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Shri Gulab Singh, S/o Shri Malkit Singh, R/o Kalyan, Distt. Bathinda.

Vs

..... Complainant

Sh. Gurinder Singh,Public Information Officer,O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer,Nathana, Distt. Bahtinda.

.....Respondent

#### Complaint Case No. 394 of 2021

Present:- Shri Gulab Singh, complainant/applicant is absent. Shri Iqbal Jeet Singh District Development and Panchayats Officer, Shri Gurinder Singh Block Development and Panchayats Officer, Shri Harpreet Singh Panchayat Secretary, Shri Sanjiv Garg Deputy Director on behalf of the respondents.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 31.1.2022 and the relevant portion of the said order is reproduced below:-

"2. The respondent-Public Information Officer Sh. Harpreet Singh, Panchayat Secretary Gram Panchayat Village Kalyan Sukha Block Nathana has sent the written submissions that he has joined about an year ago and the information pertaining to the said period has already been supplied to the appellant. Regarding the remaining information from 2013 to 2018, he had informed that the record has not been handed over by the previous panchayat secretary Sh. Bhupinder Singh. He also states that the Block Development and Panchayats Officer has never intimated about the RTI application to him. He further informed that he has also filed an RTI application in this regard with the Block Development and Panchayats Officer, Nathana and requested that the penalty imposed in this case may kindly be stayed till the information is supplied by the respondent Public Information Officer i.e. Block Development and Panchayats Officer Nathana. None is present on behalf of the Block Development and Panchayats Officer although the order dated 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2021 vide which the penalty has been imposed has been sent to him through registered post and also the said case was listed for hearing on 18 January 2022. But due to administrative reasons the case was further adjourned for today i.e. 31<sup>st</sup> January 2022. It is also a fact on record that the appellant filed the RTI application to the Block Development and Panchayats Officer, Nathana and also the penalty has already been imposed amounting to Rs.10,000 upon Shri Harpreet Singh, Panchayat Secretary.

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3. In the interest of natural justice, a copy of the submissions made by the respondent Shri Harpreet Singh, Panchayat Secretary, is being sent to the Block Development and Panchayats Officer Shri Gurinder Singh. Sh. Gurinder Singh, is also directed to file the submissions along with the documentary proof vide which the RTI application was transferred under Section 6(3) of the RTI Act, 2005 to Sh. Harpreet Singh, Panchayat Secretary failing which the show cause notice will be issued to him, as the appellant filed the RTI application on 22 June 2020 and till date none is appearing on behalf of the Block Development and Panchayats Officer. He is also directed to place on record the posting details of the Block Development and Panchayats Officer's from 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 2020 todate. He is also directed to place on record regarding the action taken against Shri Bhupinder Singh Panchayat Secretary for not handing over the record to the present incumbent Shri Harpreet Singh, Panchayat Secretary.

4. Also a copy of this order is being sent to Sh. Rahul Bhandari, IAS, Secretary to Govt. of Punjab, Department of Rural Development & Panchayats Punjab, Vikas Bhawan, Sector 62, Mohali to look into the matter as the respondent-Public Information Officer-cum- Panchayat Secretary has filed a separate RTI application to his own Block Development and Panchayats Officer, Nathana to prove that he is not guilty as he has supplied the information in his custody and his predecessor has not handed over the official record regarding the previous years to enable him to supply the information as has been sought by the appellant. He has also requested the Commission to stay the penalty imposed upon him in the titled case.

5. Also the parties are directed to remain present on the next date of hearing failing which ex-parte decision will be taken.

6. Till the next date of hearing the penalty imposed upon Sh. Harpreet Singh, Panchayat Secretary is stayed."

2. The representative of the respondent District Development and Panchayats Officer Shri Iqbal Jeet Singh submits that the information pertaining to 2013–2018 has already been supplied to the appellant through registered post. However, the appellant submits that he has not received the information pertaining to 2013–2018. Accordingly the directions are issued to the respondent District Development and

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Panchayats Officer Shri Iqbal Jeet Singh to send the information pertaining to 2013-2018 to the appellant before the next date of hearing through registered post with a copy to the Commission. Regarding the imposition of penalty amounting to Rs.10,000 to be recovered from the salary of Shri Harpreet Singh Panchayat Secretary, the decision will be taken on the next date of hearing in accordance with the submission already made by him, which are already available in the case file.

