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Sh. Jagshir Singh, S/o Late Sh. Gian Singh,
9/20, MandiMulanpur, Ludhiana. -141101.
M : 8195800345

.....Appellant

..Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o SHO, Police Station Division No 1, Police Commissionerate,
Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority
O/o Police Commissioner, Ludhiana.

.....Respondent

AC No. 3387 of 2020

Through CISCO-Webex

Present: None for the parties.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 08.02.2021.

2. The Appellant Sh. Jagshir Singh is not present today. However, an e-mail has been received from the Appellant stating that no information has been provided to him so far. Copy of the same is taken on record.
3. No one has appeared on behalf of the Respondent today. They were not present on the previous date of hearing also. After hearing both the parties and perusing the record available on file it emerges that PIO has delayed/ denied in providing the information to the Appellant.
4. In view of the above, **PIO- O/o SHO, Police Station, Division no 1, Ludhiana** is directed to show cause in writing or through affidavit under Section 20(1) of the RTI Act, as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay/ denial of the information to the RTI applicant and why the compensation be not awarded to the Appellant under Section 19 (8)(b) of the Act for detriment suffered.

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In addition to his submission, the PIO is also hereby 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 note that in case he does not file his submission and does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the next 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.

5. To come up on **12.05.2021 at 11.00 AM for further proceedings in the Commission office.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 16.03.2021

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Sh. Lawrence , S/o Sh. Babu Gian Joseph,
Ward No 6 (New), Baddowal Road, Tehsil Fatehgarh Churian,
DisttGurdaspur.M : 8146008408

.....Appellant

..Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o District Food and Civil Supply Controller,
Gurdaspur.

First Appellate Authority
O/o District Controller, Food Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs,
Gurdaspur.

.....Respondent

AC No. 3376 of 2020
Through CISCO-Webex

Present: (i) Sh Lawrence, the appellant
(ii) None for the Respondent

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 08.02.2021 vide which the appellant was absent.

2. Today, the Appellant states that the complete information has not been provided to him till date.

3. No one has appeared on behalf of the Respondent today.

4. After perusing the documents placed on record and hearing the appellant, it is ascertained that the complete information has not been provided to the Appellant till date. No one has put in appearance on behalf of the respondents nor has any communication been received from them. In the interest of justice, Respondent PIO is afforded one more opportunity to provide the appellant point-wise complete specific information, duly attested, free of cost, by registered post, in accordance with his RTI application and present a photocopy of the relevant postal receipt along with a copy of the information provided, before the Commission on the next date fixed, for its perusal and records. Respondents to note that in case no one comes present on their behalf on the next date fixed, punitive provisions of the RTI Act, 2005 may be invoked against the erring officer(s).

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Sh. Ashok Kumar , S/o Sh. Tek Chand,
R/o Ward No 11, Munak, C/o Ashok Tank House,
Jakhal Road, Munak, Distt Sangrur.-148033.M : 9356476120

.....Appellant

..Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o Sr. Medical Officer Incharge,
C.H.C. Munak, Distt Sangrur.

First Appellate Authority
O/o Director, Health and Family Welfare, PB,
Parivar Kalyan Bhawan, Sector 34 ,Chandigarh.

.....Respondent

AC No. 3375 of 2020
Through CISCO-Webex

Present: (i) Sh. Ashok Kumar, the appellant
(ii) None for the Respondent

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 08.02.2021 vide which the appellant was absent.

3. No one has appeared on behalf of the Respondent today.
4. The Appellant states that the information provided to him is not complete and he is not satisfied with the same.
5. The perusal of the file shows that no one has appeared on behalf of the Respondent today. The Appellant states that the complete information has not been provided to him. However, it emerges, that the information demanded by the Appellant through his RTI is very voluminous. The appellant may take note that there is the judgment of The Supreme Court of India in Civil Appeal No. 6454 of 2011 Central Board of Secondary Education Vs Aditya Bandopadhyay and ors. has in its judgment dated 09.08.2011 observed as under –

(37 Indiscriminate and impractical demands or directions under RTI Act for disclosure of all and sundry information (unrelated to transparency and accountability in the functioning of public authorities and eradication of corruption) would be counter-productive as it will adversely affect the efficiency of the administration and result in the executive getting bogged down with the non-productive work of collecting and furnishing information. The Act should not be allowed to be misused or abused, to become a tool to obstruct the national

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development and integration, or to destroy the peace, tranquility and harmony among its citizens. Nor should it be converted into a tool of oppression or intimidation of honest officials striving to do their duty. The nation does not want a scenario where 75% of the staff of public authorities spends 75% of their time in collecting and furnishing information to applicants instead of discharging their regular duties. The threat of penalties under the RTI Act and the pressure of the authorities under the RTI Act should not lead to employees of a public authorities prioritising 'information furnishing', at the cost of their normal and regular duties.)

