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FINAL ORDER

Krishna Bajaj,

W/o Krishan Lal Bajaj,

Street No.1, Radha Swami Colony,

Fazilka.

Versus

Public Information Officer,

o/o Commissioner,

Municipal Corporation Abohar,

District Fazilka

Complaint Case No. 873 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

(Complainant) Absent

(Respondent) Absent

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 29.1.2021 and 2.9.2021)

1. The Complainant **Smt. Krishna Bajaj**, filed this RTI application Dated **15.9.2020** and sought information **regarding Development charges for Plot No. 1718 in Baba Deep Singh Nagar, Abohar,** from the **PIO o/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Abohar**. When no information was received, the Complainant filed a complaint under Section 18 of the RTI Act 2005 to the Commission on **13.11.2020**. The case was last heard on **2.9.2021**.

2. Both parties are absent. The respondent PIO vide letter No.6183 dated 15.2.2021 has intimated the Commissions about his inability to attend this hearing owing to Prime Minister's visit to the District on 17.2.2022. The appellant has meanwhile informed the Commission on telephone that he has received the requested information.

3. There is no further cause for action and this Complaint case is herewith **CLOSED.**

Sd/-

(ASIT JOLLY)

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FINAL ORDER

Jang Bahadur,
S/o Jai Chand,
Mandi Aminganj, Rodha,
Tehsil & District Fazilka.

Versus

Public Information Officer,
o/o Secretary,
Mandi Market Committee,
Arniwala Sheikh Subhan,
Tehsil & District Fazilka.

Complaint Case No. 928 of 2020 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

(Complainant) Absent

Gurpreet Singh Sidhu, Secretary Market Committee (for the Respondent) 94173-80321

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 26.3.2021 and 12.10.2021)

1. The complainant, **Jang Bhadur**, filed this RTI application dated **7.9.2020** and sought information regarding his complaint, from the PIO o/o **Secretary, Mandi Market Committee, Arniwala Sheikh Subhan, Tehsil & District Fazilka**. When no information was received, the Complainant filed a complaint under Section 18 of the RTI Act, 2005 to the Commission on **8.12.2020**. The case was last heard on **12.10.2021**.

2. The complainant is absent but has informed the Commission vide his letter received via Diary No. 3107 dated 14.2.2022 that he was invited to inspect the record as per this Commission's directions, on 8.11.2021 and has received most of the requested information. However, a copy of the notice issued by Secretary, Market Committee Fazilka vide letter No.1643 dated 8.10.2012 was not available in the record of the Secretary Market Committee Arniwala. Taking note of the above stated facts, this Commission is of the view that this RTI application has been adequately addressed.

3. There is no further cause for action and this Complaint case is herewith **CLOSED**.

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FINAL ORDER

Amarjit Kaur,
W/o Balwinder Singh,
Village Ladhuka,
PO Mandi Ladhuka,
District Fazilka.

Versus

Public Information Officer,
o/o Senior Superintendent of Police,
Fazilka.

Complaint Case No. 305 of 2020 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:
(Complainant) Absent
(Respondent) Absent

ORDER:
(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on **23.9.2020, 6.11.2020, and 29.9.2021**)

1. The complainant, **Amarjeet Kaur**, filed this RTI application dated **13.3.2020**, and sought information **regarding service record of Ramesh Kumar, Constable**, from the **PIO o/o SSP, Fazilka**. When no information was received, the Complainant filed a complaint under Section 18 of the RTI Act, 2005 to the Commission on **2.6.2020**. The case was last heard on **29.9.2021**.

2. Both parties are absent. As directed at the last hearing on 29.9.2021, the respondent PIO has submitted a copy of the reply sent to the complainant vide Letter No. 351/RTI-1 Dated 27.3.2020, wherein the information was denied as per Section 8(1)(J) and Section 11(1) of the RTI Act, 2005. The complainant has argued through his counsel that the information pertaining to the educational qualifications of the Police Official cited in the RTI application, at the time of appointment to the State Police is not exempt as per "personal information".

Notably, the Hon'ble Supreme Court in its decision of 13.11.2019 in Civil Appeal No. 10044 of 2010 titled "Central Public Information Officer Supreme Court of India versus Subhash Chander Aggarwal" has held the following:

"Reading of the aforesaid judicial precedents, in our opinion would indicate that personal records, including name, address, physical, mental and psychological status, marks obtained, grades and answer sheets are all treated as personal information. Similarly, professional records, including qualification, performance, evaluation reports, ACRs, disciplinary proceedings, etc. are all personal information. Medical records treatment, choice of medicine, list of hospitals and doctors visited, findings recorded including that of the family members, information related to assets, liability, income tax returns, details of investments, lending and borrowing, etc. are personal information. Such personal information is entitled to protection from unwarranted invasion of privacy and conditional access is available when stipulation of larger public interest is satisfied. This list is indicative and not exhaustive."

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3. In view of the above, this Commission upholds the respondent PIO's decision, which was conveyed to the complainant vide Letter No. 3151/RTI Dated 27.3.2020. There is no further cause for action and this Complaint Case is herewith **CLOSED**.

