunam, District Sangrur.

...Respondents

PRESENT: None on behalf of the Appellant.

Shri Abhishek Jaidka, BPEO-cum-PIO, Block 1, Sunam.

ORDER:

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 09.01.2020.

- The Appellant is absent for the 04th time consecutively. She is directed to be present 2. in the court on the next date of hearing.
- 3. Shri Abhishek Jaidka, BPEO-cum-PIO is present in the court and states that he has joined at Sunam in October 2019 in place of Smt. Paramjit Kaur, who has been transferred from Sunam. He also brings information in the court to be handed over to the appellant but she is absent today. He is directed to again send the information by Registered Post to the appellant under intimation to the Commission. He is further directed to submit an affidavit in the court duly attested by the Notary regarding supply of information along with reply of the show cause notice on the next date of hearing.
- 4. The case is adjourned to 24.03.2020 at 11:30 AM. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-(Hem Inder Singh) State Information Commissioner

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> Mr. Abhishek Jaidka, B.P.E.O., O/o Block Primary Education Officer, Block-I, Sunam, District Sangrur.

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APPEAL CASE NO. 2725 OF 2019

Sh. Suresh Aggarwal S/o Sh.Prem Chand, House No. 2585/2A, Jagat Nagar, Basti Jodhewal, Ludhiana-141007

...Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Director, Local Government, Punjab, Municipal Bhawan, Sector 35-A,Chandigarh.

Public Information Officer

O/o Local Govt. Punjab Branch-1, Municipal Bhawan, Sector 35-A,Chandigarh.

Public Information Officer

O/o Local Govt. Punjab Branch-3, Municipal Bhawan, Sector 35-A,Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Director, Local Government, Punjab, Municipal Bhawan, Sector 35-A,Chandigarh.

...Respondents

<u>PRESENT:</u> Noone on behalf of the Appellant.

Shri Jasbir S. Dhanoa, Superintendent-cum-PIO, LG-III, Shri Harjit Singh, Superintendent-cum-PIO and Shri Balwinder Pal, APIO of LG-Ion behalf of Respondents.

ORDER:

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 09.01.2020.

- 2. Shri Jasbir S. Dhanoa, Superintendent-cum-PIO, LG-III, Shri Harjit Singh, Superintendent-cum-PIO and Shri Balwinder Pal, APIO of LG-I, appear on behalf of Respondents and state that the sought information in respect of Point No.1 & 2 relating to LG-I and LG-III, has already been sent to the appellant by registered post on dated 15.05.2019. But they failed to show the Post Office Receipt vide which the information has been supplied in the court. Therefore, the Respondent-PIOs of LG-I & III are directed to produce the PO receipt on the next date of hearing. For information relating to point No.3,4,5&6 they have endorsed a letter No.LG-III-JS-DLG/19113-19114, dated 01.05.2020 to Shri Suresh Kumar Aggarwal, the appellant, Ludhiana that he may file different RTIs to different PIOs of MCs and villages as the same information is available with them not with the DLG at Chandigarh. The letter is taken on record.
- 3. Both the above said PIOs of LG-I and III submit reply/explanation of the show cause notices issued to them and decision on the same shall be taken on the next date of hearing.

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- 4. The appellant is absent for today's hearing. He is directed to be present in the court on the next date of hearing failing which the case will be decided in his absence.
- 5. The case is adjourned to **25.03.2020 at 11:30 AM**. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

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Sh. Harjit Singh, Superintendent –cum- PIO, O/o Local Govt. Punjab Branch-1, Municipal Bhawan, Sector 35-A,Chandigarh.

Sh. Jasbir Singh Dhanoa, Superintendent –cum- PIO, O/o Local Govt. Punjab Branch-3, Municipal Bhawan, Sector 35-A,Chandigarh.

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APPEAL CASE NO. 2999 OF 2019
Alongwith
APPEAL CASE NO. 3576 OF 2019

Versus

Shri Pardeep Singh, S/o Shri Jagmel Singh, Ward No.9, Near Vishavkarma Gurdwara, SARDULGARH, District Mansa-151507

... Appellant

Public Information Officer

O/o Director Public Instructions (EE), PSEB Complex, Block 'E', SAS Nagar (Mohali).

First Appellate Authority

O/o Director Public Instructions (EE), PSEB Complex, Block 'E', SAS Nagar (Mohali).

...Respondents

PRESENT: Shri Pardeep Singh, Appellant.

Smt. Renu Mehta, Assistant Director-cum-PIO, O/o DPI(Secy) and Ravinder Singh,

Sr. Assistant, on behalf of the Respondents

ORDER:

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 09.01.2020.

