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## **FINAL ORDER**

Harinder Pal Singh, S/o Sh. Dalbir Singh, # 278, Near Old Talab, Hira Mahal Colony, Nabha-147201

Versus

Public Information Officer, o/o Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Nabha, Patiala. First Appellate Authority, o/o Additional Deputy Commissioner, Urban Development, Patiala.

### Appeal Case No. 3122 of 2020 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT: (Appellant) Absent Parwinder Singh, PIO-cum-EO (Respondent) 98768-25940

#### ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on **8.6.2021**, **11.8.2021**, **26.8.2021**, **12.10.2021**, **16.11.2021**, **7.12.2021**, **5.1.2022**, **11.2.2022**, **and 13.5.2022**)

- 1. The RTI application is dated **6.7.2020** vide which the appellant has sought Information regarding construction of roads in the jurisdiction of Nagar Council Nabha, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **19.8.2020** 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 **13.5.2022**.
- 2. The appellant is absent without intimation. The respondent PIO has, as directed at the last hearing on 13.5.2022, submitted copies of the pending information by way of the MBs requested in the RTI application. At the last hearing on 13.5.2022, the respondent PIO was also directed to submit an affidavit already submitted to the Commission after due attestation by a notary public.
- 3. The respondent PIO is hereby granted 10 days from the date of this Order to submit a duly notarized affidavit. The original affidavit is to be sent to the appellant and a copy is to be sent to the Commission. This Appeal Case is accordingly **Disposed of**.

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Birchh Bhan, S/o Sh. Saroop Chand, # 33, Kahangarh Road, Pataran, Patiala

Versus

Public Information Officer,
o/o Executive Officer,
Block Samiti, Patran,
District Patiala.
First Appellate Authority,
o/o Additional Deputy Commissioner (Urban Development),
Patiala.

## Appeal Case No. 3099 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT: Birchh Bhan (Appellant) 98761-01698 (Respondent) Absent

### ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 2.3.2022 and 13.5.2022)

- 1. The RTI application is dated **12.4.2021** vide which the appellant has sought <u>information</u> <u>regarding equipments given to Panchayats from January, 2020 to March, 2021</u>, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **15.5.2021**, and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **7.7.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **13.5.2022**.
- 2. The respondent PIO is absent for the Third time in succession. This is despite the Show Cause Notice issued to him on 2.3.2022. At the last Hearing on 13.5.2022, the respondent PIO was given a final opportunity to respond the said Show Cause Notice, which he has failed to avail of. Under the circumstances, the Commission deems it to fit to impose a penalty of Rs. 5000/- upon the respondent PIO.
- 3. **Order:** Keeping all the facts of the case in mind, this is a fit case to invoke Section 20 of RTI Act and impose a penalty on the respondent PIO Section 20(1), which reads as under:
- "Where the Central Information Commission or the State Information Commission, as the case may be, at the time of deciding any complaint or appeal is of the opinion that the Central Public Information Officer or the State Public Information Officer, as the case may be, has, without any reasonable cause, refused to receive an application for information or has not furnished information within the time specified under sub Section (1) of Section 7 or malafidely denied the request for information or knowingly given incorrect, incomplete or misleading information or destroyed information which was the subject of the request or obstructed in any manner in

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furnishing the information, it shall impose a penalty of 250/- Rupees each day till application is received or information is furnished, so however, the total amount of such penalty shall not exceed Twenty Five Thousand Rupees;

Provided that the Central Public Officer or the State Public Information Officer, as the case may be, shall be given a reasonable opportunity of being heard before any penalty is imposed on him:

Provided further that the burden of proving that he acted reasonably and diligently shall be on the Central Information Officer, as the case may be."

The onus and responsibility lie on the concerned PIO to ensure the transmission of the complete information to the appellant. The **concerned PIO o/o Executive Officer, Block Samiti, Patran, Patiala**, is hereby held guilty for not providing the information on time as prescribed under Section 7, which is within 30 days of the receipt of the request and for repeated and willful defiance of the Punjab State Information Commission's orders.

