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Sh.Ravinder Pal Singh Chadha,
30, Banda Bahadur Nagar,
Jalandhar (9814228629)

.....Appellant

..Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o Jalandhar Improvement Trust, Jalandhar

First Appellate Authority
o/o Regional Deputy Director
Local Government , Jalandhar

.....Respondent

AC No. 3989 of 2021

Present : (i) Sh. Ravinder Pal Singh Chadha the appellant
(ii) For the Respondent: None is present on behalf of the respondent

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 04.07.2022, vide which a show cause notice was issued to the respondent –PIO.

2. Today the appellant Sh. Ravinder Pal Singh Chadha states that no information has been given to him so far.
 3. The respondent is absent today.
 4. One last opportunity is given to the respondent to provide complete information to the appellant. He is also directed to file reply of show cause notice issued to him.
 5. To come up on **07.09.2022 at 12.00 PM** for further proceedings in the Commission.
- Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

Dated: 17.08.2022

(Amrit Partap Singh Sekhon)
State Information Commissioner
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Sh. Harpreet Singh, PPS,(DSP)
S/o Sh. Baldev Singh, Office Vigilance Bureau,
Amritsar Range, Amritsar

.....Appellant

..Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o AIG Personnel -2, O/o Director General of Punjab
Punjab Police Headquarter , Sector 9, Chandigarh

First Appellate Authority,
O/o DIGP/Admn. Punjab
Punjab Police Headquarter, Sector 9
Chandigarh

.....Respondent

AC No. 2016 of 2022

Present : (i) None is present on behalf of the appellant

(ii) For the Respondent: Sh. Gurmeet Singh, Suptd.-cum-APIO (9463577608), Sh. Sarabjit Singh , Sr. Assistant (7973182562) and Sh. Parshottam Kumar, ASI

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 04.07.2022 vide which the appellant was not present.

2. The appellant is absent today.
3. The respondent states that the information demanded by the appellant cannot be provided under Section 8(1)(j) of the RTI Act.
4. After hearing the respondent and going through the case file it is observed that during the hearing dated 30.05.2022, the objection of the respondent was overruled and directed to provide the information severing under Section 10(1) of the RTI Act the address, mobile numbers and other particulars which reveal the identity of person. Today again the respondent states that the information demanded by the appellant cannot be provided under Sections 8(1)(j) of the RTI Act. This shows that the respondent has no regard for the orders issued by the Commission.

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AC No. 2016 of 2022

5. Hence , Smt. Kanwarjit Kaur-PIO is directed to come present on the next date of hearing alongwith complete information in the Commission office.
6. To come up on **19.09.2022 at 12.00 PM** for further proceedings in the Commission.
Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

Dated: 17.08.2022

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Sh Jagshir Singh, (M-8195800345)
S/o Late Sh Glan Singh,
#9/20, Mandi Mullanpur, Ludhiana

.....Appellant

..Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o DGP, Pb,
Punjab Police Headquarter, Sector-9,
Chandigarh

First Appellate Authority
O/o DGP, Pb,
Punjab Police Headquarter, Sector-9,
Chandigarh

2. Public Information Officer,
O/o Bureau of Investigation, Punjab
Punjab Police Headquarter, Sector -9, Chandigarh

.....Respondent

AC No. 5247 of 2021

Present : (i) Sh. Jaghsir Singh the appellant

(ii) For the Respondent: Sh. Bhoora Ali, o/o BOI and Sh. Parshottam Kumar, ASI ,
o/o DGP Punjab

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 04.07.2022, vide which the respondent was directed to provide copy of complaint no. 2806/PA/DIR/BOI dated 26.11.2019 to the appellant.

2. Today the appellant states as per directions of the commission, he has not received any information regarding abovesaid complaint.

3. Sh. Bhoora Ali is appearing on behalf of the respondent no. 2 and states that the information regarding complaint no. 2806/PA/DIR/BOI dated 26.11.2019 is lying with C.P. Ludhiana.

