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REGISTERED SHOW CAUSE NOTICE

Gurbax Singh,

S/o Phaga Singh, Mohalla Sath Rangran Di Sultanpur Lodhi, Kapurthala.

Versus

Public Information Officer, o/o Punjab State Warehousing Corporation, SCO 74-75, Bank Square, Sector-17, Chandigarh. First Appellate Authority, o/o Punjab State Warehousing Corporation, SCO 74-75, Bank Square, Sector-17, Chandigarh.

Appeal Case No. 3120 of 2022 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT: Gurbax Singh (Appellant) (Respondent) Absent

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **3.1.2022** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding loss of rice**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **26.3.2022** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **1.7.2022** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **13.9.2022**.

2. The respondent PIO is absent without intimation. This is despite the Notice of Hearing sent to him vide Commission's Letter No. 18456-58 Dated 8.8.2022. It is also notable that this RTI application was filed on 3.1.2022 and the respondent PIO has not sent any reply/information to the appellant until he filed the First Appeal. Following that, the PIO wrote to the appellant vide Letter No. 921 Dated 18.4.2022, asking him for the number of the Charge Report pertaining to the matter cited in the RTI application.

3. Notably, the appellant wrote back to the PIO on 23.4.2022, informing him that the said Charge Report was sent by the District Manager, Moga and details thereof should be sought from the office of District Manager, Moga. Following this, there has been no communication from the respondent PIO. The Commission deems it fit to serve the respondent PIO office of Punjab State Warehousing Corporation, Chandigarh, with this Show Cause Notice.

4. The respondent <u>PIO office of Punjab State Warehousing Corporation, Chandigarh,</u> 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 **3.1.2022**.

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"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.

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. <u>Next hearing on 26.10.2022 at 11.30 am at Punjab State Information Commission, Red</u> <u>Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.</u>

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

Chandigarh 13.9.2022

Cc: Punjab State Warehousing Corporation, Chandigarh, for information and further necessary action.

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REGISTERED SHOW CAUSE NOTICE

Bimla Devi,

W/o Late Sh Girdhari Lal, #B-484, St. No.2/7A, Guru Nagar Colony, Kharar, Mohali.

Versus

Public Information Officer, o/o EO Municipal Council, Nabha,Distt. Patiala. First Appellate Authority, o/o Additional Deputy Commissioner (UD), Patiala.

Appeal Case No. 3069 of 2022 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT: (Appellant) Absent (Respondent) Absent

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **7.3.2022** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding complaint on PGRS Portal**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **18.4.2022** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **30.6.2022** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **13.9.2022**.

2. Both parties are absent. While the appellant has made a detailed written submission, on 27.8.2022. The respondent PIO is absent without intimation. This is despite the directions given to him by ADC (UD) Patiala vide Letter No. 8812 Dated 30.8.2022. The PIO has also not deemed it fit to submit a reply to this Commission's Notice of Hearing Dated 8.8.2022. The Commission deems it fit to issue the respondent PIO with this Show Cause Notice.

3. The respondent <u>PIO-cum-EO, MC, Nabha, Patiala</u>, 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 **7.3.2022**.

"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.

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Appeal Case No. 3069 of 2022 (Video Conference Proceedings)

4. 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

5. <u>Next hearing on 10.11.2022 at 11.30 am at Punjab State Information Commission, Red</u> <u>Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.</u>

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

Chandigarh 13.9.2022

Cc: Additional Deputy Commissioner, UD, Patiala, for information and further necessary action.

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Gursewak Singh,

S/o Sh. Gurjant Singh, R/o Kakrala Bhawika, Tehsil Samana, Patiala.

Versus

Public Information Officer,

o/o Mandi Karan Board, Patiala.

Complaint Case No. 414 of 2022 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT: (Complainant) Absent Jasdeep Singh, SDO (for the Respondent) 97799-15524 Mandeep Singh, Deputy District Mandi Officer (for the Respondent) 98152-60721

ORDER:

1. The complainant, **Gursewak Singh**, filed this RTI application dated **1.4.2022** and sought information <u>regarding contract of roads</u>, from the PIO o/o **Punjab Mandi Karan Board**, **Patiala**. When no information was received, the Complainant ..filed a complaint under Section 18 of the RTI Act, 2005 to the Commission on **22.6.2022**. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **13.9.2022**.

2. The complainant is absent without intimation. As per a reply to the Commission's Notice of Hearing from the PIO vide Letter No. 203627 Dated 12.9.2022, the appellant visited the office of the XEN Civil, PMB, Patiala, and received the requested information. The complainant also signed a statement expressing his satisfaction with the information furnished. This is however, complaint case and the only question before this Commission to determine whether the months delay in furnishing the information is condonable or not.

3. The respondent PIO is hereby directed to submit a written explanation for the delay in addressing this RTI application within 10 days of receipt of this Order, following which the Commission will take an informed decision.

4. <u>Next hearing on 11.10.2022 at 11.30 am via Video Conference Faculty at DC Office,</u> <u>Patiala</u>.

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REGISTERED SHOW CAUSE NOTICE

Davinder Pal Singh,

S/o Sh. Gurdip Singh, H. No.94, Hargur Niwas, New Officers Colony,Patiala.

Versus

Public Information Officer,

o/o Superintendent Main Office, Municipal Corporation, Patiala. **Public Information Officer,** o/o Municipal Corporation, Patiala. **First Appellate Authority,** o/o Municipal Corporation, Patiala Range, Patiala.

Appeal Case No. 3019 of 2022 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT: Davinder Pal Singh (Appellant) 93164-33434 Dr. Jasvir Kaur, PIO-cum-Medical Officer (Respondent) 85590-07960

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **7.4.2022** vide which the appellant has sought information regarding resolutions passed by MC with regard to garbage collection charges etc., as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **11.5.2022** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **27.6.2022** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **13.9.2022**.

2. Both parties are present. As per the appellant a reply has been received vide Letter No. 692 Dated 2.5.2022, from the PIO Water/Sewerage Department with respect to the information requested at point no. 3, 4, and 5 of the RTI application. Information pertaining to point no. 1 and 2 is still pending. The respondent PIO-cum-Medical Officer, Health Branch, Dr. Jasvir Kaur, is present and states that this RTI application was marked to her following which she has informed the PIO-cum-Superintendent, Main Office that the matter pertains to the O&M Cell of the Municipal Corporation.

3. The Commission notes that this RTI application was submitted to the PIO office of MC, Patiala and it is incumbent upon said PIO to furnish the information to the appellant. In view of the appellant's statement that he has received information regarding points 3, 4 and 5, but nothing has been given for point no. 1 and 2. The Commission deems it fit to issue Show Cause Notice to the PIO-cum-Superintendent Main Office, Sh. Vishal Siyal.

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Appeal Case No. 3019 of 2022 (Video Conference Proceedings)

4. The respondent **<u>PIO-cum-Superintendent Main Office, Sh. Vishal Siyal</u>, 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 **7.4.2022**.

"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.

5. The respondent PIO-cum-Superintendent Main Office is to submit a reply at point no. 1 and 2 of this RTI application along with requested information after retrieving it from the concerned branch/office. This must be done within 15 days of receipt of this Order. Failing which the Commission will be constrained to initiate penal action as per the RTI Act 2005.

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. <u>Next hearing on 18.11.2022 at 11.30 am via Video Conference Faculty at DC Office.</u> <u>Patiala</u>.

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

Chandigarh 13.9.2022

Cc: Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Patiala, for information and further necessary action.

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Davinder Pal Singh,

S/o Sh. Gurdip Singh, House No.94, Hargur Niwas, New Officers Colony,Patiala.

Versus

Public Information Officer,

o/o Superintendent Main Office, Municipal Corporation, Patiala. **Public Information Officer,** o/o Municipal Corporation, Patiala. **First Appellate Authority,** o/o Municipal Corporation, Patiala.

Appeal Case No. 3020 of 2022 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT: Davinder Pal Singh (Appellant) 93164-33434 Dr. Jasvir Kaur, PIO-cum-Medical Officer (Respondent) 85590-07960

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **2.5.2022** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding waste management, cleanliness and sanitation bylaws**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **6.6.2022** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **27.6.2022** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **13.9.2022**.

2. Both parties are present. As per the appellant, partial information pertaining to para 4 (C, D, E) was provided to him vide Letter No. 16 Dated 9.5.2022. The respondent PIO-cum-Medical Officer, Health Branch, Dr. Jasvir Kaur, stated that the information was sent to the appellant vide Letter No. 675 Dated 31.8.2022. The PIO read out said reply during this hearing where after the appellant stated that he received that letter with just Two pages of information. The respondent PIO however, says that information pertaining to every point has been furnished.

3. In view of the respondent PIO-cum-Medical Officer, Dr. Jasvir Kaur, is hereby directed to submit a written reply with respect to point no. 1, 2, 3, and 4 (A, B, F) of the RTI application along with all requested information by way of duly attested copies, to this Commission within 10 days of receipt of this Order. A copy of the above is also to be sent the appellant forthwith.

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

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Appeal Case No. 3020 of 2022 (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 18.11.2022 at 11.30 am via Video Conference Faculty at DC Office, Patiala.

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Jaswinder Kaur,

W/o Sh.Balwinder Singh, R/o H.No.37,Phase-2, Urban Estate, Patiala.

Versus

Public Information Officer, o/o Station House Officer, Police Station Urban Estate, Patiala. Public Information Officer, o/o Senior Superintendent of Police, Patiala. First Appellate Authority, o/o Inspector General of Police, Patiala Range, Patiala.

Appeal Case No. 3101/2022 and 3108/2022 (Heard together via Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT: Balwinder Singh (for the Appellant) 98148-10023 ASI, Vikramjit Singh (for the Respondent) 95013-00048 Amandeep Singh, Senior Assistant (for the Respondent)

ORDER:

1. The RTI application are dated **21.2.2022 and 24.2.2022** vide which the appellant has sought information <u>regarding application dated 12-13.2.2022 and 14.2.2022</u>, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeals were filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **4.4.2022** and Second Appeals were filed in the Commission on **1.7.2022** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **13.9.2022**.

