



Jagjit Singh

Aman Nagar, Street - 03,
Back Side Green Land School,
Near Jalandhar Bye Pass,
Ludhiana (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,

O/o The District Education Officer (Elem.),
Ludhiana (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,

O/o The District Education Officer (Elem.),
Ludhiana (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 4072 of 2021

Present : None is present on behalf of the appellant
Sh. Prem Jeet Pal Singh, Sr. Assistant (9653800058) and Jeewan Singh, Sr.
Assistant (9417897293), on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

Heard in the Commission

2. The RTI request is dated 17.05.2021. First appeal is dated 24.06.2021. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 08.09.2021.
3. This case was last heard on 12.10.2022 and an opportunity was given to both the parties i. e. the appellant and the respondent PIO to represent this case in person or through their representative on the date fixed.
4. Today again the appellant is not present. The respondent states that the appellant has not pointed out any deficiencies so far. The appellant has not even informed the Commission about his absence. It is, therefore, presumed that the appellant is satisfied with the information provided by the respondent.
5. In view of the above, no further cause of action is left, hence the above said appeal case filed by the appellant is **disposed of and closed**. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date : 16th November, 2022

Sd/-
(Amrit Partap Singh Sekhon)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

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....Appellant

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Public Information Officer,

O/o The District Education Officer (Elem.),
Ludhiana (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,

O/o The District Education Officer (Elem.),
Ludhiana (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 4201 of 2021

Present : None is present on behalf of the appellant.
Sh. Prem Jeet Pal, Sr. Assistant (9653800058), Sh. Jeewan Singh, Sr. Assistant
(7417897293)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 12.10.2022, passed by the Commission vide which neither the appellant nor the respondent was present.

2. Today again the appellant is not present. He has not informed the Commission about his absence for today's hearing.
3. The respondent states that the information has been sent to the appellant.
4. After hearing the respondent and going through the case file, it is observed that the appellant is absent for second consecutive hearing without any intimation. The respondent states that the information has been given to the appellant. Since, the appellant is absent for second consecutive hearing without any intimation, hence it is presumed that the appellant is satisfied with the information.

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Appeal Case No. 4201 of 2021

5. In view of the foregoing, no further cause of action is left, hence the above said appeal case filed by the appellant is **disposed of and closed**. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date : 16th November, 2022

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Vipan Kumar

S/o Sh. Jagdish Ram,
479-C, Type -2, Rail Coach Factory,
Hussainpur, Kapurthala - 144602(Punjab)
(M.- 76961-63740)

....Appellant

V/s

- i) **Public Information Officer,**
O/o The Deputy Commissioner,
S. A.S. Nagar (Mohali) (Punjab)
- ii) **Public Information Officer,**
O/o The Director, Education and Recruitment Directorate,
Microsoft Building, Phase 3 B 1,
S. A. S. Nagar (Mohali)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Deputy Commissioner,
S. A.S. Nagar (Mohali) (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3342 of 2022

Present : None for the parties.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 12.10.2022 and 07.09.2022, passed by the Commission vide which neither the appellant nor the respondent was present.

2. Today, again neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. In the aforementioned circumstances, I am of the considered view that no useful purpose would be served by prolonging this matter any further. Hence, the above said appeal case filed by the appellant is **dismissed for non perusal**. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date : 16th November, 2022

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State Information Commissioner
Punjab



Gurpreet Singh

S/o Sh. Harbans Singh,
201, Village – Nehianwala,
Barthinda - 151201(Punjab)
(M.-98558-00024)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Deputy Commissioner,
S. A. S. Nagar(Mohali)(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Deputy Commissioner,
S. A. S. Nagar(Mohali)(Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 4479 of 2022

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.
Ms. Rajwinder Kaur, Head Constable (82830-60022) for the respondent.

ORDER

Heard in the Commission.