A penalty of Rupees Five Thousand (Rs. 5000.00) is hereby imposed upon the **concerned PIO o/o Executive Officer**, **Block Samiti**, **Patran**, **Patiala**, which be deducted from his salary and deposited in the Punjab Government Treasury under head "0070-Other Administrative Services-60-other Services-800-Other Receipts-86-Fees Under the Right to Information Act." The **concerned PIO o/o Executive Officer**, **Block Samiti**, **Patran**, **Patiala** is directed to duly inform the Commission of the compliance of the orders by producing a copy of the challan. Copies of this order be sent to the parties through registered post.

- 4. The respondent PIO is further directed to supply the requested information by way of attested copies within 15 days of receipt of this Order along with a covering letter to the appellant. A copy of the covering letter and the information is also to be submitted to the Commission.
- 5. This Appeal Case is accordingly **Disposed of**. Copy of this Order to be conveyed to the Registry Branch for follow-up of compliance.

Sd/-(ASIT JOLLY)

State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

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Cc:

- 1. Deputy Registrar, PSIC, for follow-up and compliance;
- 2. Additional Deputy Commissioner, Urban Development, Patiala, for information and further necessary action.

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### **FINAL ORDER**

**D.C. Gupta**, IDAS (Retd.), 778, Urban Estate, Phase-1, Patiala – 147002

Versus

Public Information Officer, Chairman Dharmaarth Board, o/o Deputy Commissioner,

Patiala.

First Appellate Authority,

o/o Deputy Commissioner, Patiala.

### Appeal Case No. 697 of 2022 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

(Appellant) Absent Neetu Rani, Junior Assistant (for the Respondent) 94177-58470 Manjit Singh, Clerk (for the Respondent) 98552-97373

#### ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 13.5.2022)

- 1. The RTI application is dated **5.10.2021** vide which the appellant has sought <u>information</u> <u>regarding Shri Mata Kali Devi Mandir, Patiala</u>, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **30.11.2021**, and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **4.2.2022** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **13.5.2022**.
- 2. The appellant is absent without intimation. As directed at the last hearing on 13.5.2022, the respondent PIO has supplied duly attested copies of the requested information vide Letter No. 535 Dated 15.6.2022. A copy of said reply has also been received in the commission.
- 3. In view of the above, this Appeal Case is accordingly **Disposed of**.

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### **FINAL ORDER**

Jagjiwan Singh Jhammat, S/o Shri Balwant Singh, H. No. 2718, Urban Estate, Phase -2, Patiala – 141 007.

Versus

Public Information Officer, o/o Deputy Commissioner, Patiala. First Appellate Authority, Deputy Commissioner, Patiala.

### Appeal Case No. 743 of 2022 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

(Appellant) Absent

Tirath Singh, PIO-cum-Junior Assistant (for the Respondent) 94647-45370

### ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 13.5.2022)

- 1. The RTI application is dated **14.10.2021** vide which the appellant has sought <u>information</u> <u>regarding the ownership of a Maruti Alto Car</u>, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **3.12.2021**, and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **11.2.2022** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **13.5.2022**.
- 2. The appellant is absent but has informed the Commission via email on 9.6.2022 and 16.8.2022, that he has received the requested information and is satisfied with it.
- 3. This Appeal Case is accordingly **Disposed of**.

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### **FINAL ORDER**

Pradeep Kumar, S/o Shri Babu Ram, Ward No.5, Jogian Mohalla, Naraingarh, Ambala (Haryana)

Versus

Public Information Officer, o/o Senior Superintendent of Police, B-Block, Mini Secretariat, Patiala. First Appellate Authority, o/o Inspector General of Police, Patiala Range, Opp. Circuit House, Baradari Gardens, Patiala.