6. Hence, the Appellant is directed to justify what public interest is involved in the information asked for before the next date of hearing.

Further, PIO is directed to come present on the next date of hearing, failing which action under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act 2005 will be initiated.

7. To come up on **12.05.2021 at 11.00 AM for further proceedings in the Commission office.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 16.03.2021

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Sh. Gurdeep Singh, S/o Sh. Bishan Singh,
House No. 17D, Nursery Bagh Colony,
Faridkot-151203 (9780008668)

.....Appellant

..Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o Baba Farid University of Health Sciences,
Faridkot
First Appellate Authority,
O/o Baba Farid University of Health Sciences,
Faridkot

(Through Registered Post)

2. **Public Information Officer,** O/o DRME, PB
Medical Education Bhawan, Sector 69, SAS Nagar-160062

.....Respondent

AC No. 1129 of 2020
Through CISCO-Webex

Present: (i) Sh.Karandeep Singh Bhullar, Advocate (9988132482) on behalf of the
appellant
(ii) For the Respondent: Sh. Rajinsh Garg, PIO (9815553933)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 12.01.2021.

2. Today, the Respondent states that, as directed in the previous hearing, the Appellant had inspected the record. They have also sent their reply to the Commission in this regard vide diary no.3208 dated 10.02.2021. Further, he states that the information available in their official record has been provided to the Appellant. He also adds that the remaining information is available with PIO O/o DRME, PB. Medical Education Bhawan, Sector 69, SAS Nagar

3. The Counsel for the Appellant states that the complete information has not been provided to them.

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AC No. 1129 of 2020

4. The perusal of the file shows that no one has appeared on behalf of Respondent no.2. They were not present on the previous date of hearing also. Last opportunity is given to the Respondent no.2 to appear before the Commission on the next date of hearing alongwith the complete information
5. To come up on **19.04.2021 at 11.00 AM** for in the Commission office. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated :16.03.2021

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Sh Sanjay Gupta (CA)(M- 9814214066)

#41, HiraBagh, Opp ITBP. Gate-2,

Rajpura Road, Patiala

.....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,

O/o EO, Improvement Trust, Patiala

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Regional Deputy Director,

Urban Local Bodies, Patiala

.....Respondent

AC.No. 198 of 2020

Through CISCO-Webex

Present: (i) None is present on behalf of the appellant
(ii) For the Respondent: Sh. Gora Lal, E.O. (9417540893)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 12.01.2020 vide which a show cause notice was issued to the respondent-PIO.

2. The appellant is absent today.

3. The respondent Sh. Gora Lal, EO states that the information, as exists, in the record has been provided to the appellant.

4. Since, the appellant is absent, one last opportunity is given to him to appear before the Commission and state his case. The respondent is again directed to send the reply of the show cause notice issued to him before the next date of hearing.

5. The appeal case is adjourned on **28.04.2021 at 11.00 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission office. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 16.03.2021

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Sh. Jasbir Singh (M-9888296107)

Guru Nanak Singh Nagar, Village Bolapur,

Jhabewal, PORamgarh, Distt Ludhiana-14113

.....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,

O/o SSP, Vigilance Bureau, Ludhiana

First Appellate Authority,

O/o SSP, Vigilance Bureau, Ludhiana

Registered post:

Public Information Officer

O/o Vigilance Bureau, Pb, Sector 68

SAS Nagar Mohali

.....Respondent

AC.No. 3072 of 2020
Through CISCO-Webex

Present : (i) Sh. Jasbir Singh the appellant

(ii) For the respondent : Sh. Anil Kumar, ASI (9417963146)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 12.01.2021 vide which the Respondent Sh. Anil Kumar stated that the information is lying with their Head office, i.e, O/o Vigilance Bureau, Pb, SAS Nagar Mohali .

2. The appellant Sh. Jasbir Singh states that no information has been given to him so far.

3. Since, the information is to be provided by the PIO, O/o Vigilance Bureau, Pb, SAS Nagar Mohali. I, therefore, order that PIO, O/o Vigilance Bureau, Pb, SAS Nagar Mohali be impleaded as Respondent No.2. I further direct that PIO, O/o Vigilance Bureau, Pb, SAS Nagar Mohali should supply the information to the appellant before the next date of hearing.

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Sd/-

Dated: 16.03.2021

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