2. The RTI request is dated 06.07.2022. First appeal is dated 16.08.2022. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 23.09.2022.
3. After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that the respondent PIO through a reply vide letter no. 1918 dated 07.11.2022 (received in the Commission vide Diary No. 25924 dated 11.11.2022, has intimated the Commission that the RTI request of the appellant was transferred to the PIO office of S. S. P., Mohali.
4. Ms. Rajwinder Kaur, Head Constable, who appeared from office of S.S.P., S. A. S. Nagar in today's hearing, states that she has brought the requisite information in the Commission so that the same could be handed over to the appellant.
5. The appellant, Sh. Gurpreet Singh, is not present in today's hearing.
6. The information submitted by the respondent is found satisfactory. Hence, no further cause of action is left in this case, therefore the above said appeal case filed by the appellant

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Appeal Case No. 4479 of 2022

is **disposed of and closed.** *However, copy of the information, as submitted by the respondent be sent to the appellant alongwith these orders. Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.*

Date : 16th November, 2022

**Sd/-
(Amrit Partap Singh Sekhon)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab**



Sham Lal Singla,
B-325, Guru Nanak Colony,
Sangrur(Punjab)
(M.- 99141-33001)

.... Complainant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Principal Secretary
to Government of Punjab,
Deptt. of Home Affairs & Justice,
Pb. Civil Secretariat, Chandigarh

...Respondents

Complaint Case No. 615 of 2022

Present : None on behalf of the complainant.
i) Sh. Purshotam Kumar, A. S. I.(94171-31510) O/o D. G. P., Punjab, ;
ii) Sh. Khalid Khan, Senior Assistant (M.-88723-76800) O/o Home
Department (Press – II Branch), on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

Heard in the Commission

2. The RTI request is dated 04.07.2022. The complaint has been received in the Commission on 21.10.2022.
3. After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that the respondent PIO through a reply vide letter no. 4728 dated 03.11.2022 (received in the Commission vide Diary No. 25316 dated 04.11.2022, has intimated the Commission that the RTI request of the appellant was transferred vide letter no. 3652 dated 03.08.2022 to the PIO office of Bureau of Investigation (Complaint Branch) under intimation to the Commission as well as to the appellant. It, alongwith annexure, is taken on record.
4. Sh. Purshotam Kumar, A. S. I. appeared from office of D. G. P., Punjab, in today's hearing.
5. Sh. Khalid Khan, Senior Assistant office of Home Department (Press – II Branch), appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing.
6. The complainant, Sh. Sham Lal Singla, is not present in today's hearing but through a letter dated 17.10.2022 (received in the Commission vide Diary No. 24106 dated 21.10.2022), has requested to fix the next date of hearing through Video Conference. He has also sent an e-mail dated 14.11.2022 intimating that he has not received the required information.

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Appeal Case No. 615 of 2022

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As the complainant has not exhausted the channel of approaching First Appellate Authority under Section 19 of the RTI Act and the Commission could not allow access to the information to the Information seeker in a complaint case as the only remedy available to the information-seeker is given in Section 19 of the RTI Act, hence, the instant complaint case is **remanded to First Appellate Authority** office of Director, Bureau of Investigation, Punjab, Chandigarh, with the directions to decide the case as per provisions of the RTI Act, after giving due opportunity to the parties concerned, examining the evidences, documents placed on record/submitted by the parties concerned and subsequently pass a speaking order within forty five days from the receipt of this order. A copy of the RTI request of the applicant be also enclosed for ready reference of First Appellate Authority, who will treat it as first appeal. A copy of this order be sent to him through registered post

The PIO office of Home Affairs & Justice, Punjab is exempted from this case and a copy of this order be sent to him for intimation.

With this, the case is announced as **disposed of and closed.**

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 16th November, 2022

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State Information Commissioner
Punjab

(Regd. Post)

First Appellate Authority-cum-
O/o The Director,
Bureau of Investigation, Pb.,
Punjab Police Head Quarter,
Sector 9, Chandigarh

Encl : RTI Request



Vipan Chadda,
H. No. 164, Shastri Nagar,
Near B. R. Model School,
Lawrence Road,
Amritsar (Punjab)
(M.-98140-39925)

.... Complainant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Director,
Bureau of Investigation, Pb.,
Punjab Police Head Quarter,
Sector 9, Chandigarh

...Respondents

Complaint Case No. 626 of 2022

Present : None on behalf of the complainant.
Sh. Amrit Singh, Senior Assistant(M.-98775-89262) , on behalf of the
respondent.

ORDER

Heard in the Commission.

