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Sh. Mall Singh s/o Sh. Guljar Singh 9914032831
r/o Village Smalsar,
Tehsil BaghaPurana,
District Moga.

....Appellant

Vs

Sh. Jagjit Singh **Registered**
Public Information Officer
o/o District Development and Panchayats Officer,
Mini Secretariat, Moga

First Appellate Authority
o/o Deputy Commissioner,
Mini Secretariat,
Moga.

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1377 of 2020

(Video Conference/Cisco Webex proceedings)

Present:- Sh. Mall Singh, appellant.
None on behalf of the respondents.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 2.12.2020.

2. The appellant states that neither the complete information nor the compensation amount has been provided. A telephonic message has been received from the Public Information Officer-cum-District Development and Panchayats Officer that it is not possible for him to join the hearing due to demise of his father.

3. Accordingly, the case is adjourned with the directions to the Public Information Officer o/o the District Development and Panchayats Officer to file the reply regarding the orders of the Commission dated 2.12.2020 before the next date of hearing.

4. To come up on 24.2.2021 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Moga/cisco webex.

Sd/

Dated: 15.1.2021

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Shri Harjit Singh M 9463850001,
R/o VPO Barmalipur Tehsil Payal,
District Ludhiana.

..Complainant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
Block Development and Panchayat Officer,
Doraha, District Ludhiana

Respondent

Complaint Case No. 448 of 2020
(Cisco Webex/phone proceedings)

Present:- Sh. Harjit Singh, complainant, on phone
Sh. Beant Singh, 8727919119 Block Development and Panchayats Officer on
behalf of the respondents, on phone.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 24.11.2020.

2. The appellant states that nothing has been supplied by the respondent-Public Information Officer pertaining to auction of trees in the Cremation Ground and Play ground. However, the representative of the respondents states that the information pertaining to the sanction for auction of trees has already been sent to the appellant with a copy to the Commission, which is taken on record. But the appellant further states that from the documents sent by the respondents is not clear whether it relates to the cremation ground or the play ground.

3. Accordingly, the respondent-Public Information Officer is directed to file the specific reply or supply the information before the next date of hearing failing which the penalty provisions will be invoked.

4. To come up on 24.2.2021 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, District Ludhiana/cisco webex.

Sd/

Dated: 15.1.2021

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Sh. Ajmer Singh s/o Sh. Mola Ram,
r/o Andana Tehsil Munak,
District Sangrur.

....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer
o/o District Development and Panchayats Officer,
Mini Secretariat,
Sangrur.

First Appellate Authority
o/o Addl. Deputy Commissioner (D)
Administrative Complex,
Sangrur.

Public Information Officer (By name) **Registered**
o/o the Financial Commissioner,
Rural Development & Panchayat Deptt., Pb.
Vikas Bhawan Sector 62,
Mohali.

....Respondent

Complaint Case No. 284 of 2020

Present:- Sh. Ajmer Singh, complainant.
Sh. Shavinder Singh, Block Development and Panchayats Officer and Sh.
Dimple, Panchayat Secretary on behalf of the respondents.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 15.12.2020.

2. The appellant states that the respondents are supplying the incomplete information pertaining to Cash book, bank statement, proceeding book and no information has been supplied to him pertaining to the measurement book. However, the representative of the respondents states that the complete information will be supplied to appellant before the next date of hearing. He also states that the appellant can inspect the relevant record pertaining to the RTI application and the copies of the information, if so desired, will be supplied during the inspection with which the appellant agreed to. With the mutual understanding the date of inspection has been fixed as 28.1.2021 at 12.30 PM in the office of the Block Development and Panchayats Officer.

3. Accordingly, the appellant is advised to visit the office of the respondents and get the record inspected pertaining to the RTI application. Also the respondents are directed to make available the record for inspection on the said date and time and supply the documents if so identified by the appellant.

4. Also the respondent-Public Information Officer o/o the Financial Commissioner, Rural Development & Panchayat, Pb., has placed on record the copy of show cause notice issued to Sh. Shavinder Singh, Block Development and Panchayats Officer under Rule 10 of the Punjab Civil Services (Punishment and Appeal Rules), 1970, which is taken on record. He is further directed to place on record the upto date status of the same on the next date of hearing.

Sd/

Dated: 15.1.2021

(Suresh Arora)

Chief Information Commissioner, Punjab.