2. Both parties are present. A reply was sent to the appellant vide Letter No. 281-738 Dated 28.3.2022, along with a report from Police Station Urban Estate Patiala and some other documents. The Commission notes that the appellant in his RTI application has only demanded copies of Two documents, which have still not been provided to the satisfaction of the appellant.

3. The Commission impleads the SHO, Police Station, Urban Estate, Patiala, Sh. Amritpal **Singh** as the deemed PIO in this Appeal Case and directs him to submit a duly notarized affidavit by way of a reply to this RTI application. Said affidavit must also be explain why/how the *iqraarnama* furnished as part of the respondent's reply Dated 28.3.2022, mentions the cited complaint by Jasbir Kaur against Avtar Singh on 14.2.2022, but the report submitted to the SSP by the SHO Urban Estate, denies that any such complaint/application was received. The aforesaid affidavit must also accompanied by duly certified copies of the document/information sought at point no. 1 of the RTI application i.e. a copy of Avtar Singh's complaint against Jasbir Kaur and her husband Dated 12-13.2.2022.

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4. The respondent PIO is also to furnish the UID No. pertaining to this complaint and or a copy of the register whereon it has been received at Police Station Urban Estate, Patiala. This must be done within 20 days of receipt of this Order.

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 18.11.2022 at 11.30 am via Video Conference Faculty at DC Office, Patiala.

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Parmod Kumar,

S/o Late Sh. Hem Raj, H.No.2650,Ward No.12, Near Dushira Ground, Kharar, Distt. Mohali.

Versus

Public Information officer,

o/o Assistant Labour Commissioner, Punjab, Room No.507, 514, 517, 4th Floor, Sector 76, Mohali.

Complaint Case No. 1290 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

Parmod Kumar (Complainant) 99149-22650 Surmukh Singh, Superintendent (for the Respondent) 99145-57851

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 11.3.2022 and 13.7.2022)

1. The complainant, **Parmod Kumar**, filed this RTI application dated **13.9.2021** and sought information <u>regarding application / complaint by the complainant Dated 4.3.2021</u>, 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 **18.11.2021**. The case was last heard on **13.7.2022**.

2. Both parties are present. At the last hearing on 13.7.2022, the respondent PIO was directed to explain the delay in addressing this RTI application. The respondent PIO has failed to comply. The respondent PIO is given one final opportunity to comply with this Commission's Order of 13.7.2022 and submit a written explanation for the delay in addressing this RTI application which was submitted to this office on 13.9.2022

3. <u>Next hearing on 26.10.2022 at 11.30 am via Video Conference Faculty at DC Office,</u> <u>Mohali.</u>

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Kuldip Singh Walia,

S/o Late Sh. Harjit Singh, Flat No.B004, Sushma Joynest, Moh-1, Airport Road PR 7, Chhat, Zirakpur,

Versus

Public Information officer,

o/o Labour Commissioner, Punjab, Sector-64,Phase-10, Mohali. **First Appellate Authority,** Labour Commissioner,Punjab, Sector-64,Phase-10, Mohali.

Appeal Case No. 5544 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT: (Appellant) Absent Jagroop Singh, Clerk (for the Respondent) 97800-55113

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **25.8.2021** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding a Complaint Dated 26.6.2021 about Sushma Joynest, Airport Road, Zirakpur,** as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **8.10.2021** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **10.12.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **13.7.2022**.

2. The appellant is absent but has informed the Commission of his inability to attend this hearing. The respondent PIO, represented by Jagroop Singh, Clerk from the office of Assistant Labour Commissioner, Mohali, has submitted a reply vide Letter No. 2913 Dated 25.8.2022 stating that the RTI application was never received in his office. Copy of said RTI application be sent to Sh. Jagroop Singh via WhatsApp. The respondent PIO is directed to thereafter submit a written, pointwise reply to said RTI application forthwith. Meanwhile, at the last hearing on 13.7.2022, Show Cause Notice was issued to the PIO-cum-Labour Commissioner, Mohali to which he has submitted a reply vide Letter No. 307979 Dated 22.8.2022, stating that the Appeal Case has been assigned to the office of Assistant Labour Commissioner.

3. The PIO-cum-Labour Commissioner, Mohali, has made no attempt to explain the considerable delay in addressing this RTI application, which was originally addressed to this office. The PIO-cum-Labour Commissioner, Mohali, is given one final opportunity to submit a detailed reply to the Show Cause Notice along with documentary evidence to show that said RTI application was transferred to the office of Assistant Labour Commissioner under Section 6(3) of the RTI Act 2005. This must be done within 10 days of receipt of this Order.

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

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Appeal Case No. 5544 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 26.10.2022 at 11.30 am via Video Conference Faculty at DC Office, Mohali.

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