2. The RTI request is dated 03.06.2022. The complaint has been received in the Commission on 23.09.2022.
3. Sh. Amrit Singh, Senior Assistant, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, submits a reply vide letter no. 1582 dated 15.11.2022 showing that the requisite information regarding enquiry report on complaint no. 4527/CC 4 dated 22.12.2021 alongwith statements has already been supplied to the complainant vide letter no. 1262 dated 02.08.2022 . It is taken on record.
4. After examining the documents placed on record, it emerges that in response to the RTI request, the required information as demanded through RTI request has been given to the complainant.
5. The complainant, Sh. Vipin Chadda, is not present in today's hearing. He has neither pointed out any deficiency in the information supplied to him, to the respondent-PIO, nor approached the Commission with any contrary claim in that regard.

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Appeal Case No. 626 of 2022

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6. If the complainant found any information pending, the only remedy available to the information-seeker is given in Section 19 of the RTI Act, hence, the instant complaint case is **remanded to First Appellate Authority** office of Director, Bureau of Investigation, Punjab, Chandigarh, with the directions to decide the case as per provisions of the RTI Act, after giving due opportunity to the parties concerned, examining the evidences, documents placed on record/submitted by the parties concerned and subsequently pass a speaking order within forty five days from the receipt of this order. A copy of the RTI request of the applicant be also enclosed for ready reference of First Appellate Authority, who will treat it as first appeal. A copy of this order be sent to him through registered post

With this, the case is announced as **disposed of and closed.**

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 16th November, 2022

Sd/-
(Amrit Partap Singh Sekhon)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

(Regd. Post)

First Appellate Authority-cum-
O/o The Director,
Bureau of Investigation, Pb.,
Punjab Police Head Quarter,
Sector 9, Chandigarh

Encl : RTI Request



Manik Goyal
S/o Sh. Bhim Sain,
H. No. 21, Sharma Street,
Link Road, Mansa - 151505(Punjab)
(M.-8146000420)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Director,
Deptt. of Information and
Public Relations Pb.,
Pb. Civil Secretariat, Chandigarh

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Director,
Deptt. of Information and
Public Relations Pb.,
Pb. Civil Secretariat, Chandigarh

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 4476 of 2022

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.
Ms. Sucheta, Senior Assistant (M.-7837165889), on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

Heard in the Commission.

2. The RTI request is dated 03.07.2022. First appeal is dated 03.08.2022. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 23.09.2022.
3. Ms. Sucheta, Senior Assistant, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant through registered post and also submitted a copy of the same to the Commission during the hearing. The same is taken on record.
4. The appellant, Sh. Manik Goyal, is absent. He has sent through an e-mail dated 15.11.2022 intimated that he has received partial information and the above-mentioned case be closed.
5. Since, the required information has been supplied by the respondent PIO, no further cause of action is left, therefore the above said appeal case filed by the appellant is **disposed of and closed**. Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 16th November, 2022

Sd/-
(Amrit Partap Singh Sekhon)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab



Manik Goyal
S/o Sh. Bhim Sain,
H. No. 21, Sharma Street,
Link Road, Mansa - 151505(Punjab)
(M.-8146000420)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Director,
Deptt. of Information and
Public Relations Pb.,
Pb. Civil Secretariat, Chandigarh

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Director,
Deptt. of Information and
Public Relations Pb.,
Pb. Civil Secretariat, Chandigarh

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 4478 of 2022

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.
Ms. Sucheta, Senior Assistant (M.-7837165889), on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

Heard in the Commission.

2. The RTI request is dated 03.07.2022. First appeal is dated 03.08.2022. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 23.09.2022.

3. Ms. Sucheta, Senior Assistant, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant through registered post and also submitted a copy of the same to the Commission during the hearing. The same is taken on record.

4. The appellant, Sh. Manik Goyal, is absent. He has sent through an e-mail dated 15.11.2022 intimated that he has received partial information and the above-mentioned case be closed.

5. Since, the required information has been supplied by the respondent PIO, no further cause of action is left, therefore the above said appeal case filed by the appellant is **disposed of and closed**. Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

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(M.-8146000420)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Director, Deptt. of Information and
Public Relations Pb.,
Pb. Civil Secretariat, Chandigarh

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Director, Deptt. of Information and
Public Relations Pb.,
Pb. Civil Secretariat, Chandigarh

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 4477 of 2022

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.
Ms. Sucheta, Senior Assistant (M.-7837165889), on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

Heard in the Commission.