4. After hearing the parties and examining the case file, it is observed that the above-said information is lying with the PIO, o/o C.P.Ludhiana. Hence, PIO, o/o C.P. Ludhiana is directed to come present on the next date of hearing alongwith complete information. *Copy of the RTI be sent to the PIO, o/o C.P.Ludhiana alongwith these orders.*

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AC No. 5247 of 2021

5. To come up on **05.09.2022 at 12.00 PM** for further proceedings in the Commission.
Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Amrit Partap Singh Sekhon)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Dated: 17.08.2022

REGISTERED POST

CC: PIO, o/o Commissioner of Police, Ludhiana

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Sh.Jaswant Singh, (M-9872263554)
S/o ShSantokh Singh, Village Jhugian,
TehsilBalachaur, Distt SBS Nagar

.....Appellant

..Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o SDM, Banga, Distt SBS Nagar

First Appellate Authority
O/o ADC, SBS Nagar

2. **Public Information Officer,**
O/o DC, Distt SBS Nagar

.....Respondent

AC No.1265 of 2022

Present: None for the parties.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 04.07.2022 vide which PIO O/o DC, SBS Nagar was impleaded as Respondent no.2.

2. Today neither the Appellant nor the Respondent is present. However, an e-mail has been received from the Appellant stating as under:-

" Sir you have called me to appear in your office tomorrow but due to my health illness I request you to defer the date of hearing to new date as you wish".

3. Hence, an opportunity is given to both the parties to appear before the Commission and state their case.

4. To come up on **05.09.2022 at 12:00 PM** in the Commission office for further proceedings. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

Dated : 17.08.2022

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Sh Rajkumar Dhiman, (M-9501777659)

S/o Sh Harbans Lal,
Street Ward No 30C, Shri Devaji Residency,
Dhakoli, Zirakpur, Distt Mohalio-160104

.....Appellant

..Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o DC, Mohali

First Appellate Authority
O/o DC, Mohali

.....Respondent

AC No.1426 of 2022

Present: (i) Sh Rajkumar Dhiman, appellant.
(ii) None for the respondent:

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 11.07.2022 vide which PIO O/o DC, Mohali was directed to be present on the next date of hearing, ie. today.

2. No one has appeared on behalf of the Respondent today.
3. The Appellant states that no information has been provided to him so far.
4. The perusal of the file shows that no one appeared on behalf of the Respondent today. They have not even bothered to inform the Commission about their absence. This clearly shows that the Respondent-PIO does not have any regard for the orders of the Commission.

In view of the above, **PIO- O/o DC Mohali**, 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

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willful delay/ denial of the information to the RTI applicant and why the compensation be not awarded to the complainant under Section 19 (8)(b) of the Act for detriment suffered.

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 **14.09.2022 at 12:00PM** in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties

Sd/-

Dated: 17.08.2022

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State Information Commissioner
Punjab

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CC: DC, Mohali (for compliance and necessary action)

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Sh.Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia,
(RTI Activist), Wrd No.18, Street No.2
Kartar Nagar, Amloh Road, Khanna - 141401 (9464692553)Appellant

..Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o MC, Mandi Gobindgarh

First Appellate Authority
O/o ADC (Urban Development)
Distt Fatehgarh Sahib

.....Respondent

AC No. 4794 of 2021

Present : (i) Sh Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia, appellant
(ii) for the respondent : Sh Harish Grover, Accountant (84371-00356)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 04.07.2022.

2. The Respondent states that they have not received the deficiencies from the Appellant, in the information provided.
3. The Appellant states that he has already pointed out deficiencies to the Respondent. Copy of the same is again handed over to the Respondent today. Further, the Appellant has also pointed out his submissions through e-mail which is taken on record.
4. After hearing both the parties and perusing the case file, it is ascertained that the Appellant has pointed out deficiencies in the information provided. Hence, the Respondent-PIO is directed to provide complete information to the Appellant, after the removal of deficiencies, as pointed out by the appellant, on the next date of hearing.
5. To come up on 14.09.2022 at 12.00 PM for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

Dated: 17.08.2022

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Sh. Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia (RTI Activist)
Ward No. 18, Street No. 2,
Kartar Nagar, Amloh Road, Khanna – 141401
(9464500405)

.....Appellant

..Vs

Public Information Officer,
o/o EO, MC, Mandi Gobindgarh

First Appellate Authority,
NOW O/o ADC (Urban Development)
Distt Fatehgarh Sahib

.....Respondent

AC No. 3474 of 2021

Present : (i) Sh Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia, appellant
(ii) for the respondent: Sh Harish Grover, Accountant (84371-00356)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 04.07.2022.

2. The appellant states that the information has not been provided to him so far. He has also filed his submissions through e-mail. Copy of the same is taken on record.
3. The Respondent states that he has brought the information in pen drive today.
4. After hearing the appellant and gone through the case file, it is observed that the appellant has received incomplete information so far. The appellant Sh. Ramandeep Singh has filed RTI with the department on 30.03.2021, after lapse of more than fifteen months incomplete information has been given to him so far.
5. It is, thus apparent from the response of the PIO that there has been delay in providing the information. Appellant had also suffered financial loss in getting the information. There are systemic deficiencies in the manner of receiving and disposing of applications. The department still does not appear to be properly tuned to the performance of its obligations enshrined under the RTI Act. The departmental officials are not properly sensitized and trained to discharge their functions under the RTI Act 2005.