5. To come up on 9.2.2021 at 12.30 P.M.

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CC

Financial Commissioner (by name) Registered
Government of Punjab,
Rural Development & Panchayat Deptt.,
Vikas Bhawan, Sec-62, Mohali

To look into the matter personally and
ensure compliance of this order.

The Director (By name)
Rural Development & Panchayat Deptt.,
Vikas Bhawan, Sector 62,
Mohali

Registered

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District Development and Panchayats Officer, (By name) (Registered)
Mini Secretariat,
Sangrur.

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Sh. Shavinder Singh,
Block Development and Panchayats Officer
Block Andana at Munak, District Sangrur

Registered

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Sh. Piara Singh 9805092950

Village Dehar, Tehsil Dera Baba Nanak,
Gurdaspur.

..Complainant

Vs

Public Information Officer

o/o Block Development and Panchayats Officer,

Dera Baba Nanak,

Gurdaspur

....Respondents

Complaint Case No. 728 of 2020

(Video Conference Proceedings)

Present:- Sh. Rajinder Singh s/o Sh. Piara Singh, in person.

Sh. Iqbal Singh, Panchayat Secretary 9555258947 on behalf of the respondents.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 14.8.2020 vide which the complainant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. Complaint was filed in the Commission on 5.10.2020 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 appellant states that no information has been supplied by the respondents so far. However, the representative of the respondents states that a letter was written by the administration to the Station House Officer, Kotli Surat Malli, Teh Dera Baba Nanak, Gurdaspur but till date no such action taken has been received from the police authorities.

3. Accordingly, the Public Information Officer o/o the Senior Superintendent of Police, Gurdaspur is impleaded as necessary party in this case to file the action taken report as has been sought by the appellant before the next date of hearing. A copy of the RTI application is **sent** with this order.

4. To come up on 28.1.2021 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Gurdaspur/cisco webex.

Sd/

(Suresh Arora)

Dated: 15.1.2021

Chief Information Commissioner,
Punjab.

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Senior Superintendent of Police,
Gurdaspur.

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Sh. Piara Singh 9805092950

Village Dehar, Tehsil Dera Baba Nanak,
Gurdaspur.

..Complainant

Vs

Public Information Officer

o/o Block Development and Panchayats Officer,
Dera Baba Nanak,
Gurdaspur

....Respondents

Complaint Case No. 727 of 2020

(Video Conference Proceedings)

Present:- Sh. Rajinder Singh s/o Sh. Piara Singh, in person.
Sh. Iqbal Singh, Panchayat Secretary 9555258947 on behalf of the respondents.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 19.6.2020 vide which the complainant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. Complaint was filed in the Commission on 5.10.2020 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 representative of the appellant states that no information has been supplied by the respondents so far. However, the representative of the respondents states that information pertaining to the RTI application is ready for transmission. But the representative of the appellant insisted that he intends to get the information in the office of the Commission in person.

3. Accordingly, the respondent-Public Information Officer is directed to remain present along with the original record and the information to be supplied to the appellant at Chandigarh.

4. To come up on 28.1.2021 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Gurdaspur/cisco webex.

Sd/

Dated: 15.1.2021

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Sh. Baldev Singh S/o Sh. Parkash Singh,
R/o Village Malikpur,
Tehsil & Distt SBS Nagar.
M : 6284578545

....Complainant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o District Development and Panchayats Officer,
SBS Nagar.

Public Information Officer **Registered**
o/o the Mining Officer,
District Industries Centre,
SBS Nagar

....Respondents

Complaint Case No.668 of 2020

(Video Conference/Cisco Webex/Phone proceedings)

Present:- Advocate Deepak Verma 9814671446 8699903235 on behalf of the
appellant.

Sh. Kewal Singh, Supdt o/o Block Development and Panchayats Officer, SBS
Nagar on behalf of the respondents.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 1.12.2020.

2. The representative of the respondents states that there is no record available in the office regarding assessment report with respect to illegal mining done by the Sarpanch as has been sought by the complainant. However, the counsel for the complainant contended that the respondent-Public Information Officer must be given an affidavit in this regard. He also requests that the Mining Officer may be impleaded as necessary party in this case as the Mining Officer has recommended the recovery to be made by the District Development and Panchayats Officer/Deputy Commissioner.

3. Accordingly, the respondent-Public Information Officer o/o the District Development and Panchayats Officer is directed to file an affidavit that there is no record concerning the illegal mining as has been sought by the appellant is not available in the office.

4. Also, the Public Information Officer o/o the Mining Officer, District Industries Centre, SBS Nagar is impleaded as necessary party in this case to file the reply/supply the information before the next date of hearing to the complainant with a copy to the Commission. A copy of the RTI application is **sent** with this order.

5. To come up on 12.2.2021 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, SBS Nagar/cisco webex.

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Sh. Jaspal Singh S/o Sh. Sadhu Singh,
R/o Village -Jasowal,
PO Sindhuwal,
Tehsil & Distt Patiala-147001 9463115653

Registered

Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o Chief Secretary,
Personnel Department, PB,
Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority
O/o Chief Secretary,
Personnel Department, PB,
Chandigarh.

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2526 of 2020
(Cisco Webex/Phone proceedings)

Present:- None on behalf of the appellant.

Sh. Kuldeep, Sr. Asstt 8725000575, 8847046055, in person o/o Secretary
Personnel (PCS Branch) on behalf of the respondents.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 18.12.2020.

2. The representative of the respondents states that the in spite of the best efforts the file could not be traced up till now. He further requests that the case may be adjourned as the record is being traced in each and every almirah of the concerned branch officials.

3. Since the appellant is not present neither any submissions have been received from him nor his phone is approachable. Therefore, the case is adjourned with the directions to the respondent-Public Information Officer to supply the information before the next date of hearing else give an undertaking with regard to the information as enumerated in para 2 above.

4. To come up on 24.2.2021 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Patiala/cisco webex.

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Dated: 15.1.2021

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Sh. Jarnail Singh 8968038080

Village Latore,

Tehsil and district Fatehgarh Sahib.

....Appellant

Vs

Sh. Mohinderjit Singh, 9478101503

Public Information Officer **Registered**

o/o Block Development and Panchayats Officer,

Sarhind,

District Fatehgarh Sahib.

First Appellate Authority

o/o District Development and Panchayats Officer,

Fatehgarh Sahib.

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3025 of 2020

(Video Conference Proceedings)

Present:- Sh. Jarnail Singh, appellant along with Sh. Amrik Singh.

None on behalf of the appellant.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 19.7.2019 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 7.10.2019 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 12.10.2019 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 is being harassed by not providing the information in time.

3. After the perusal of the file, it has transpired that the RTI application of the appellant is dated 19.7.2019 whereas, the Public Information Officer-cum-Block Development and Panchayats Officer transferred the said RTI application to the Panchayat Secretary Sh. Rajinder Singh on 7.11.2019. As per the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005, the information has to be supplied by the respondent-Public Information Officer within 30 days. The respondent-PIO is absent without intimation. Video Conference Facility/cisco webex facility was introduced for the convenience of general public and for government officials. Viewing the absence and attitude in dealing with the RTI application by the respondent seriously, Sh. Mohinderjit Singh 9478101503 Public Information Officer-cum-Block Development and Panchayats Officer is, thus, issued a show cause notice to explain in a self-attested affidavit as to why a penalty @ Rs.250/- per day of delay subject to a maximum of Rs.25000/- till the complete information is furnished, be not imposed under Section 20(1) of RTI Act, 2005 on him for causing wilful delay/denial of the information to the RTI application and to issue show cause for compensation to the appellant for detriment suffered by him under section 19(8) of the RTI Act, 2005.

In addition to the written reply, the Public Information Officer is also given an opportunity under Section 20(1) proviso thereto, for a personal hearing before the imposition of such penalty on the next date of hearing. He may take a note that in case he does not file his written reply and does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the next date, it will be presumed that he has nothing to say and the Commission will proceed ex-parte.

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Appeal Case No. 3025 of 2020

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4. The respondent-Public Information Officer-cum-Block Development and Panchayats Officer is also directed to place on record the noting and correspondence related to the dealing with the RTI application of the appellant.

5. The respondent-Public Information Officer-cum-Block Development and Panchayats Officer is also directed to file the reply/supply the information before the next date of hearing to the appellant with a copy to the Commission failing which the disciplinary action will also be recommended to the authorities concerned on the next date of hearing.

6. To come up on 24.2.2021 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Fatehgarh Sahib/cisco webex.

Dated:15.1.2021

Sd/
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