- 2. Smt. Renu Mehta, Assistant Director-cum-PIO, O/o DPI(Secy) appears in the court alongwith Affidavit which is handed over to the Appellant. Copy of the affidavit is retained in the case file.
- 3. The Appellant is present in the court and after going through the affidavit he expresses his satisfaction and requests the court to close the case.
- 4. The information stands supplied and hence, the case is closed and disposed. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/Chandigarh (Hem Inder Singh)
13.02.2020 State Information Commissioner

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Smt. Renu Mehta, Assistant Director-cum-PIO, Establishment (Amla-2), O/o Director Public Instructions (Secy.), PSEB Complex, Block 'E', SAS Nagar (Mohali).

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APPEAL CASE NO. 3577 OF 2019

Versus

Shri Pardeep Singh, S/o Shri Jagmel Singh, Ward No.9, Near Vishavkarama Gurdwara, Sardulgarh, District Mansa.

...Appellant

Public Information Officer

O/o The Director, Rural Development & Panchayat Department, Vikas Bhawan, Sector-62, SAS Nagar (Mohali).

First Appellate Authority

O/o The Director, Rural Development & Panchayat Department, Vikas Bhawan, Sector-62, SAS Nagar (Mohali).

...Respondents

PRESENT: Shri Pardeep Singh, Appellant.

None on behalf of the Respondents.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 09.01.2020.

- 2. The Appellant states that no information has been supplied to him by the Respondents till date.
- 3. Today none is present on behalf of respondents and Respondent PIO was also absent on 04.12.2019 and 09.01.2020. Therefore, viewing the defying attitude of PIO of office of the Director, Rural Development and Panchayat Department, Vikas Bhawan, Sector 62, SAS Nagarr, a Show Cause notice under Section 20(1) of the RTI Act, 2005, is issued to him(By Name) to explain reasons through a duly attested affidavit as to why a penalty at the rate of Rs. 250/- per day, subject to a maximum of Rs. 25,000/- be not imposed upon him for the delay in the supply of information and also as to why a suitable compensation under Section 19 (8)(b) of the RTI Act, 2005, be not awarded to the complainant for the loss and detriment suffered by him. He is also afforded an opportunity of personal hearing on the next date of hearing, before taking any action.
- 4. The case is adjourned to **25.03.2020 at 11:30 AM**. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

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APPEAL CASE NO. 3080 OF 2019

Versus

Sh. Surjit Singh, H. No. 2999/76, Street No. 4, Guru Gobind Singh Nagar, Near Mair Di Chakki, P.O. Lohara, District Ludhiana.

...Appellant

Public Information Officer,

O/o Principal Secretary, Local Government, Punjab, Municipal Bhawan, Sector-35, Chandigarh.

Public Information Officer.

O/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Principal Secretary, Local Government, Punjab, Municipal Bhawan, Sector-35, Chandigarh.

...Respondents

PRESENT: None on behalf of the Appellant.

Ms. Manpreet Kaur, Building Inspector O/o the DLG Punjab, for the Respondents.

ORDER:

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 09.01.2020.

- 2. The Appellant is absent from today's hearing in the Commission and he was also absent on the last date of hearing i.e. 22.10.2019, 20.11.2019 and 09.01.2020.
- 3. Ms. Manpreet Kaur Building Inspector appears on behalf of the Respondents and submits copy of letter No.390/PIO/DRG-C/D. Dated 16.01.2020 written by ATP-cum-PIO, Zone-C, MC, Ludhiana to the appellant and endorsed to the SIC, Chandigarh wherein the appellant has been requested to visit their office on any working to inspect and identify the record and take the demanded information the spot. But till date the appellant has not visited their office for the same.
- 4. However, the Respondent PIO O/o Assistant Town Planner, Zone-C, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana is directed to be present in the court along with the demanded information on the next date of hearing failing which the Commission shall be constrained to issue Show Cause Notice to him under the provisions of the RTI Act 2005.
- 5. One more opportunity is given to the Appellant to follow up his case in the Commission, failing which decision shall be taken in his absence.

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6. The case is adjourned to **25.03.2020 at 11:30 AM**. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/Chandigarh
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Assistant Town Planner,
Town Planning Wing

O/o Local Government, Punjab Municipal Bhawan, Sector-35, Chandigarh.

2) Sh. Satish Kumar,

PIO –cum - Assistant Town Planner, Zone-C, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana.

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APPEAL CASE NO. 3613 OF 2018

Versus

Shri Jaswinder Singh, 22, Flower Dale Colony, Barewal Road,Ludhiana.

...Appellant

Public Information Officer.

O/o Executive Engineer, Water Supply & Sanitation Division No. 1, Gurdaspur.

Public Information Officer, O/o Executive Engineer, Water Supply & Sanitation Division No. 2, Gurdaspur.