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AC No. 3474 of 2021

6. I am, therefore, of the view that the Appellant deserves to be awarded compensation under Section 19(8)(b) of RTI Act 2005 for the loss and detriment suffered by him on account of delayed supply of information.

7. I am of the view that ends of justice would be met by awarding a sum of Rs. **5000/- (Rupees Five Thousand only)** by way of compensation to the Appellant. This amount shall be payable by State Exchequer within fifteen days.

8. To come up on **29.09.2022 at 12.00 PM** for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

Dated: 17.08.2022

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Dr. Neelam Sharma, Assistant Prof. (Education)
Mehsampur Road, VPO Rurka Kalan, Tehsil Phillaur
Distt. Jalandhar -144031 (9878205000)

..Vs

.....Appellant

Public Information Officer,
O/o DPI (colleges), Punjab,
Phase-8, Mohali

First Appellate Authority
O/o DPI (colleges), Punjab,
Phase-8, Mohali

2. Public Information Officer, (Registered post)

O/o Ramgarhia College of Education, Phagwara

.....Respondent

AC No. 634 of 2022

Present : (i) Dr. Neelam Sharma the appellant

(ii) For the Respondent: Dr Surinderjit Kaur, Principal (Ramgarhia College of Education, phagwara) 9855449039 and Smt Shalini, Supdt. (94175-00818) Ms Ruchi Joshi, Sr Asstt. (89687-96315) o/o DPI (colleges) Punjab

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 27.07.2022 vide which the Respondent-PIO O/o DPI (colleges) Punjab was directed to bring the copy of dispatch register, showing that the RTI request of the appellant was transferred U/s 6(3) to the Principal, Ramgarhia College, Phagwara and Dr. Surinderjit Kaur had denied receiving the same.

2. Today Smt Shalini, Supdt is appearing on behalf of Respondent no.1 and has filed their reply through affidavit along with the copies of dispatch register through which the RTI of the Appellant was transferred to Principal, Ramgarhia College of Education, Phagwara. I have gone through the affidavit and have agreed with it. Copy of the same is taken on record.



AC No. 634 of 2022

3. Further, Dr Surinderjit Kaur, Principal is appearing on behalf of Ramgarhia College of Education, Phagwara. She has also brought her reply through affidavit. I have gone through the same and do not agree with it. Hence, the same is not accepted and returned to the Principal, Ramgarhia College of Education.

4. After hearing both the parties and perusing the case file, it is ascertained that the Respondent O/o DPI (colleges) Punjab have filed their reply today along with the copy of dispatch register. Hence, Principal, Ramgarhia College of Education is impleaded as Respondent no.2.

Further, it is ascertained that Principal, Ramgarhia College of Education has filed her reply through affidavit which is not correct. Hence, the same is again returned today. She had also filed an incorrect affidavit on the previous date of hearing also, which was also handed back to her.

5. The Commission observed that there is complete negligence and laxity in the public authority in dealing with the RTI application. It is abundantly clear that such matters are being ignored and set aside without application of mind which reflects disrespect towards that RTI act 2005 itself. The Commission expressed its displeasure on the casual and callous approach adopted by the Respondent no. 2 in responding to the RTI application. It was felt that conduct of Respondent no. 2 was against the spirit of the RTI Act 2005, which was enacted to ensure greater transparency and effective access to the information. Such kind of behavior of a Government servant needs to be condemned and such employees need to be taught a good lesson so that rest of the employees have a right kind of message to wake up and perform their duties under the RTI Act for ensuring complete transparency and due accountability in the governance affairs of the public authorities.



AC No. 634 of 2022

6. The information has not been provided to the Appellant till date. This has resulted in much avoidable inconvenience and hardship to the Appellant. She is, therefore, entitled to be compensated under Section 19(8)(b) of RTI Act 2005 for the loss and detriment suffered by her. In the circumstances, I am of the view that ends of justice would be met if a sum of **Rs.5000/- (Rupees Five Thousands Only)** is awarded to the Appellant as compensation. I order accordingly.