2. The RTI request is dated 03.07.2022. First appeal is dated 03.08.2022. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 23.09.2022.
3. Ms. Sucheta, Senior Assistant, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant through registered post and also submitted a copy of the same to the Commission during the hearing. The same is taken on record.
4. The appellant, Sh. Manik Goyal, is absent. He has sent through an e-mail dated 15.11.2022 intimating that he has received partial information and the above-mentioned case be closed.
5. Since, the required information has been supplied by the respondent PIO, no further cause of action is left, therefore the above said appeal case filed by the appellant is **disposed of and closed**. Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 16th November, 2022

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Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia,
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Kartar Nagar, Amloh Road,
Khanna - 141401, District Ludhiana(Punjab)
(M.- 94645-00405)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Officer,
Nagar Council, Mandi Gobindgarh(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Additional Deputy Commissioner
(Urban Development), Fatehgarh Sahib

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3474 of 2021

Present : Sh. Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia , the appellant in person.
Sh. Kulbir Singh Brar, EO, (98143-89097), Sh. Gurpreet Singh, ME-APIO
(9877626210) and Sh. Kewal Singh, Je (9464737480)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous orders, passed by the Commission.

2. The brief facts of the case is that the Appellant had sought certain information under the Right to Information Act of 2005(hereinafter referred to as the Act) vide application dated 30.03.2021.
3. Since, the information sought by the Appellant in the aforesaid Application was not furnished to him, therefore, he filed the First Appeal before the First Appellate Authority (FAA).



Appeal Case No. 3474 of 2021

4. Being aggrieved by the non-receipt of the information the Appellant filed the present Second Appeal before this Commission, which was taken up for first hearing on 29.11.2021.

5. After examining the case file, it is observed that today is the ninth hearing of this case in the Commission and the appellant is not satisfied with the information provided. A close scrutiny of the questions asked for by the Appellant and the answers given by the respondents reveals that, sufficient information/reply has been furnished by the Respondent. But the appellant is not satisfied with the same. The appellant, however, is unnecessarily dragging the matter.

6. It is observed that Sh. Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia is an RTI Activist and is habitual of filing RTI applications without realizing the practical difficulties which the Public Authorities have to face. The Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in Civil Appeal No.6454 of 2011 titled as Central Board of Secondary Education Vs Adiitya Bandopadhyay and ors. has rightly observed that 75% of the staff of public authorities spends 75% of their time in collecting and furnishing information to applicants under the RTI Act. It has further been observed by the Apex Court that Act should not lead to employees of public authorities prioritizing 'information furnishing' at the cost of their normal and regular duties.

7. It has also been observed that this behaviour towards the public authorities and the Bench is not conducive. He does not hesitate to cast aspersions on the bench during the hearing of his appeal case (s). This behaviour of the appellant needs to be curbed with a heavy hand.

8. Hence, it would be appropriate that the matter is referred to a Larger bench/Full bench headed by the Hon'ble Chief Information Commissioner, Punjab for due consideration and taking an appropriate final decision in the matter.

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Appeal Case No. 3474 of 2021

9. In view of the foregoing, the case file is sent to Deputy Registrar for placing the same before the Hon'ble Chief Information Commissioner for appropriate orders.

Sd/-

Date : 16th November, 2022

(Amrit Partap Singh Sekhon)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

D.R (With original case file)



Vipan Kumar , S/o Sh. Jagdish Ram,
479-C, Type -2, Rail Coach Factory,
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(M.- 76961-63740)

....Appellant

V/s

- i) Public Information Officer,**
O/o The Deputy Commissioner,
S. A.S. Nagar (Mohali) (Punjab)
- ii) Public Information Officer,**
O/o The Director, State Council of Education
and Research, Punjab, Block – E, 6th Floor, Phase – 8,
S. A. S. Nagar S. A.S. Nagar (Mohali) (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Deputy Commissioner,
S. A.S. Nagar (Mohali) (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3341 of 2022

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.
Ms. Karamjit Kaur, Senior Assistant(M.-9855552617), on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

Heard in the Commission.

2. The RTI request is dated 08.04.2022. First appeal is dated 10.05.2022. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 18.07.2022.

3. This case was last heard on 12.10.2022 and Public Information Officer ,o/o State Council of Education and Research, Punjab, S. A. S. Nagar was impleaded as necessary party with the directions to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant as per queries raised by him through RTI request with a copy to the Commission.

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Appeal Case No. 3341 of 2022

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4. After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that the respondent PIO through a reply vide letter no. 1629 dated 22.09.2022 (received in the Commission vide Diary No. 22324 dated 30.09.2022), has intimated the Commission that the information, demanded by the appellant through RTI request relates with office of State Council of Education and Research, Punjab, S. A. S. Nagar, hence, the RTI request of the appellant was transferred to that office under Section 6 (3) of the RTI Act. It is taken on record.

5. Ms. Karamjit Kaur, Senior Assistant, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, submits a letter dated Nil intimating that the information sought through RTI request does not relate with their office i.e. Director, State Council of Education and Research, S. A. S. Nagar. The same is taken on record.

6. The appellant, Sh. Vipin Kumar is not present in today's hearing.

7. It is observed that the appellant Sh. Vipin Kumar has not attended any hearing in the Commission. I am, therefore, of the considered view that no useful purpose would be served by prolonging this matter any further.

8. In view of the above, no further cause of action is left, hence the above said appeal case filed by the appellant is **disposed of and closed**. *However, the appellant is advised to file fresh application with the concerned department, if he wish so.* Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Dated : 16th November, 2022

Sd/-
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Nagar Council, Mandi Gobindgarh(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Additional Deputy Commissioner
(Urban Development), Fatehgarh Sahib (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2736 of 2021

Present : Sh. Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia , the appellant in person.
Sh. Kulbir Singh Brar, EO, (98143-89097), Sh. Gurpreet Singh, ME-APIO
(9877626210) and Sh. Kewal Singh, Je (9464737480)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous orders, passed by the Commission.

2. The brief facts of the case is that the Appellant had sought certain information under the Right to Information Act of 2005(hereinafter referred to as the Act) vide application dated 24.03.2021.

3. Since, the information sought by the Appellant in the aforesaid Application was not furnished to him, therefore, he filed the First Appeal before the First Appellate Authority (FAA).

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Appeal Case No. 2736 of 2021

4. Being aggrieved by the non-receipt of the information the Appellant filed the present Second Appeal before this Commission, which was taken up for first hearing on 11.08.2021.

5. After examining the case file, it is observed that today is the ninth hearing of this case in the Commission and the appellant is not satisfied with the information provided. A close scrutiny of the questions asked for by the Appellant and the answers given by the respondents reveals that, sufficient information/reply has been furnished by the Respondent. But the appellant is not satisfied with the same. The appellant, however, is unnecessarily dragging the matter.

6. It is observed that Sh. Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia is an RTI Activist and is habitual of filing RTI applications without realizing the practical difficulties which the Public Authorities have to face. The Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in Civil Appeal No.6454 of 2011 titled as Central Board of Secondary Education Vs Adiitya Bandopadhyay and ors. has rightly observed that 75% of the staff of public authorities spends 75% of their time in collecting and furnishing information to applicants under the RTI Act. It has further been observed by the Apex Court that Act should not lead to employees of public authorities prioritizing 'information furnishing' at the cost of their normal and regular duties.

7. It has also been observed that this behaviour towards the public authorities and the Bench is not conducive. He does not hesitate to cast aspersions on the bench during the hearing of his appeal case (s). This behaviour of the appellant needs to be curbed with a heavy hand.

8. Hence, it would be appropriate that the matter is referred to a Larger bench/Full bench headed by the Hon'ble Chief Information Commissioner, Punjab for due consideration and taking an appropriate final decision in the matter.

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Appeal Case No. 2736 of 2021

9. In view of the foregoing, the case file is sent to Deputy Registrar for placing the same before the Hon'ble Chief Information Commissioner for appropriate orders.

Sd/-

Date : 16th November, 2022

(Amrit Partap Singh Sekhon)
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D.R (With original case file)

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....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Officer,
Nagar Council, Mandi Gobindgarh(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Additional Deputy Commissioner
(Urban Development), Fatehgarh Sahib (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2901 of 2022

Present : Sh. Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia , the appellant in person.
Sh. Kulbir Singh Brar, EO, (98143-89097), Sh. Gurpreet Singh, ME-APIO
(9877626210) and Sh. Kewal Singh, Je (9464737480)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous orders, passed by the Commission.

2. The brief facts of the case is that the Appellant had sought certain information under the Right to Information Act of 2005(hereinafter referred to as the Act) vide application dated 15.11.2021.
3. Since, the information sought by the Appellant in the aforesaid Application was not furnished to him, therefore, he filed the First Appeal before the First Appellate Authority (FAA).



Appeal Case No. 2901 of 2022

4. Being aggrieved by the non-receipt of the information the Appellant filed the present Second Appeal before this Commission, which was taken up for first hearing on 10.08.2022.

5. After examining the case file, it is observed that today is the fourth hearing of this case in the Commission and the appellant is not satisfied with the information provided. A close scrutiny of the questions asked for by the Appellant and the answers given by the respondents reveals that, sufficient information/reply has been furnished by the Respondent. But the appellant is not satisfied with the same. The appellant, however, is unnecessarily dragging the matter.

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9. In view of the foregoing, the case file is sent to Deputy Registrar for placing the same before the Hon'ble Chief Information Commissioner for appropriate orders.

Sd/-

Date : 16th November, 2022

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...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2898 of 2022

Present : Sh. Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia , the appellant in person.
Sh. Kulbir Singh Brar, EO, (98143-89097), Sh. Gurpreet Singh, ME-APIO
(9877626210) and Sh. Kewal Singh, Je (9464737480)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous orders, passed by the Commission.

2. The brief facts of the case is that the Appellant had sought certain information under the Right to Information Act of 2005(hereinafter referred to as the Act) vide application dated 23.12.2021.

3. Since, the information sought by the Appellant in the aforesaid Application was not furnished to him, therefore, he filed the First Appeal before the First Appellate Authority (FAA).

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Appeal Case No. 2898 of 2022

4. Being aggrieved by the non-receipt of the information the Appellant filed the present Second Appeal before this Commission, which was taken up for first hearing on 10.08.2022.

5. After examining the case file, it is observed that today is the fourth hearing of this case in the Commission and the appellant is not satisfied with the information provided. A close scrutiny of the questions asked for by the Appellant and the answers given by the respondents reveals that, sufficient information/reply has been furnished by the Respondent. But the appellant is not satisfied with the same. The appellant, however, is unnecessarily dragging the matter.

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...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2899 of 2022

Present : Sh. Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia , the appellant in person.
Sh. Kulbir Singh Brar, EO, (98143-89097), Sh. Gurpreet Singh, ME-APIO
(9877626210) and Sh. Kewal Singh, Je (9464737480)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous orders, passed by the Commission.

2. The brief facts of the case is that the Appellant had sought certain information under the Right to Information Act of 2005(hereinafter referred to as the Act) vide application dated 14.11.2021.

3. Since, the information sought by the Appellant in the aforesaid Application was not furnished to him, therefore, he filed the First Appeal before the First Appellate Authority (FAA).

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Appeal Case No. 2899 of 2022

4. Being aggrieved by the non-receipt of the information the Appellant filed the present Second Appeal before this Commission, which was taken up for first hearing on 10.08.2022.

5. After examining the case file, it is observed that today is the fourth hearing of this case in the Commission and the appellant is not satisfied with the information provided. A close scrutiny of the questions asked for by the Appellant and the answers given by the respondents reveals that, sufficient information/reply has been furnished by the Respondent. But the appellant is not satisfied with the same. The appellant, however, is unnecessarily dragging the matter.

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Sd/-

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...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2730 of 2021

Present : Sh. Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia , the appellant in person.
Sh. Kulbir Singh Brar, EO, (98143-89097), Sh. Gurpreet Singh, ME-APIO
(9877626210) and Sh. Kewal Singh, Je (9464737480)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous orders, passed by the Commission.

2. The brief facts of the case is that the Appellant had sought certain information under the Right to Information Act of 2005(hereinafter referred to as the Act) vide application dated 16.12.2020.
3. Since, the information sought by the Appellant in the aforesaid Application was not furnished to him, therefore, he filed the First Appeal before the First Appellate Authority (FAA).



Appeal Case No. 2730 of 2021

4. Being aggrieved by the non-receipt of the information the Appellant filed the present Second Appeal before this Commission, which was taken up for first hearing on 08.09.2021.

5. After examining the case file, it is observed that today is the ninth hearing of this case in the Commission and the appellant is not satisfied with the information provided. A close scrutiny of the questions asked for by the Appellant and the answers given by the respondents reveals that, sufficient information/reply has been furnished by the Respondent. But the appellant is not satisfied with the same. The appellant, however, is unnecessarily dragging the matter.

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Sd/-

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...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2733 of 2021

Present : Sh. Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia , the appellant in person.
Sh. Kulbir Singh Brar, EO, (98143-89097), Sh. Gurpreet Singh, ME-APIO
(9877626210) and Sh. Kewal Singh, Je (9464737480)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous orders, passed by the Commission.

2. The brief facts of the case is that the Appellant had sought certain information under the Right to Information Act of 2005(hereinafter referred to as the Act) vide application dated 22.03.2021.

3. Since, the information sought by the Appellant in the aforesaid Application was not furnished to him, therefore, he filed the First Appeal before the First Appellate Authority (FAA).



Appeal Case No. 2733 of 2021

4. Being aggrieved by the non-receipt of the information the Appellant filed the present Second Appeal before this Commission, which was taken up for first hearing on 04.08.2021.

5. After examining the case file, it is observed that today is the ninth hearing of this case in the Commission and the appellant is not satisfied with the information provided. A close scrutiny of the questions asked for by the Appellant and the answers given by the respondents reveals that, sufficient information/reply has been furnished by the Respondent. But the appellant is not satisfied with the same. The appellant, however, is unnecessarily dragging the matter.

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Appeal Case No. 2733 of 2021

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Sd/-

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...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 117 of 2022

Present : Sh. Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia , the appellant in person.
Sh. Kulbir Singh Brar, EO, (98143-89097), Sh. Gurpreet Singh, ME-APIO
(9877626210) and Sh. Kewal Singh, Je (9464737480)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous orders, passed by the Commission.

2. The brief facts of the case is that the Appellant had sought certain information under the Right to Information Act of 2005(hereinafter referred to as the Act) vide application dated 16.09.2021.
3. Since, the information sought by the Appellant in the aforesaid Application was not furnished to him, therefore, he filed the First Appeal before the First Appellate Authority (FAA).



Appeal Case No. 117 of 2022

4. Being aggrieved by the non-receipt of the information the Appellant filed the present Second Appeal before this Commission, which was taken up for first hearing on 25.04.2022.

5. After examining the case file, it is observed that today is the sixth hearing of this case in the Commission and the appellant is not satisfied with the information provided. A close scrutiny of the questions asked for by the Appellant and the answers given by the respondents reveals that, sufficient information/reply has been furnished by the Respondent. But the appellant is not satisfied with the same. The appellant, however, is unnecessarily dragging the matter.

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Sd/-

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First Appellate Authority,
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...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2147 of 2022

Present : Ms. Avinder Kaur, the appellant in person.
i) Sh. Varinder Kumar, Asstt. Municipal Engineer (M.-7986895089) ;
ii) Sh. Inderjit Goyal, Clerk (M.-8427415000), on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

Heard in the Commission.

2. The RTI request is dated 24.06.2021. First appeal is dated 18.11.2021 Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 02.05.2022.

3. This case was last heard on 21.10.2022 and compensation of Rs. 5000/- was awarded to the appellant.

4. The appellant, Ms. Avinder Kaur, appeared in person in today's hearing.

5. Sh. Varinder Kumar, Asstt. Municipal Engineer, who appeared with Sh. Inderjit Goyal, Clerk in today's hearing, submits a reply dated 16.11.2022 to the queries raised by the appellant through RTI request . He also hands over compensation amount of Rs. 5000/- (which was awarded vide orders dated 21.10.2022) to the appellant during the hearing in the Commission today.

6. After going over the queries raised by the appellant through her RTI request and the response given by the respondent PIO concerned and finding it satisfactory, no cause of action is left in this case, hence, the instant case is announced as **disposed of and closed.**

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 16th November, 2022

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