First Appellate Authority, O/o Superintending Engineer, Water Supply & Sanitation Circle, Gurdaspur.

...Respondents

PRESENT: Sh. Jaswinder Singh, Appellant.

Sh. Jagjit Singh, SDE, on behalf of the Respondents.

ORDER:

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 09.01.2020.

- 2. Sh. Jagjit Singh, SDE appears on behalf of the Respondents along with a letter No.406, dated 12.02.2020 from the Respondent PIO (enclosing therein copy of FRI/Report) stating therein that due to misplacement of record of 2005-06, the demanded information cannot be supplied as the same was related to record of the year 2005-06 and FIR in this regard has been got registered with SSP Gurdaspur vide their office letter No.2506, dated 27.08.2019.
- 3. The case file is perused and it is observed that the Respondent-PIO has been ordered to pay compensation of Rs.3000/- (Rupees three thousand only) from the funds of the Public Authority by way of crossed cheque /demand draft to the appellant which the Respondent-PIO has not paid till date. He is once again directed to pay the compensation of Rs.3000/- (Rupees three thousand only) to the Appellant from the funds of the Public Authority by way of crossed cheque /demand draft within 10 days under intimation to the Commission.
- 4. Taking a lenient view one more opportunity is given to the Respondent PIO (Sh. Surinder Kumar Sharma, Executive Engineer -cum- PIO) to appear in person, on the next date of hearing alongwith an affidavit stating that the information as available in their office record has been provided to the Appellant which is complete, correct and duly authenticated, failing which strict action under Section 20(1) of the RTI Act, 2005 will be initiated against him.

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5. The Respondent - PIO O/o Executive Engineer, Water Supply & Sanitation Division No. 1, Gurdaspur is also directed to send a copy of Cheque/Demand Draft to the Commission to establish the fact that order of the Commission has been complied with.

6. The case is adjourned to **19.03.2020 at 11:30 AM**. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

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APPEAL CASE NO. 4056 of 2018

Shri Tarnjeet Singh, # 33, Adarsh Nagar, PO: Shahpur Kandi, Tehsil Dharalka, Distt. Pathankot.

...Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o Punjab Pollution Control Board, Batala.

First Appellate Authority, O/o Environment Engineer, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Focal Point, AMRITSAR.

...Respondents

PRESENT: None on behalf of the Appellant.

Sh. Sukhwant Singh, AE, on behalf of the Respondents.

ORDER:

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 09.01.2020.

- 2. Sh. Sukhwant Singh, AE, appears on behalf of the Respondents along with compensation DD No.133197, dated 06.02.2020 for an amount of Rs.2000/- in favour of the appellant Shri Taranjit Singh and affidavit from the Respondent-PIO to be handed over to the appellant but he is absent today.
- 4. The appellant is absent for today's hearing. He is at liberty to collect the DD of compensation and the affidavit from the Commission on any working day.
- 5. The information stands supplied and the Commission is not inclined to intervene further and hence, the case is closed and disposed.

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Sh. Harpal Singh, Environmental Engineer –cum- PIO, Regional Office, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Batala (Gurdaspur).

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COMPLAINT CASE NO. 977 OF 2019

Sh. Subhash Chander Kundra, Judge Advocate Pidit Organisation-JAPO, Ludhiana, Society For Fast Justice, # 1447, Sector-32-A, Chandigarh Road, Ludhiana.

Mo: 9872909200; 8872909200 Versus ...Complainant

Public Information Officer,

O/o District Education Officer, (EE), Ludhiana.

...Respondent

Present: Shri Subhash Chander Kundra, the Complainant, in person

None on behalf of the Respondents.

ORDER:

The Complainant is present in the court today and states that he has visited the office of the Respondents for inspection and identification of record but nobody has cooperated with him and no information has been supplied to him.

- 2. The Respondent-PIO is absent for the 02nd time consecutively. On the previous date of hearing the Respondent-PIO was directed to be present in the court on the next date of hearing i.e. today but Respondent-PIO is absent without bothering Commission's order.
- 3. The Commission takes a serious view of this lapse on the part of Respondent-PIO Smt. Harjinder Kaur, BPEO, Ludhiana for taking orders of the Commission in a casual manner and thus, denying the Complainant his legitimate right to get the sought for information. Therefore, viewing the delaying attitude of the respondent-PIO, a Show Cause Notice under Section 20(1) of the RTI Act 2005, is issued to him to explain the reasons through a duly attested affidavit as to why a penalty at the rate of Rs.250/- per day subject to maximum of Rs.25000/- be not imposed upon her for the delay in the supply of information. He is also afforded an opportunity of personal hearing on the next date of hearing before taking any action.
- 4. Adjourned and to come up on **26.03.2020** at **11.30AM**. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

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