7. This amount shall be payable by the Respondent no. 2 i.e PIO O/o Ramgarhia College of Education, Phagwara, from the State exchequer within fifteen days from the receipt of this order under intimation to the Commission.

8. Looking at the lackadaisical and highly irresponsible attitude of the respondents, Dr. Surinderjit Kaur, Principal, Ramgarhia College is directed to show cause under Section 20(1) of the RTI Act, before the penalty is imposed as to:-

- (i) Why supply of information as per RTI request sent to her has been delayed.
- (ii) Why penalty be not imposed upon him for not supplying the information within time as prescribed under RTI Act 2005.

9. Respondent-PIO is directed to file an affidavit in this regard before the next date of hearing. Respondent-PIO is also directed to supply complete information to the appellant before the next date of hearing.

10. She may also make use of the next date of hearing for his personal hearing as well under the principles of natural justice.

11. To come up on **14.09.2022 at 12:00PM** in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

Dated: 17.08.2022

(Amrit Partap Singh Sekhon)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

THROUGH REGISTERED POST

CC: 1) Principal Secretary, (colleges) Punjab
Department of Higher Education, SAS Nagar Mohali
2) DPI (colleges) Punjab (to take necessary action)

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S. Ujjagar Singh, (9878961815)
S/o Late S Bant Singh,
Street No 1, Mann Colony, Daba,
District Ludhiana-141014

.....Appellant

..Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o SHO, Police Station,
Daba, District Ludhiana
First Appellate Authority,
O/o SSP, Ludhiana

.....Respondent

AC No. 3544 of 2021

Present : None for the parties.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous orders dated 27.07.2022.

2. Both the parties are not present today. However, the Appellant has filed his submission through e-mail which is taken on record.

3. After perusing the case file, it is ascertained that both the parties are not present today. PIO- SI Amrinder Singh is neither appearing personally today nor he has filed his reply. This clearly shows that he has no regard for the orders issued by the Commission. In case PIO-SI Amrinder Singh does not appear on the next date of hearing, appropriate action will be taken.

4. To come up on 14.09.2022 at 12.00 PM for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

Dated : 17.08.2022

(Amrit Partap Singh Sekhon)
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Punjab

(through registered post)

CC: DGP,Punjab, (for further necessary action)
Sector-9, PP Hqrs, Chandigarh

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Sh.R.P.Mittal, (M-9815483298)
20, Sukhmani Enclave, Po Tower
Town Colony, Jalandhar 144014

.....Appellant

..Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o Addl. Chief Secretary, Govt of PB
Department of Governance Reforms Pb
Civil Secretariate-2, Sector-9 Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority
O/o Addl. Chief Secretary, Govt of PB
Department of Governance Reforms Pb
Civil Secretariate-2, Sector-9 Chandigarh

.....Respondent

AC No.1373 of 2022

Present: None for the parties.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 04.07.2022.

2. Today neither the appellant nor the Respondent is present today. However, the Appellant has informed through e-mail that he shall not be able to attend the hearing today. Further, he has also filed his submissions vide Commission diary no. 14937 dated 07.07.2022. Copy of the same is taken on record.

3. In view of the above, an opportunity is given to both the parties to appear before the Commission and state their case. To come up on 16.09.2022 at **12.00 PM** for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

Dated: 17.08.2022

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(RTI Activist), Wrd No.18, Street No.2
Kartar Nagar, Amloh Road, Khanna – 141401 (9464692553)Appellant
..Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o MC, Mandi Gobindgarh
First Appellate Authority
NowO/o ADC (Urban Development)
Distt Fatehgarh SahibRespondent

AC No. 3473 of 2021

Present : (i) Sh Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia, appellant
(ii) for the respondent : Sh Harish Grover, Accountant (84371-00356)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 04.07.2022.

2. The Appellant states that he has already pointed out deficiencies to the Respondent but the complete information has not been provided to the Appellant till date. Copy of the deficiencies is again handed over to the Respondent today. Further, the Appellant has also filed his submissions through e-mail which is taken on record.

4. After hearing both the parties and perusing the case file, it is ascertained that the Appellant has pointed out deficiencies in the information provided. Hence, the Respondent-PIO is directed to provide complete information to the Appellant, after the removal of deficiencies, as pointed out by the appellant, on the next date of hearing. Further, the Respondent-PIO is also directed to file an affidavit stating that the information provided to the Appellant is true and complete and nothing is pending in regard to the same in their official record.

5. To come up on 16.09.2022 at 12.00 PM for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

Dated: 17.08.2022

(Amrit Partap Singh Sekhon)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab