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FINAL ORDER

Amarjit Singh Dhamotia,

Street No 5, # 1331-5, Vishawkarma Bhawan,
Down Canal Road, Simlapuri,
Ludhiana – 141 003.

Versus

Public Information Officer,

o/o Executive Officer,
Nagar Council, Jagraon,
District Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,

o/o Additional Deputy Commissioner (UD),
Ludhiana

Appeal Case No. 454 of 2022 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

Amarjit Singh Dhamotia (Appellant) 98887-10031

Narinder Kumar, Clerk (for the Respondent) 98884-54860

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **11.9.2021** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding work of streets and roads etc.**, enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **21.10.2021** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **17.1.2022** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **15.7.2022**.

2. Both parties are present. As per the respondent PIO, represented by Narinder Kumar, Clerk, the information sought in this RTI application is almost identical to that sought in Appeal Case No. 2468/2021, wherein inspection was conducted on 6.6.2022 and the information is ready to be sent to the appellant. Both RTI applications compared and Commission concurs with the respondent PIO that the information sought is almost identical.

3. The Commission also notes here that the appellant Sh. Amarjit Singh Dhamotia and other members of his group of 'RTI activists' have filed multiple of RTI applications seeking identical / similar information from various Public Authorities. Said RTI application appears to be more by way of a fishing inquiry and does not serve the larger public interest. Instead, the multitude of RTI applications and subsequent appeals by the appellant and his cohort are only serving to overburden already stretched and oftentimes, under-staffed public authorities.

4. In view of the fact that the information requested in this RTI application is almost identical to that sought in AC No. 2468/2021, This Appeal is Dismissed.

Sd/-

(ASIT JOLLY)

State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

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Ludhiana – 141003.

Versus

Public Information Officer,

o/o Executive Officer,
Nagar Council, Mullanpur Dakha,
Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,

o/o Executive Officer,
Nagar Council, Mullanpur Dakha,
Ludhiana.

Appeal Case No. 5050 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

Amarjit Singh Dhamotia (Appellant) 98887-10031

Abey Joshi, APIO-cum-Accountant (for the Respondent) 94631-28101

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **31.7.2021** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding buildings constructed with and without approvals etc.**, enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **31.8.2021** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **9.11.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **15.7.2022**.

2. Both parties are present. The respondent PIO represented by Abey Joshi, APIO-cum-Accountant, has submitted a copy of reply sent to the appellant vide Letter No. 1430 Dated 6.8.2021, wherein a demand was raised for Rs. 7,200.00 as copying costs. Said letter was sent by registered post. The appellant however, did not deposit the amount and states here today that he did not receive said letter. The respondent PIO submitted that the appellant was sent as many as three reminders to deposit the money, which he has failed to do until date.

3. The Commission advises the appellant to deposit the copying costs as enumerated by the respondent PIO in his Letter No. 1430 dated 6.8.2021, to obtain the requested information. On receipt of the costs, the respondent PIO is to supply duly attested copies of the requested information.

4. This Appeal Case is accordingly **Disposed of**.

Sd/-

(ASIT JOLLY)

State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

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Ludhiana – 141003.

Versus

Public Information Officer,

o/o Executive Officer,
Nagar Council, Sahnewal,
District Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,

o/o Executive Officer,
Nagar Council, Sahnewal,
District Ludhiana.

Appeal Case No. 1186 of 2022 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

Amarjit Singh Dhamotia (Appellant) 98887-10031

Tarandeep Singh, Assistant (for the Respondent) 88722-12320

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **28.10.2021** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding private hospitals, schools, marriage palaces, restaurants etc.**, enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **20.12.2021** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **7.3.2022** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **15.7.2022**.

2. Both parties are present. As per the respondent PIO, represented by Tarandeep Singh, Senior Assistant, a reply was sent to the appellant vide Letter No. 2100 Dated 22.11.2021, by registered post. The Commission has examined said reply and is of the view that this addresses the RTI application adequately. The appellant meanwhile states that he has not received the aforesaid letter. The respondent PIO is directed to hand over a fresh copy of the same to the appellant.

3. There is no further cause for action and the Appeal is accordingly **Disposed of**.

Sd/-

(ASIT JOLLY)

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FINAL ORDER

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Ludhiana – 141 003.

Versus

Public Information Officer,

o/o Executive Officer, Nagar Council Samrala,
District Patiala.

First Appellate Authority,

o/o Additional Deputy Commissioner (UD),
Patiala.

Appeal Case No. 456 of 2022 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

Amarjit Singh Dhamotia (Appellant) 98887-10031
Harpreet Singh, JE (for the Respondent) 95018-00448

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **10.9.2021** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding roads and streets**, enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **21.10.2021** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **17.1.2022** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **15.7.2022**.
2. Both parties are present. As per the respondent PIO, represented by Harpreet Singh, Junior Engineer, the requested information was supplied to the appellant after inspection of the record on 16.6.2022. The appellant has confirmed that he has received the requested information.
3. This Appeal Case is accordingly **Disposed of**.

Sd/-

(ASIT JOLLY)

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FINAL ORDER

Amarjit Singh Dhamotia,

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Ludhiana – 141003.

Versus

Public Information Officer,

o/o Executive Officer,
Nagar Council, Samrala,
District Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,

o/o Additional Deputy Commissioner (UD),
Ludhiana.

Appeal Case No. 5079 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

Amarjit Singh Dhamotia (Appellant) 98887-10031
Harpreet Singh, JE (for the Respondent) 95018-00448

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **31.7.2021** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding building plans, violations etc.**, enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **31.8.2021** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **9.11.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **15.7.2022**.

2. Both parties are present. The Commission has examined the RTI application and finds that the appellant has sought information regarding building plan violations etc. for buildings in the jurisdiction of Nagar Council Samrala, from 1.1.2015 to the date of filing of RTI application which is approximately over a Six year period. As per the respondent, this amounts to a large volume of record.

3. The appellant is advised to be more specific in seeking information as the present RTI application appears to be more in the way of fishing enquiry, wherein a volume of information has been sought by the appellant, without demonstrating and thing by way serving the larger public interest.

4. In view of the above, the Commission deems it fit to **Dismiss** the Appeal.

Sd/-

(ASIT JOLLY)

State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

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FINAL ORDER

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Ludhiana – 141003.

Versus

Public Information Officer,

o/o Executive Officer, Nagar Council Khanna,
District Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,

o/o Additional Deputy Commissioner (UD),
Ludhiana.

Appeal Case No. 5078 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

Amarjit Singh Dhamotia (Appellant) 98887-10031

Surinderpal Singh, Building Inspector (for the Respondent) 88721-14670

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **26.7.2021** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding notices issued to illegal buildings**, enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **26.8.2021** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **9.11.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **15.7.2022**.
2. Both parties are present. The respondent PIO has submitted a copy of reply sent to the appellant vide Letter No. 199 Dated 2.6.2022, wherein he states that the requested information is not specific and that the appellant can inspect the record in person, pertaining to any specific colony, buildings etc. on any working day.
3. The Commission has examined the RTI application and concurs with the respondent PIO that the requested record is not specific. The appellant is advised to make his request for information under the RTI Act 2005, more specific as the present RTI application appears to be more in the way of fishing enquiry.
4. This Appeal Case is accordingly **Disposed of**.

Sd/-

(ASIT JOLLY)

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Ludhiana – 141003.

Versus

Public Information Officer,
o/o Executive Officer,
Nagar Council, Mullanpur Dakha,
Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,
o/o Additional Deputy Commissioner (UD),
Ludhiana.

Appeal Case No. 461 of 2022 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

Amarjit Singh Dhamotia (Appellant) 98887-10031
Abey Joshi, APIO-cum-Accountant (for the Respondent) 94631-28101

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **11.9.2021** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding roads and streets etc.**, enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **21.10.2021** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **17.1.2022** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **15.7.2022**.
2. Both parties are present. As per the respondent PIO, represented by Abey Joshi, APIO-cum-Accountant, a demand for Rs. 4,200/- was raised from the appellant as copying cost vide Letter No. 1811 Dated 15.9.2021, which was within the stipulated 30 day period. The appellant has however, not deposited the said sum till date.
3. The respondent PIO is hereby directed to handover copy of above cited letter along with copy of postal receipt to the appellant. A copy of the same is also to be submitted to the Commission. The appellant is advised to deposit the copying cost as sought by the respondent PIO. The respondent PIO is directed to supply duly attested copies of the requested information on receipt of copying cost as per Letter No. 1811 Dated 15.9.2021.
4. This Appeal Case is accordingly **Disposed of.**

Sd/-
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FINAL ORDER

Gurmej Lal

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Ludhiana – 141 003.

Versus

Public Information Officer,

o/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation,
Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,

o/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation,
Ludhiana.

Appeal Case No. 193 of 2022 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

Gurmej Lal (Appellant)

Gurpreet Singh, Head Draftsman (for the Respondent) 99140-98881

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **6.9.2021** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding Kuljit Singh Mangat, Building Inspector**, enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **18.10.2021** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **30.12.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **15.7.2022**.

2. Both parties are present. The respondent PIO, represented by Gurpreet Singh, Head Draftsman office of MTP, has submitted copy of a reply sent to the appellant vide Letter No. 477 Dated 10.9.2021, stating that the requested information is not available in his office. The respondent PIO reiterated the same at today's hearing. The PIO's contention is accepted.

3. This Appeal Case is accordingly **Disposed of**.

Sd/-

(ASIT JOLLY)

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Ludhiana – 141003.

Versus

Public Information Officer,

o/o Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation,
Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,

o/o Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation,
Ludhiana.

Appeal Case No. 198 of 2022 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

Gurmej Lal (Appellant)

Satish Kumar Malhotra, PIO-cum-ATP (Respondent) 98882-31802

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **18.9.2021** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding complaint Dairy No. 1986-PS-R Dated 16.9.2021**, enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **18.10.2021** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **30.12.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **15.7.2022**.

2. Both parties are present. As per the respondent PIO-cum-ATP, Building Branch from Zone C, Satish Kumar Malhotra, a pointwise reply to the RTI application along with information was supplied to the appellant vide Letter No. 89 Dated 1.10.2021. The appellant Gurmej Lal, states that no action has still been taken on the complaint cited in his RTI application. The appellant is advised that it is not within the jurisdiction of this Commission to instruct any Public Authority to initiate action vis-à-vis its day-to-day functioning etc.

3. In view of the respondent PIO's reply, a copy of which has once again handed over to the appellant at this hearing, this Appeal is accordingly **Disposed of**.

Sd/-

(ASIT JOLLY)

State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

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Versus

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Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,

o/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation,
Ludhiana.

Appeal Case No. 463 of 2022 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

Gurmej Lal (Appellant)

Satish Kumar Malhotra, PIO-cum-ATP (Respondent) 98882-31802

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **29.6.2021** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding complaint Dairy No. 723-PS-R Dated 18.6.2021**, enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **7.8.2021** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **17.1.2022** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **15.7.2022**.
2. Both parties are present. The respondent PIO-cum-ATP, Building Branch from Zone C, Satish Kumar Malhotra, has submitted a copy of reply sent to the appellant vide Letter No. 749 Dated 20.7.2021, with a pointwise reply to the RTI application and the requested information. The appellant confirms having received said reply.
3. The Commission notes that despite having received said reply, the appellant had gone ahead to file a First Appeal as well as this Second Appeal to the Commission. This constitutes a gross misuse of the RTI Act 2005. the appellant is hereby cautioned against such conduct.
4. In view of the, this Appeal Case is accordingly **Disposed of**.

Sd/-

(ASIT JOLLY)

State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

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