### Appeal Case No. 834 of 2022 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

(Appellant) Absent Amandeep Singh, Senior Assistant (for the Respondent) 97791-28209 Deepak Kumar, Head Constable (for the Respondent)

### ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 13.5.2022)

- 1. The RTI application is dated **27.9.2021** vide which the appellant has sought information regarding a dowry and domestic violence complaint (No. 4119/Peshi dated 8.6.2021) to the DSP (Crime against Women) by Mrs. Roma d/o Suresh Pal against the appellant, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **11.12.2021** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **14.12.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **13.5.2022**.
- 2. The appellant is absent without intimation. The respondent PIO, represented by Amandeep Singh, Senior Assistant from the office of SSP Patiala and Deepak Kumar from the Women's Cell, have submitted copy of the reply sent to the appellant vide Letter No. 1083 Dated 16.8.2022, whereby the requested information has been supplied to the appellant. The respondents have additionally supplied a copy of the FIR that was registered on the basis of the complaint cited in the RTI application.
- 3. The Commission, however, notes that at the last hearing on 13.5.2022, the respondent PIO was directed to retrieve a copy of the complaint requested in the RTI application and a supply duly certified copy to the appellant with a copy to this Commission within Ten days of receipt of that Order. It has taken more than two months for the respondent PIO to comply. The PIO is hereby cautioned to be more proactive on compliance of the Commission's orders in future.
- 4. This Appeal Case is accordingly **Disposed of**.

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## **FINAL ORDER**

Gurjit Singh Jassi, S/o Sh. Hardeep Singh, # 3260/2, Sector-45 D, Chandigarh.

Versus

Public Information Officer, o/o Senior Superintendent of Police, Patiala. First Appellate Authority, o/o Inspector General of Police, Patiala Range, Patiala.

### Appeal Case No. 3133 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

(Appellant) Absent Amandeep Singh, Senior Assistant (for the Respondent) 97791-28209

#### ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 2.3.2022 and 13.5.2022)

- 1. The RTI application is dated **30.7.2020** vide which the appellant has sought <u>information</u> <u>regarding application dated 1.6.2020</u>, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **29.10.2020**, and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **9.7.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **13.5.2022**.
- 2. The appellant is absent. At the last hearing on 13.5.2022, the respondent PIO was directed to send his reply to the RTI application along with requested information, to the Commission. Thereafter, the appellant has collected the information from the office of this Bench on 30.5.2022.
- 3. This Appeal Case is accordingly **Disposed of**.

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### **FINAL ORDER**

Gurjit Singh Jassi, S/o Sh. Hardeep Singh, # 3260/2, Sector-45 D, Chandigarh.

Versus

Public Information Officer, o/o Station House Officer, Thana Banur, Mohali. First Appellate Authority, o/o Senior Superintendent of Police, Mohali.

### Appeal Case No. 3134 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:
(Appellant) Absent
ASI Mohinder Singh (for the Respondent) 83601-03924

#### ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 2.3.2022 and 13.5.2022)

- 1. The RTI application is dated **22.6.2020** vide which the appellant has sought <u>information</u> <u>regarding action on the complaint by Harbans Kaur, W/o Late Hardeep Singh</u>, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **28.10.2020**, and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **22.7.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **13.5.2022**.
- 2. The appellant is absent without intimation. The respondent PIO has made a detailed written submission in response to the Show Cause Notice issued to him vide this Commission's Order of 2.3.2022. The respondent PIO has submitted a comprehensive status report regarding the complaint cited in the RTI application along with all appended documents, to this Commission.
- 3. In view of the above, this Appeal Case is accordingly **Disposed of**.

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## FINAL ORDER

**Gurdeep Singh,** 

S/o Kaka Singh, S/o. Desa Singh, # 365,Village Mataur, Tehsil& Distt. SAS Nagar – 160 071.

Versus

## **Public Information Officer,**

o/o Greater Mohali Area Development Authority, Mohali.

## Complaint Case No. 504 of 2020 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

(Complainant) Absent Gurvinder Singh, PIO-cum-AEO (Respondent) 98786-02071

### ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 1.10.2020, 20.11.2020, 4.8.2021, 22.12.2021, 22.2.2022, and 25.5.2022)

- 1. The complainant, **Gurdeep Singh**, filed this RTI application dated **24.2.2020** and sought information <u>regarding a PUDA property</u>, from the **PIO o/o Greater Mohali Area Development Authority, Mohali.** When no information was received, the Complainant filed a complaint under Section 18 of the RTI Act, 2005 to the Commission on **4.8.2020**. The case was last heard on **25.5.2022**.
- 2. The complainant is absent. As directed at the last hearing on 25.5.2022, the respondent PIO-cum-AEO, Gurvinder Singh, has submitted copy of reply sent to the deficiencies listed by the complainant by way of the information requested at point Nos. 2, 3, and 4 of the RTI application. The respondent PIO informed the complainant that points 2 and 3 are in the form of "questions", which are not permissible as per the RTI Act 2005. A copy Oustee Policy for 1983 has been supplied to him.
- 3. In view of the above, this Complaint Case is **Disposed of.**

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### **FINAL ORDER**

Chaman Lal, S/o Sh. Chint Ram, VPO Lalwan, Tehsil Garhshankasr, Hoshiarpur.

Versus

**Public Information Officer,** o/o Chief Conservator of Forests, Punjab, Mohali.

## Complaint Case No. 185 of 2022 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

(Complainant) Absent Ram Asre, APIO-cum-Superintendent (for the Respondent) 94652-27818

### ORDER:

- 1. The complainant, **Chaman Lal**, filed this RTI application dated **28.1.2022** and sought information <u>regarding plantation of trees</u>, from the **PIO o/o Chief Conservator of Forests**, **Mohali.** When no information was received, the Complainant filed a complaint under Section 18 of the RTI Act, 2005 to the Commission on **6.4.2022**. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **17.8.2022**.
- 2. The complainant is absent. The respondent PIO, represented by APIO-cum-Superintendent, Ram Asre, has made a submission vide Letter No. 2022-23/SPL/652 Dated 26.5.2022, wherein he has informed the Commission that a reply was sent to the complainant vide Letter No. SPL/5442 Dated 9.2.2022, which was well within the stipulated 30 days period, wherein he was informed that the requisite postal order had not been submitted along with the RTI application. As per the respondent PIO, the complainant has failed to provide the postal order to date.
- 3. The Commission is of the view that respondent PIO acted fairly and within the time stipulated by the RTI Act 2005, in his reply to the complainant. There is evidently no malafide intent on the part of the respondent PIO to delay or deny the requested information.
- 4. In view of the above, this Complaint Case is accordingly **Disposed of**.

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### **FINAL ORDER**

Parmod Kumar,

S/o Late Sh. Hem Raj, # 2650, Ward No. 12, Near Dushera Ground, Kharar, District Mohali.

Versus

**Public Information Officer,** 

o/o Labour Commissioner Punjab, Mohali.

## Complaint Case No. 207 of 2022 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

Parmod Kumar (Complainant) 99149-22650 Jashandeep Singh, PIO-cum-ALC (Respondent) 98887-69052

### ORDER:

- 1. The complainant, **Parmod Kumar**, filed this RTI application dated **12.2.2022** and sought information <u>regarding all letters received in the respondent's office on on 3.12.2019</u>, from the **PIO o/o Labour Commissioner**, **Mohali.** When no information was received, the Complainant filed a complaint under Section 18 of the RTI Act, 2005 to the Commission on **13.4.2022**. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **17.8.2022**.
- 2. Both parties are present. The respondent PIO-cum-Assistant Labour Commissioner, Sh. Jashandeep Singh, states that a reply was sent to the complainant vide Letter No. 30/2022/SPL Dated 25.2.2022, with a pointwise reply to his RTI application. The respondent PIO was asked to read out said reply during today's hearing.
- 3. The Commission is of the view that there has been no malafide attempt by the respondent PIO to deny the requested information. Notably, the PIO replied within the stipulated 30 days period.
- 4. The PIO's decision is herewith upheld and this Complaint Case is accordingly **Disposed of**.

Sd/-(ASIT JOLLY)

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### **FINAL ORDER**

Harinder Singh, # 1130/D, Guru Amardass Avenue, Airport Road, Amritsar.

Versus

Public Information Officer, o/o Commissioner Agriculture, Department of Agriculture, Punjab Kheti Bhawan, Institutional Site No. 204, Phase-6, Mohali (Punjab)

## Complaint Case No. 221 of 2022 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT: (Complainant) Absent (Respondent) Absent

#### ORDER:

- 1. The complainant, Harinder Singh, filed this RTI application dated 26.6.2021 and sought information <u>regarding promotion of agriculture mechanization</u>, from the PIO o/o Commissioner Agriculture, Department of Agriculture, Punjab Kheti Bhawan, Mohali. When no information was received, the Complainant filed a complaint under Section 18 of the RTI Act, 2005 to the Commission on 20.4.2022. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on 17.8.2022.
- 2. Both parties absent. The respondent PIO has however, submitted a reply to the Notice of Hearing vide Letter No. 464 Dated 1.7.2022. Thereby he has informed the Commission that a reply was sent to the complainant vide Memo No. 10-170/RTI/20/A3(4)/463 Dated 16.7.2021, wherein he was informed that some of the information pertains to different district offices and can be obtained from the said offices. For the information in the office of the Commissioner Agricultural, the complainant was informed that the requested information amounted to between 80 to 90,000 copies and would be provided after the complainant deposits the requisite fees at the rate of Rs. 2 per page. As per the respondent PIO, the complainant has neither written nor deposited the amount.
- 3. The Commission has examined the PIO's reply to the complainant and is of the view that there was no malafide intent to withhold or deliberately deny the requested information.
- 4. This Complaint Case is accordingly **Disposed of**.

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## FINAL ORDER

Sukhdev Singh,

S/o Shri Pritam Singh, R/o Basti Malsia Wali, Ward No.2, Tehsil Zira, Ferozepur

Versus

## **Public Information Officer,**

O/o Registrar, Trade Union & Additional Labour Commissioner, Punjab, Punjab Labour Department, Labour Bhawan Model Welfare Centre, Phase-10, Sector-64, Mohali.

First Appellate Authority-cum-

o/o Registrar, Trade Union & Additional Labour Commissioner, Punjab, Punjab Labour Department, Labour Bhawan Model Welfare Centre, Phase-10, Sector-64, Mohali.

## Appeal Case No. 882 of 2022 (Video Conference Proceedings)

### PRESENT:

Sukhdev Singh (Appellant) 88724-30378 Manmohan, Advocate (for the Appellant) 94173-57806 Kulwant Kaur, Superintendent (for the Respondent) 97796-78952

#### ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on **25.5.2022**)

- 1. The RTI application is dated **15.11.2021** vide which the appellant has sought information regarding the trade union, paledar union and Mallbros International private limited, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **21.12.2021** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **17.2.2022** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **25.5.2022**.
- 2. Both parties are present. The appellant is represented by his council Manmohan Singh. The respondent PIO is represented by Kulwant Kaur, Superintendent. Both parties have apprised the Commission that as directed, the inspection of the record was conducted on 8.7.2022, following which none of the requested information was found to be available. As per the RTI Act 2005, the PIO is obligated to supply only that record which is held by said public authority. Any record that is not available in the custody of said public authority cannot be provided to the appellant.
- 3. Following from the above, the Appeal Case is accordingly **Disposed of**.

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## **FINAL ORDER**

Jaspal Singh, S/o Sh. Ramesh Arora, # 319/3, Gurdeep Nagar, Jagraon, District Ludhiana.

Versus

Public Information Officer, o/o Additional Chief Secretary, Agricultural Department, Punjab, Chandigarh. First Appellate Authority, o/o Additional Chief Secretary, Agricultural Department, Punjab, Chandigarh.

### Appeal Case No. 1423 of 2022 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT: (Appellant) Absent Jagpal Singh, AFSO (for the Respondent) 98881-09311

### ORDER:

- 1. The RTI application is dated **28.12.2021** vide which the appellant has sought <u>information</u> <u>regarding Letter Dated 28.11.2021</u>, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **10.2.2022**, and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **24.3.2022** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **17.8.2022**.
- 2. The appellant is absent. The respondent PIO, represented by Jagpal Singh, AFSO, states that the RTI application was received in the month of March this year, following which a reply was sent to the appellant vide Letter No. 2929 Dated 6.4.2022, wherein all 4 points of said RTI application was addressed by the respondent PIO along with the requested information.
- 3. The Commission has examined said reply and herewith directs the respondent PIO to submit a fresh reply to the RTI application along with duly attested copies of the requested information, to the appellant with a copy to this Commission, within 10 days of receipt of this Order.
- 4. This Appeal Case is accordingly **Disposed of**.

