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## REGISTERED SHOW CAUSE NOTICE

**Naveen Markan Advocate,**  
Chamber No. 124,  
District Courts, Sangrur.

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**  
o/o Department of Housing and Urban Development Punjab,  
Mini Secretariat, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor,  
Sector-9, Chandigarh.  
**First Appellate Authority,**  
o/o Chief town Planner, Punjab,  
PUDA Bhawan,  
Sector-62, S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali).

### Appeal Case No. 1495 of 2020 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

Ashok Bhardwaj, Advocate (for the Appellant) 98158-29352  
Nitish, Dealing Assistant (for the Respondent) 77101-48494

ORDER:

*(To be read in continuity with earlier order on 17.3.2021 and 8.7.2021)*

1. The RTI application is dated **4.12.2018** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding appointment of Assistant Town Planners vide the Advertisement dated 17.11.2012, in 14 points**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **11.4.2019** and second appeal was filed in the Commission on **8.6.2020** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. This appeal case was last heard **8.7.2021**.

2. Both parties are present. At the last hearing on 17.3.2021, The PIO, office of Chief Town Planner, Punjab and PIO, Department of Housing and Urban Development, Punjab, were directed to submit individual affidavits regarding the status of the “remaining” information sought by the appellant in their respective official records. The aforesaid PIOs were to state this clearly in the affidavit.

3. While the PIO, o/o Chief Town Planner, Punjab has submitted an affidavit regarding the status of the information, there is no response of the PIO, Department of Housing and Urban Development, Punjab. This Commission deems it fit to issue PIO Department of Housing and Urban Development, Punjab with this Show Cause Notice.

4. The respondent PIO 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 **4.12.2018**.

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## **Appeal Case No. 1495 of 2020 (Video Conference Proceedings)**

“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. Next hearing on 7.4.2022 at 11.00 am via Video Conference Facility at DC Office, Mohali.**

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

Chandigarh  
15.12.2021

**Cc:** Principal Secretary, Housing and Urban Development, Punjab, Mini Secretariat, **for** information and further necessary action.

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**Kanwal Nain Singh,**  
S/o Raghbir Singh Wadhawan,  
#62, Model Town,  
Ambala City-134003.

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**  
o/o Greater Mohali Area Development Authority(GAMADA),  
PUDA Bhawan, Sector-62, Mohali.  
**First Appellate Authority,**  
o/o Estate Officer,  
Greater Mohali Area Development Authority(GAMADA),  
PUDA Bhawan, Sector-62, Mohali.

## **Appeal Case No. 1294 of 2020 (Video Conference Proceedings)**

PRESENT:

Kanwal Nain Singh (Appellant)  
Manjit Kaur, Superintendent (for the Respondent)  
Tarandeep Kaur, Superintendent (for the Respondent) 99888-78208

ORDER:

*(To be read in continuity with earlier order on 17.3.2021 and 8.7.2021 and 22.9.2021)*

1. The RTI application is dated **11.2.2020** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding allotment of sites to religious bodies/institutions from 1999 to 2001, Mohali,** as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **20.3.2020** and second appeal was filed in the Commission on **15.5.2020** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. This appeal case was last heard **22.9.2021**.
2. Both parties are present. The respondent PIO represented by Tarandeep Kaur, Superintendent and Manjit Kaur, Superintendent, state that all the information requested in this RTI application has been supplied to the appellant on a Pen-drive and that there is no other information pertaining to this RTI application available in the official record of GAMADA.
3. The respondent PIO is herewith directed to submit a duly notarised affidavit stating therein the contention stated above. This affidavit must be submitted to the Commission (original and one attested copy). The original affidavit will be handed over the appellant by this Commission. A copy of affidavit will be kept on the file for record.
4. **Next hearing on 7.4.2022 at 11.00 am via Video Conference Facility at DC Office, Mohali.**

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**(ASIT JOLLY)**  
State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

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**Kanwal Nain Singh,**  
S/o. Raghbir Singh,  
# 62, Model Town,  
Ambala City – 134 003.

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**  
o/o Greater Mohali Area Development Authority (GMADA),  
PUDA Bhawan, Sector-62, Mohali.  
**First Appellate Authority,**  
o/o Estate Officer,  
Greater Mohali Area Development Authority (GMADA),  
PUDA Bhawan, Sector-62, Mohali.

## **Appeal Case No. 2293 of 2020 (Video Conference Proceedings)**

PRESENT:

Kanwal Nain Singh (Appellant)  
Gurvinder Singh, PIO-cum-AEO (Respondent) 98786-02071

ORDER:

*(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 17.3.2021 and 8.7.2021)*

1. The RTI application is dated **12.5.2020** vide which the appellant has sought **information regarding the allotment of sites to religious bodies / institutions in 7 points**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **29.6.2020**, and second appeal was filed in the Commission on **25.8.2020** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. This appeal case was last heard on **8.7.2021**.

2. Both parties are present. The respondent PIO did not appear at the venue of the Video Conference and was contacted on telephone. The respondent PIO claimed that all the information has been supplied to the appellant on a pen-drive. He also claimed that the appellant has sought similar information in several RTI applications which are now being heard as second appeals in the Commission. After having heard the appellant who is present in person at the Commission, I am of the view that there is an apparent attempt on the part of the respondent PIO to withhold and/or deny the requested information.

3. The respondent PIO is herewith, directed to submit all the information requested at each point of RTI application by way of duly attested hard copies. This must be submitted to the Commission forthwith.

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**

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## Appeal Case No. 2293 of 2020 (Video Conference Proceedings)

5. Next hearing on 7.4.2022 at 11.00 am via Video Conference Facility at DC Office, Mohali.

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

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**Harpreet Singh,**  
S/o Nirmal Singh,  
Village Kot Khajana,  
Tehsil Batala,  
District Gurdaspur

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**  
o/o Municipal (Nagar) Council,  
Batala, District Gurdaspur.  
**Public Information Officer,**  
o/o Punjab Urban Planning and Development Authority,  
Sector- 62, S.A.S. Nagar,  
District Mohali.  
**First Appellate Authority,**  
o/o Punjab Urban Planning and Development Authority,  
Sector- 62, S.A.S. Nagar,  
District Mohali.

## **Appeal Case No. 2491 of 2020 (Video Conference Proceedings)**

PRESENT:

(Appellant) Absent  
(Respondent) Absent

ORDER:

*(To be read in continuity with earlier order on 17.3.2021)*

1. The RTI application is dated **9.6.2020** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding a residential project – Royal Farms City by Great Green Builders Pvt. Ltd. – on land owned by the Dera Baba Nanak**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **20.7.2020** and second appeal was filed in the Commission on **4.9.2020** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. This appeal case was last heard on **17.3.2021**.

2. Both parties are absent without intimation. At the last hearing on 8.7.2021, the PIO, office of PUDA, Mohali has stated that as per the direction of this Commission, the RTI application was transferred under Section 6(3) of RTI Act, 2005, to PIO, Municipal Council, Batala on 8.7.2021. The aforesaid PIO also submitted a copy of the letter transferring this RTI application and appeal case.

3. The PIO office of Municipal Council, Batala was notified vide this Commission's order dated 8.7.2021. He has, however, failed to submit any reply or appear to this hearing. The PIO, office of MC, Batala is given one final opportunity to file a written reply to this RTI application along with requested information. Failing this, penal consequences shall follow.

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## **Appeal Case No. 2491 of 2020 (Video Conference Proceedings)**

4. The Commission also notes that the appellant Harpreet Singh has not attended a single hearing of this appeal case and has remained absent without any intimation. The appellant is herewith advised to attend next hearing to this appeal case failing which the Commission will be constrained to issue an appropriate Order disposing of the case.

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 21.4.2022 at 11.00 am via Video Conference Facility at DC Office, Mohali.**

Sd/-

(ASIT JOLLY)

State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

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**Aruna Devi,**  
w/o Bharat Bhushan Mattu,  
# 322, Maskeen Nagar,  
PO Netaji Nagar, Salem Tabri,  
Ludhiana.

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**  
o/o Estate Officer, GMADA,  
Greater Mohali Area Development Authority,  
Mohali.

**First Appellate Authority,**  
o/o Chief Administrator, GMADA,  
Greater Mohali Area Development Authority,  
Mohali.

## **Appeal Case No. 2842 of 2019 (Video Conference Proceedings)**

PRESENT:

(Appellant) Absent

(Respondent) Absent

ORDER:

*(To be read in continuity with earlier order on 11.10.19, 28.11.19, 30.1.2020, 24.7.2020, 25.9.2020, 13.11.2020, and 13.1.2021 and 8.7.2021).*

1. The RTI application is dated **6.5.19** vide which the appellant has sought **information pertaining to her complaint dated 6.3.17 in six points**, as enumerated in her RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **11.6.19**, and second appeal was filed in the Commission on **6.8.19** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. This appeal case was last heard on **13.1.2021**.

2. Both parties are absent. While the appellant has written to the Commission vide letter received on 3.12.2021 intimating her inability to attend this hearing, the respondent is absent without intimation. At the Hearing on 13.1.2021, the respondent PIO-cum-AEO, Gurminder Singh was directed to personally check the information supplied to the appellant on 31.12.2020 and ensure that every page and copy is duly attested as per format stipulated by the Commission. At the subsequent Hearing on 8.7.2021, the PIO informed the Commission that 15 pages, by way of information were sent, to the appellant vide Letter No. 75631 dated 6.7.2021. The respondent PIO was directed to submit copies of said information to the Commission.

3. The respondent PIO has failed to comply. As per the contention of the appellant, in her letter of 3.12.2021, she is still to receive the information.

4. The respondent PIO is herewith directed to immediately comply with this Commission's Orders of 13.1.2021 and 8.7.2021. Failure to comply, shall invite penal consequences as per the RTI Act 2005. The Show Cause Notice issued to the respondent PIO stands.

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## Appeal Case No. 2842 of 2019 (Video Conference Proceedings)

5. Next hearing on 7.4.2022 at 11.00 am via Video Conference Facility at DC Office, Mohali.

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

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**Maninder Kaur,**  
w/o Manpreet Singh,  
c/o Bhavish Rauni (Advocate),  
Chamber No. 509, Yadvindra Court Complex,  
Patiala.

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**  
o/o Director, Technical Education & Industrial Training,  
Branch-1, Room No. 201,  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Mini Secretariat,  
Sector-9, Punjab, Chandigarh

## **Complaint Case No. 677 of 2019 (Video Conference Proceedings)**

PRESENT:

(Complainant) Absent

Sanjeev Kumar, Senior Assistant (for the Respondent) 98551-88396

ORDER:

*(To be read in continuity with earlier order on 4.10.19, 21.11.19, 24.1.2020, 31.7.2020, 25.9.2020, 13.11.2020, 13.1.2021, and 17.3.2021 and 8.7.2021)*

1. The complainant, Maninder Kaur, filed this RTI application dated **20.5.19**, and sought **information by way of official letters, copies of receipt registers, noting pages of files etc..**

When no information was received, the Complainant filed a complaint under Section 18 of the RTI Act, 2005 to the Commission on **6.8.19**. This complaint case was last heard on **8.7.2021**.

2. The Complainant is absent but has informed this Commission of her inability to attend this hearing. As per the respondent, in keeping the directions of this Commission in its Order of 8.7.2021, the Complainant was invited to inspect the record on 5.8.2021, 26.11.2021 and 7.1.2021. Some information (189 pages) against documents shortlisted by the Complainant have been sent to him vide letter No. 493 dated 14.12.2021. The Complainant has sought opportunity to examine the documents for deficiencies. The Complainant also informed the Commission that 19 files of Admn. III and 57 files of Admin-II against point No.1 and 2, he was informed by the respondent that said files are being traced and whenever these become available, the record will be supplied to the Complainant.

3. The respondent PIO, is herewith directed to trace the aforesaid files and invite the appellant for inspection at an early date.

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

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## **Complaint Case No. 677 of 2019 (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 23.3.2022 at 11.00 am via Video Conference Facility at DC Office, Patiala.**

**Sd/-**

**(ASIT JOLLY)**

State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

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**Dr. Sat Paul Sharma,**  
S/o Sh. Inder Raj Sharma,  
Flat No. 203/1, Block-2,  
Housefed Complex, Banur, S.A.S Nagar,  
District Mohali.

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**  
o/o Municipal Corporation,  
District Patiala.

## **Complaint Case No. 124 & Appeal Case Nos. 412 & 999 & 2031 & 2822 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)**

PRESENT:

Dr. Sat Paul Sharma (Complainant) 78889-86540  
Jagtar Singh, APIO-cum-Chief Veterinary Inspector (for the Respondent) 99142-72078  
Rishabh Gupta, Veterinary Inspector (for the Respondent) 81460-55511

ORDER:

*(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 9.9.2021, 17.9.2021, & 22.10.2021)*

1. **Dr. Sat Paul Sharma**, filed these RTI applications **16.10.2019, 28.10.2020, 27.11.2020, 27.1.2021, 18.10.2019** and sought information **as enumerated in them**, from the PIO o/o **Municipal Corporation, Patiala**. When no information was received, the Complainant filed a complaint under Section 18 of the RTI Act, 2005 to the Commission.
2. Both parties are present. The respondent PIO is directed to submit a pointwise reply along with copy of the complete file pertaining to subject matter of the RTI applications, along with copies of the complaint submitted by Sat Paul Sharma and the enquiry report.
3. **Next hearing on 23.3.2022 at 11.00 am via Video Conference Facility at DC Office, Patiala.**

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

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**Lashker Singh,**  
S/o Jagir Singh,  
# 69, New SBS Colony,  
Rajpura, District Patiala – 140 401

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**  
o/o Land Acquisition Collector,  
Sector-17. Punjab,  
Chandigarh.  
**First Appellate Authority,**  
o/o Sub Divisional Magistrate,  
Rajpura,  
District Patiala.

## **Appeal Case No. 3664 of 2020 (Video Conference Proceedings)**

PRESENT:

Lashker Singh (Appellant) 93161-18248  
Sandesh Kumar, Superintendent (for the Respondent) 80549-69087

ORDER:

*(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on **24.3.2021** and **28.7.2021**)*

1. The RTI application is dated **11.9.2020** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding land acquired for M/s SIEL Chemicals Ltd. Rajpura in points 'a' to 'i (a,b,c,d)'**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **1.10.2020** and second appeal was filed in the Commission on **25.11.2020** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **28.7.2021**.
2. Both parties are present. As per the respondent PIO, represented by Sandesh Kumar, Superintendent office of Land Acquisition Collector, a reply along with the information was sent vide Letter No. 2288 Dated 17.5.2021. The appellant states that while he received the said information and reply appended to it. He points out that a lot of information requested in RTI application has been denied by the respondent PIO without citing the relevant Section of RTI Act 2005 to claim exemption.
3. The respondent PIO is herewith directed to send a copy of his reply Dated 17.5.2021 along with the information appended to it, to this Commission. The PIO is also to draft a fresh reply citing each point of RTI application alongside his reply to each point. At points where PIO seeks to deny the information, he/she must cite specific provisions of RTI Act, 2005 to claim exemption from disclosure.
4. IMPORTANT! All documents / information supplied to appellants / complainants must mandatorily be attested as under:

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## Appeal Case No. 3664 of 2020 (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 7.4.2022 at 11.00 am via Video Conference Facility at DC Office, Mohali.

Sd/-

(ASIT JOLLY)

State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

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## REGISTERED SHOW CAUSE NOTICE

**Jasbir Singh**, S/o Harbans Singh,  
Village Jalal Khera, PO Sular,  
District Patiala.

### **Versus**

**Public Information officer**,  
o/o Chowki Incharge Dakala,  
District Patiala.

**Public Information officer**,  
o/o Senior Superintendent of Police,  
Mini Secretariat, Bock-B,  
District Patiala.

**First Appellate Authority-cum-**  
o/o Inspector General of Police,  
Patiala Range, District Patiala.

### **Appeal Case No. 1151 of 2021 ( Video Conference Proceedings)**

#### **PRESENT:**

Jasbir Singh, (Appellant) 98153-97246  
ASI, Hakam Singh (for the Respondent) 94643-92733

#### **ORDER:**

*(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 3.9.2021)*

1. The RTI application is dated **1.12.2020** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding the Chowki Incharge posted at Police Chowki Dakala from 1.3.20.2014 to 31.12.2014**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **8.1.2021** and Second Appeal was filed with the Commission on **3.3.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act 2005. The case was last heard on **3.9.2021**.

2. Both parties are present. At the last hearing on 3.9.2021, this Commission had impleaded the Chowki In-charge Dakala, had directed him to submit an attested copies of the information that he claimed to have already supplied to the appellant, to this Commission. Chowki In-charge Dakala has failed to comply. The Chowki In-charge Dakala, ASI Chaman Lal is herewith impleaded as the deemed PIO in this Appeal Case and served this Show Cause Notice.

3. The respondent PIO-cum- Chowki Incharge Dakala, ASI Chaman Lal, 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 **1.12.2020**.

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## **Appeal Case No. 1151 of 2021 ( Video Conference Proceedings)**

“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.

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. **Next hearing on 24.3.2022 at 11.00 am via Video Conference Facility at DC Office, Patiala.**

Sd/-

(ASIT JOLLY)

State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

Chandigarh

15.12.2021

Cc: Senior Superintendent of Police, District Ludhiana, for information and further necessary action.