Sd/-

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Final order

Gurmeet Singh,

S/o Lal Singh,

Village Kikar Khara,

Tehsil Abohar, District Fazilka .

Versus

Public Information Officer,

o/o Senior Superintendent of Police,

Fazilka.

First Appellant Authority,

o/o Inspector General of Police Ferozepur Range,

Ferozepur Cantt.

Appeal Case No. 1109 of 2020 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

(Appellant) Absent

(Respondent) Absent

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 23.9.2020, 6.11.2020, and 15.9.2021)

1. The RTI application is dated **9.12.2019** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding Application No. 49, dated 8.1.2019**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **27.1.2020** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **13.3.2020** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **15.9.2021**.

2. Both parties are absent. As directed at the last hearing on 15.9.2021, the respondent PIO has submitted certified copies of the information that was sent to the appellant vide Letter No. 1760 Dated 15.9.2021. The respondent PIO's reply and appended information is available on the case file and can be requested by the appellant at his convenience.

3. There is no further cause for action and this Appeal Case is herewith **CLOSED**.

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FINAL ORDER

Gurmeet Singh,
S/o Sh. Lal Singh,
Village Kikar Khera,
Tehsil Abohar,
District Ludhiana.

Versus

Public Information officer,
o/o Eastern, Executive Engineer,
Eastern Canal Division, Canal Colony,
District Ferozepur.

Public Information officer,
o/o Executive Engineer,
Rajasthan Feeder Division, Canal Colony,
District Ferozepur.

Public Information officer,
o/o Executive Engineer,
Harikay Canal Division, Canal Colony,
District Ferozepur.

Public Information officer,
o/o XEN, Abohar Canal Division,
Abohar,
District Fazilka.

First Appellate Authority,
o/o Superintendent Engineer,
Ferozepur Canal Circle,
District Ferozepur.

Appeal Case No. 2480 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

(Appellant) Absent

Sunil Kumar, APIO-cum-SDO from Eastern Canal Division (for the Respondent) 79869-41600

Arshdeep Singh, APIO-cum-SDO from Rajasthan Feeder Division (for the Respondent) 94654-23177

Sukchain Singh, APIO-cum-SDO from Harikay Canal Division (for the Respondent) 98785-38802

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 15.9.2021)

1. The RTI application is dated **7.12.2020** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding allotment of tenders of Sirhind Feeder in the year 2020**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **5.4.2021**, and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **24.5.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **15.9.2021**.

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Appeal Case No. 2480 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

2. The appellant is absent but has informed the Commission by Telephone that he has received the requested information. Respondents – Sunil Kumar, APIO-cum-SDO from Eastern Canal Division, Arshdeep Singh, APIO-cum-SDO from Rajasthan Feeder Division, and Sukchain Singh, APIO-cum-SDO from Harikay Canal Division, who were directed to supply the information pertaining to their respective offices, also state that written replies along with the information were sent to the appellant on 6.1.2022 and 7.1.2022.

3. There is no further cause for action and this Appeal Case is herewith **CLOSED**.

Sd/-

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FINAL ORDER

Nathu Ram Sihag,

S/o Mahavir,

Village Taja Patti,

Tehsil Abohar, District Fazilka.

Versus

Public Information Officer,

o/o Sub Divisional Magistrate,

Tehsil Complex, Abohar.

District Fazilka.

First Appellant Authority,

o/o Sub Divisional Magistrate,

Tehsil Complex, Abohar.

District Fazilka.

Appeal Case No. 2163 of 2020 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

(Appellant) Absent

(Respondent) Absent

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier order on 27.11.2020, 29.1.2021, and 2.9.2021)

1. The RTI application is dated **10.12.2019** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding Guardians of Governance (GOG) from 1.1.2019 to 10.12.2019**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **10.2.2020** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **11.8.2020** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **2.9.2021**.

2. Both parties are absent. The appellant Nathu Ram Sihag has however, informed the Commission via email Dated 3.1.2021, that he has received the requested information and is satisfied with it.

3. There is no further cause for action and this Appeal Case is herewith **CLOSED**.

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FINAL ORDER

Vinod Kumar,

S/o Chiman Singh,

VPO Amarpura (Bahab Wala),

Tehsil Abohar, District Fazilka – 152 116

Versus

Public Information Officer,

o/o Additional Deputy Commissioner(D),

District Fazilka.

Public Information Officer,

o/o Director Rural Development and Panchayats,

Vikas Bhawan, Sector-62,

District Mohali.

First Appellate Authority,

o/o Deputy Commissioner(D),

District Fazilka.

Appeal Case No. 3034 of 2020 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

(Appellant) Absent

Rakesh Kumar, Clerk (for the Respondent) 94174-48331

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 3.2.2021 and 15.9.2021)

1. The RTI application is dated **23.7.2020** vide which the appellant has sought information **by way of the inquiry report in which ex-sarpanch Amardev was acquitted and the complaint against him disposed of by the Deputy Director Rural Development & Panchayats on 14.1.19**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **24.8.2020**, and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **14.10.2020** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **15.9.2021**.

2. The appellant is absent. As directed at the last hearing on 15.9.2021, the respondent PIO has supplied the requested information to the appellant and has also submitted a copy of the same to the Commission. The appellant is absent for the second successive hearing and nor has he sent any communication to the Commission.

3. This compels the conclusion that he is satisfied with the information supplied to him. There is no further cause for action and this Appeal Case is herewith **CLOSED**.

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FINAL ORDER

Ramesh Kumar,

S/o Sona Ram,

Phase-1, Civil Lines, Old Court Road,

District Fazilka.

Versus

Public Information Officer,

o/o Executive Officer,

Municipal Council,

District Fazilka.

First Appellate Authority,

o/o Deputy Director Local Bodies,

Mini Secretariat,

Ferozepur.

Appeal Case No. 3134 of 2020 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

(Appellant) Absent

Hans Raj, Inspector (for the Respondent) 78371-70700

ORDER:

*(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on **3.2.2021** and **15.9.2021**)*

1. The RTI application is dated **23.6.2020** vide which the appellant has sought information regarding a complaint against one Sham Lal Arora for illegal construction etc., as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **21.8.2020**, and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **20.10.2020** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **15.9.2021**.

2. The appellant is absent without intimation. The Commission has examined the respondent PIO's reply, which was sent to the appellant vide Letter No. 3853 Dated 14.8.2020 along with the requested information. The deficiencies listed by the appellant vide Letter Dated 8.2.2021 have also been examined. The Commission is satisfied that the respondent PIO's reply/information adequately addresses this RTI application.

3. There is no further cause for action and this Appeal Case is herewith **CLOSED**.

Sd/-

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FINAL ORDER

Mohan Lal,
S/o Ram Kumar,
175, Military Hospital,
Abohar Cantonment, District Fazilka.

Versus

Public Information Officer,
o/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation,
Abohar.
First Appellate Authority,
o/o Additional Deputy Commissioner (Urban Development),
Fazilka.

Appeal Case No. 3463 of 2020 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

Mohan Lal (Appellant) 94179-65524

(Respondent) Absent

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 3.2.2021 and 15.9.2021)

1. The RTI application is dated **6.3.2020** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding the TA/DA paid out to employees for travel related to RTI cases etc.**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **23.6.2020**, and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **10.11.2020** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **15.9.2021**.

2. The respondent PIO is absent but has requested an adjournment in respect of Prime Minister's visit to the district today. The respondent PIO has however, informed the Commission that the requested information was supplied to the appellant vide Letter No. 1282 Dated 27.1.2021. The appellant, present at today's hearing, confirms this.

3. In view of the above, there is no further cause for action and this Appeal Case is herewith **CLOSED**.

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FINAL ORDER

Veeru Singh,
S/o Dhola Singh,
Village Ladhuka,
Tehsil & District Fazilka.

Versus

Public Information Officer,
o/o Labour Department,
District Fazilka.
First Appellant Authority,
o/o Labour Department,
District Fazilka.

Appeal Case No. 400 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:
(Appellant) Absent
(Respondent) Absent

ORDER:
(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on **2.9.2021**)

1. The RTI application is dated **22.9.2020** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding Benefits to labourers**, as enumerated in her RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **17.11.2020** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **11.1.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **2.9.2021**.

2. Both parties are absent. The respondent PIO vide Letter No. 224 Dated 24.9.2021 has informed the Commission that the requested information was handed over to the appellant in person on 2.9.2021. He has also submitted a statement signed by the appellant.

3. In view of the above, there is no further cause for action and this Appeal Case is herewith **CLOSED**.

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FINAL ORDER

Sukrit Sharda,

S/o Sh. Jatinder Sharda,
50/186, Old Shahpur Road,
District Pathankot-145001

Versus

Public Information officer,

o/o Executive Engineer,
Punjab Mandi Board,
District Fazilka-151123

First Appellate Authority,

o/o Chief Engineer (North),
Punjab Mandi Board,
Punjab Mandi Bhawan,
Sector-65-A,
S.A.S Nagar (Mohali-160062)

Appeal Case No. 2046 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

(Appellant) Absent

Kashmiri Lal, Senior Assistant (for the Respondent) 96460-01786

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 10.11.2021)

1. The RTI application is dated **3.2.2021** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding the cash book maintained from 1.4.2020 to 31.1.2021, with bills/vouchers, MBs etc.,** as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **15.3.2021** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **27.4.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **10.11.2021**.

2. The appellant is absent. As directed at the last hearing, the respondent PIO has submitted copies of three letters sent by registered post informing the appellant inviting him to inspect the record pertaining to the MBs and Cash Books cited in his RTI application. The appellant has however, not responded to any of the letters and nor has he attended any hearing of this Appeal Case.

3. In view of the above, this Commission is compelled to conclude that the appellant is satisfied with the information already supplied. There is no further cause for action and this Appeal Case is herewith **CLOSED**.

Sd/-

(ASIT JOLLY)

State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

Chandigarh

17.2.2022