3. Accordingly the case is adjourned.

4. To come up on 5 April 2022 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, District Bathinda.

Dated: 15.3.2022

<sup>sd</sup> (Suresh Arora) Chief Information Commissioner, Punjab

CC Sh. Rahul Bhandari, IAS To ensure compliance Secretary to Govt. of Punjab, Department of Rural Dev. & Panchayats, Punjab, Vikas Bhawan, Sector 62, Mohali Sh. MS Chhatwal, IAS, -do-Director, Rural Development & Panchayat, Pb., Vikas Bhawan, Sector 62, Mohali Sh. Iqbal Jeet Singh, District Development and Panchayats Officer -do-Bathinda Sh. Harpreet Singh Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panchayat Kalyan Sukha, c/o Block Development and Panchayats Officer, Nathana, District Bathinda

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Vs

..... Complainant

Public Information Officer, O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Nathana, Distt. Bathinda.

.....Respondent

#### Complaint Case No. 388 of 2021

Present:- Shri Gulab Singh, complainant/applicant is absent. Shri Iqbal Jeet Singh District Development and Panchayats Officer, Shri Gurinder Singh Block Development and Panchayats Officer, Shri Harpreet Singh Panchayat Secretary, Shri Sanjiv Garg Deputy Director on behalf of the respondents.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 31.1.2022 and the relevant portion of the said order is reproduced below:-

"2. The respondent-Public Information Officer Sh. Harpreet Singh, Panchayat Secretary Gram Panchayat Village Kalyan Sukha Block Nathana has sent the written submissions that he has joined about an year ago and the information pertaining to the said period has already been supplied to the appellant. Regarding the remaining information from 2009 to 2013, he had informed that the record has not been handed over by the previous panchayat secretary Sh. Bhupinder Singh. He also states that the Block Development and Panchayats Officer has never intimated about the RTI application to him. He further informed that he has also filed an RTI application in this regard with the Block Development and Panchayats Officer, Nathana and requested that the penalty imposed in this case may kindly be stayed till the information is supplied by the respondent Public Information Officer i.e. Block Development and Panchayats Officer Nathana. None is present on behalf of the Block Development and Panchayats Officer although the order dated 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2021 vide which the penalty has been imposed has been sent to him through registered post and also the said case was listed for hearing on 18 January 2022. But

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due to administrative reasons the case was further adjourned for today i.e. 31<sup>st</sup> January 2022. It is also a fact on record that the appellant filed the RTI application to the Block Development and Panchayats Officer, Nathana and also the penalty has already been imposed amounting to Rs.10,000 upon Shri Harpreet Singh, Panchayat Secretary.

3. In the interest of natural justice, a copy of the submissions made by the respondent Shri Harpreet Singh, Panchayat Secretary, is being sent to the Block Development and Panchayats Officer Shri Gurinder Singh. Sh. Gurinder Singh, is also directed to file the submissions along with the documentary proof vide which the RTI application was transferred under Section 6(3) of the RTI Act, 2005 to Sh. Harpreet Singh, Panchayat Secretary failing which the show cause notice will be issued to him, as the appellant filed the RTI application on 22 June 2020 and till date none is appearing on behalf of the Block Development and Panchayats Officer. He is also directed to place on record the posting details of the Block Development and Panchayats Officer's from 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 2020 to date. He is also directed to place on record regarding the action taken against Shri Bhupinder Singh Panchayat Secretary for not handing over the record to the present incumbent Shri Harpreet Singh, Panchayat Secretary.

4. Also a copy of this order is being sent to Sh. Rahul Bhandari, IAS, Secretary to Govt. of Punjab, Department of Rural Development & Panchayats Punjab, Vikas Bhawan, Sector 62, Mohali to look into the matter as the respondent-Public Information Officer-cum- Panchayat Secretary has filed a separate RTI application to his own Block Development and Panchayats Officer, Nathana to prove that he is not guilty as he has supplied the information in his custody and his predecessor has not handed over the official record regarding the previous years to enable him to supply the information as has been sought by the appellant. He has also requested the Commission to stay the penalty imposed upon him in the titled case.

5. Also the parties are directed to remain present on the next date of hearing failing which ex-parte decision will be taken.

6. Till the next date of hearing the penalty imposed upon Sh. Harpreet Singh, Panchayat Secretary is stayed."

2. The representative of the respondent District Development and Panchayats Officer Shri Iqbal Singh submits that the information pertaining to 2009-2013 the

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record has not been handed over by the previous Panchayat Secretary Sh. Bhupinder Singh who has been transferred to Anandpur Sahib.

3. Regarding handing over the record related to year 2009 to 2013, the respondent District Development and Panchayats Officer is directed to look into the matter personally and get the record recovered from Shri Bhupinder Singh previous Panchayat Secretary and supply a copy of the same to the appellant. He is further directed that in case he is not handing over the official record, an appropriate action as per Departmental Rules be initiated before the next date of hearing and a copy of the the compliance report be sent to Commission. Regarding the imposition/recovery of penalty amounting to Rs.10,000 from the salary of Shri Harpreet Singh Panchayat Secretary, the decision will be taken on the next date of hearing in accordance with the submission made by him which are already available in the case file.

4. Accordingly the case is adjourned to 5<sup>th</sup> April 2022 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy

Commissioner, District Bathinda.

Dated: 15.3.2022

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Sh. MS Chhatwal, IAS, Director, Rural Development & Panchayat, Pb., Vikas Bhawan, Sector 62, Mohali

Sh. Iqbal Jeet Singh, District Development and Panchayats Officer Bathinda

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Sh. Harpreet Singh Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panchayat Kalyan Sukha, c/o Block Development and Panchayats Officer,

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Shri Gurdeep Singh Village Dina Nagar Distt. Gurdaspur.

..Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer, O/o Block Development and Panchyat Officer, Dina Nagar, Distt. Gurdaspur.

First Appellate Authority O/o Block Development and Panchyat Officer, Dina Nagar, Distt. Gurdaspur.

....Respondent(s)

Appeal Case No. 4758/2021 (Video Conference/Cisco Webex/Telephone Proceedings) Present:- Shri Gurdeep Singh appellant on telephone. Shri Jaspal Singh, Panchayat officer on behalf of the respondents. 7986782205 on behalf of the respondents. (On Telephone)

Order

This order may be read with reference price to the previous order dated 31 January 2022.

2. The appellant states that he is not satisfied with the information so supplied by the respondent as a copy of proceeding book only has been supplied. He further submits that he has sought the detailed information as per his RTI application dated 16 September 2020. However, the respondent Public Information Officer submits that the complete information will be supplied to the appellant before the next date of hearing.

3. According to the assurance given by the respondent Public Information Officer the case is adjourned with the directions to supply the complete information in this case before the next date of hearing to the appellant failing which the punitive action will be initiated on the next date of hearing for the imposition of penalty as per the provisions of the RTI act, 2005.

4. To come up on 13 April 2022 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Gurdaspur.

Dated: 15.3.2022

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Sh. Sukhbir Singh Mahal, M 8054340942 Sr. Citizen #816, Diamond Avenue, Majitha Road, Amritsar. 143001

Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer, o/o Commissioner MC Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority, o/o Commissioner MC Amritsar.

Respondents

Appeal Case No. 4212 of 2021

(Video Conference/Cisco Webex/Telephone Proceedings)

Present:- Sh. Sukhbir Singh Mahal, appellant

Miss Kulwinder Kaur, building inspector on behalf of the MTP-cum-Public Information Officer on behalf of the respondents. 7837920890

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 8.2.2022.

2. The representative of the respondent states that the specific reply pertaining to the sought information has already been sent to the appellant. However the appellant states that he is not satisfied with the submission sent by the respondent.

3. After hearing both the parties, the directions are issued to the respondent Public Information Officer Shri Inderpreet Singh Randhawa, MTP and the appellant to remain present, in person at Chandigarh, on the next date of hearing along with original record/information supplied to take the matter to its logical end.

4. To come up on 25 April 2022 at 12 noon at Chandigarh.

Dated: 15.3.2022

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Advocate Ravinder Kumar H.no. 2, New Harbans Nagar New Shiv Mandir jal 144002 9417188119

....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer o/o The Executive officer, Improvement Trust, Ranjit Avenue, Amritsar 143001

First Appellate Authority o/o The Executive Officer, improvement Trust, Ranjit Avenue, Amritsar 143001

....Respondent

Appeal Case No. 3151 of 2020 (Video Conference /Telephone/Cisco Webex Proceedings) Present:- Sh. Ravinder Kumar, Advocate Shri Rajan Sarma on behalf of the Town Planner Shri Sonu Mahendrucum-Public Information Officer on behalf of the respondents. ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 25 November 2021 and the relevant portion of the order is reproduced below:-

*"2. The representative of the appellant states that remaining information has not been supplied till date by the respondents.* 

3. Sh. Sonu Mahendru, Town Planner- PIO, apologises unconditionally not to attend the hearings in this case, as he is not PIO but tendering the duties as Nodal Officer(RTI), in Amritsar Improvement Trust, Amritsar and in his capacity he has forwarded the RTI to PIO of the concerned branch/department who he did not supply the information. He further states that in this case, Show Cause Notice has inadvertently been issued to him. He further states that information of point No.2, 4, 5 & 12 of the RTI relates to Engineering Department, so Sh. Ravi Kumar, Trust Engineer-cum-PIO has to supply the information of above points. He further requests that the Show Cause Notice issued inadvertently to him may kindly be withdrawn.

4. Sh. Sonu Mahendru, Town Planner- PIO, is directed to submit his written submission in response to the Show Cause Notice/bailable warrant in the shape of proper affidavit before the next date of hearing. He is further directed

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to retrieve the information of point No.2, 4, 5 & 12 of the RTI from the concerned PIO within 15 days failing which action under section 20 of the RTI will be initiated against him.

5. In view of above, it is observed that Shri Ravi Kumar, Trust Engineer-cum-PIO neither has attended the hearing in this case nor has supplied the information to the appellant.

6. Today he is again absent. Therefore, viewing the defying attitude of Sh. Ravi Kumar, Trust Engineer-cum-PIO, Improvement Trust, Amitsar, a Show Cause Notice under Section 20(1) of the RTI Act, 2005, is issued to him 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.

7. After going through the facts available on the record and in view of the request of the representative of appellant for awarding him a suitable compensation, it is true that complete information has been supplied to the appellant after 13 months. In view of the loss and detriment suffered by him during this long period in obtaining the information in the instant case, I find full justification in awarding him a suitable compensation. Therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by Section 19(8)(b) of the RTI Act, 2005, a compensation of Rs.4000/- (Rupees four thousand only) is awarded to Sh. Ravinder Kumar, appellant, to be paid by the Public Authority i.e. through Bank Draft, within 30 days and confirmation to this effect will be furnished to the Commission. Sh. Ravi Kumar, Trust Engineer-cum-PIO is directed to make payment of Rs.4000/- of compensation from the A/c of Public Authority i.e. through Bank Draft within 30 days and confirmation / copy of Bank Draft to this effect be furnished to the Commission."

and the case was adjourned for 2 February 2022.

- 2. During the hearing on 2 February 2022 the following order was passed:-
  - "2. The appellant is absent but he has sent the written submissions in this case,

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which are taken on record. The submissions of the appellant regarding the sought information are reproduced below:-

"The applicant /appellant specifically asked to provide the information regarding the name and designation of the officer concerned who took the action on the applications dated 21.6.2019 and dated 12.12.2019 and also provide the copies of action taken by the said officers on the said applications".

3. Also the respondent-APIO-cum-Trust Engineer, Improvement Trust, Amritsar, has sent the written submissions that the information pertaining to Point No. 2, 4, 5 and 12 of the RTI application has to be supplied by the Supdt-cum-Public Information Officer sales, Ms Harjit Kaur 9814417676 and Sh. Deepak Beri, Junior Assistant Mobile No. 9855340490. The information pertaining to Point No. 2,4,5 & 12 of the RTI application is same as enumerated in para 2 above.

3. It is also a fact on record that the Public Information Officer-cum-Supdt, Sales has already sent the written submissions that the information pertaining to Point No. 2,4,5 & 12 has to be supplied by the Engineering Department.

4. Keeping in view the above, the directions are issued to the Public Information Officer-cum-Supdt Sales, Ms Harjit Kaur and Sh. Ravinder Kumar, Trust Engineer to file an affidavit on the next date of hearing that the information pertaining to Point No. 2,4,5 & 12 of the RTI application does not relate to their branch else file the specific reply/supply the information to the appellant before the next date of hearing. In case of non compliance of this order before the next date of hearing disciplinary action will also be recommended to the concerned authority in this case.

5. The show cause notice was issued to Sh. Sonu Mahendru, Town Planner-cum-Public Information Officer, Improvement Trust, Amritsar to impose penalty and to award compensation. As the compensation amounting to Rs.4000/- has already been awarded by the Commission vide order dated 25.11.2021. As such, the respondent-Public Information Officer is directed to comply with the order dated 25.11.2021 before the next date of hearing and the decision regarding imposition of penalty against him will be taken on the next date of hearing.

5. Keeping in view the above, the directions are also issued to the Public Information Officer-cum-Supdt Sales, Ms Harjit Kaur and Sh. Ravinder Kumar, Trust Engineer and Sh. Sonu Mahendru, Town Planner-cum-Public Information Officer, Improvement Trust, Amritsar to remain present on the next date of hearing. "

and the case was adjourned for today i.e. 15 March 2022.

3. During the hearing, the representative of the respondent on behalf of Shri Sonu Mahendru submits that sh. Sonu Mahendru is unable to attend the hearing as

he is on election duty. He has also sent a letter written by the Returning Officer in

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this regard, which is taken on record. He further submits that the custodian of the record is Miss Harjeet Kaur Supdt Sales and and Shri Ravindra Kumar Trust Engineer and they are not supplying the sought information. Furthermore, he submits that Shri Sonu Mahendru is the Public Information Officer.

4. The order dated 2 February 2022 was sent to Miss HarJit Kaur Supdt and Shri Ravinder Kumar, Trust Engineer through registered post to remain present on the next date of hearing but they are absent without intimation. Video Conference Facility was introduced for the convenience of general public and for government officials. Viewing the attitude in dealing with the RTI application of the respondent seriously, Sh. Ravinder Kumar, Trust Engineer and Miss Harjit Kaur, Supdt, Sales Public Information Officers, are, thus, issued a show cause notice to explain in a selfattested 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 them for causing willful delay/denial of the information to the RTI applicant.

In addition to the written reply, the Public Information Officers are 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.

5. As, a fresh show cause notice has been issued to Sh. Ravinder Kumar, Trust Engineer, therefore, the earlier notice sent to Sh. Ravi Kumar stands withdrawn.

6. Since the appellant filed the RTI application on 4 June 2020 and due to non-

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supply of information in this case, the compensation was awarded amounting to Rs.4000/- vide order dated 25 November 2021.

7. The appellant filed the RTI application on 4.6.2020. Neither the information is being supplied by the respondent authority nor the compensation has been paid to the appellant. Keeping in view the attitude in dealing with the RTI application of the appellant, the compensation is enhanced from Rs.4000/- to Rs.25,000/-, as it was the duty of the Public Information Officer that in case of non-compliance of the order of the Commission and non-supply of information by the custodian of the record the fact should have been brought to the notice of his seniors but he has failed to do so. The compensation amount has to be paid out of the State Exchequer by way of Demand Draft and a copy of same be sent to the Commission for record.

8. Keeping in view the above the order of this case is also being sent to the Chief Executive Officer, Improvement Trust, Amritsar to look into the matter and ensure the presence of all the concerned in this case on the next date of hearing. He is also directed to ensure that the compensation as has been awarded be paid to the appellant and the information be supplied before the next date of hearing as per the order dated 2 February 2022.

9. It is also clarified that in case of non appearance of the respondent parties involved in this case on the next date of hearing, the disciplinary action/proceedings will be recommended as per the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

10. To come up on 27 April 2022 at 12:30 PM to be heard Through video conference facility available in the office of the deputy commissioner, Amritsar.

Sd

(Suresh Arora)

Dated: 15.3.2022

Chief Information Commissioner, Punjab.

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- Sh. Jatinder Kumar, Chief Executive Officer, Improvement Trust, Ranjit Avenue, Amritsar
   To ensure compliance of this order
- Sh. Sonu Mahendru, Nodal Officer (RTI) Improvement Trust, Ranjit Avenue, Amritsar.
- Sh. Ravinder Kumar, Trust Engineer-cum-Public Information Officer Improvement Trust, Ranjit Avenue, Amritsar.
- Ms Harjit Kaur
  Public Information Officer-cum-Supdt Sales, Improvement Trust, Ranjit Avenue, Amritsar.

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Shri Ankit Sehgal c/o Bombay Studio,Near main Post Office Chowk, Pathankot.

....Appellant

Public Information Officer o/o Municipal Corporation, Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority o/o Municipal Corporation, Amritsar.

....Respondent

Appeal Case No.5273 of 2021 (Video Conference /Telephone/Cisco Webex Proceedings)

Present:- Sh. Ankit Sehgal, appellant.

Sh. Bramjot and Sh. Pardeep Saluja 97800 39407 on behalf of the respondents.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 23.8.2021 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 20.9.2021 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 23.11.2021 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter called RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 15.3.2022.

2. The respondent-Public Information Officer submits that the appellant is inspecting the record pertaining to other four cases i.e. Appeal Case No. 1789 of 2021, Appeal Case No. 1790 of 2021, Appeal Case No. 1791 of 2021, Appeal Case No. 1792 of 2021 which are listed for hearing on 12.4.2022. He further submits that as the appellant is scheduled to visit the office for inspection, the record pertaining to this case will also be made available for the inspection of the appellant and in case any document will be identified by him, the same will be supplied to him duly certified. He also submits that the hearing in this case may also be fixed for 12.4.2022 along with the other cases of the appellant. The appellant also agreed to the submissions made by the respondent.

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3. Accordingly, the case is adjourned.

4. To come up on 12.4.2022 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference

Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, District Amritsar/Pathankot.

Dated: 15.3.2022

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Sh. Gurbax Rai Charaya, #08,Basant Kunj, PO ladewali, Jalandhar

Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer, The Commissioner, Jalandhar Division, Jalandhar.

First Appellate Authority, The Additional Deputy Commissioner, Jalandhar.

Respondents

Appeal Case No. 5151 of 2021 (Video Conference /Telephone/Cisco Webex Proceedings)

Present :- Shri Gurbax Rai, appellant.

Miss Anita Rani, RTI Clerk and Shri Karamveer.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 2.11.2020 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 28.6.2021 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 15.11.2021 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter called RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 15.3.2022.

2. The representative of the respondent submits that the information concerning RTI application of the appellant has already been supplied to him. He further submits that in case the appellant is not satisfied with the same, he may inspect the file concerning the sought information with which the appellant agreed to.

3. Accordingly, the respondent Public Information Officer is directed to make available the record for the inspection of the appellant and provide the certified copy of the same, if so identified by him, before the next date of hearing. Also the appellant is directed to contact Sh. Karamveer, 9915489032/Ms Anita 9855941494 o/o the Deputy Commissioner, Jalandhar to inspect the relevant record pertaining to RTI application positively and.

4. To come up on 21 April 2022 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Jalandhar.

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(Suresh Arora) Chief Information Commissioner,Punjab.

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Shri Yogesh Mahajan, Opp. Water Tank, Municipal Market, Mission Road,Pathankot.

..Appellant

....Respondents

Public Information Officer, o/o Imrovement Trust, Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority, Executive Officer, Improvement Trust, Amritsar.

Appeal Case No. 5171 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

Present :- Shri Yogesh Mahajan, appellant. None is present on behalf of the respondents.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 6.8.2021 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 15.9.2021 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 16.11.2021 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter called RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 15.3.2022.

2. Since none is present on behalf of the respondent, therefore, the case is adjourned with the directions to the Public Information Officer o/o the Improvement Trust, District Amritsar to file the reply /supply the information in this case before the next date of hearing.

3. To come up on 16 May 2022 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, District Amritsar.

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Dated: 15.3.2022