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### **FINAL ORDER**

Ramesh Kumar,

S/o Sh. Amar Nath, # U-1652, Sadar Nagar, Opposite Old Central Jail, Amritsar.

Versus

**Public Information Officer,** 

o/o Secretary S.S.S. Board, Punjab, Tower 4-5, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Forest Complex, Sector-68, Mohali. **First Appellate Authority,** o/o Secretary S.S.S. Board, Punjab, Tower 4-5, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Forest Complex, Sector-68, Mohali.

## Appeal Case No. 1582 of 2022 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

(Appellant) Absent Manish Garg, Senior Assistant (for the Respondent) 98722-17679

### ORDER:

- 1. The RTI application is dated **4.1.2022** vide which the appellant has sought <u>information</u> <u>regarding posts of science mistresses</u>, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **24.1.2022**, and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **30.3.2022** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **17.8.2022**.
- 2. The appellant is absent but has informed the Commission of his inability to attend this hearing. The respondent PIO, represented by Sh. Manish Garg, SA, has submitted a reply to this Commission's Notice of Hearing vide Letter No. 1849 Dated 28.7.2022, stating that the appellant was duly informed vide reply to the RTI application vide Letter No. 351 Dated 10.2.2022, that the requested information is not available in the official records.
- 3. After deliberations at this hearing, the Commission upholds the respondent PIO's decision that only record which exists in the custody of a public authority is to be provided by way of information to an applicant.
- 4. In view of this, the Appeal Case is accordingly **Disposed of**.

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### **FINAL ORDER**

### Ankush Gupta,

S/o Sh. Bala bax Gupta, H. No.165, Sector 20-C, Subhash Nagar, Mandi Gobindgarh, Fatehgarh Sahib – 147 301

### **Versus**

### **Public Information Officer**,

o/o Superintendent Engineer,
Department of water resource, Punjab,
Chandigarh.
First Appellate Authority,
Superintendent Engineer,
Department of water resource, Punjab,
Chandigarh.

### Appeal Case No. 2128 of 2022 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT: (Appellant) Absent Bijay Singh, SA (for the Respondent) 94631-88785

#### ORDER:

- 1. The RTI application is dated **16.3.2022** vide which the appellant has sought <u>information</u> <u>regarding Heena Kansal Gupta</u>, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **15.4.2022**, and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **29.4.2022** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **17.8.2022**.
- 2. The appellant is absent without intimation. As per the reply sent to the appellant by the respondent PIO vide Letter No. 12520-22 Dated 18.7.2022, the complainant cited in the RTI application viz. Ms. Heena Kansal Gupta, has forbidden disclosure by any information to the appellant since said information is personal to her. The PIO also supplied the appellant a copy of a letter from the concerned branch where Ms. Heena Kansal Gupta, is posted, clearly stating that contrary to the query raised in the RTI application, "no complaint has been filed by Ms. Heena Kansal Gupta".
- 3. After deliberations at this hearing, the Commission notes that this matter relates to domestic dispute between appellant and his wife. A perusal of the RTI application also reveals that the request for information is vague and not specific. In view of the above, the Commission deems it fit to **Dispose of** this Appeal Case.

## Sd/-(ASIT JOLLY)

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### **FINAL ORDER**

Jasvir Singh, Patti Nanak, Village Doleh, Ludhiana-141116

#### Versus

Public Information Officer, o/o Superintendent Engineer, Irrigation, Department of water resource, Punjab, Chandigarh. First Appellate Authority, Superintendent Engineer, Irrigation, Department of water resource, Punjab, Chandigarh.

## Appeal Case No. 2152 of 2022 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT: (Appellant) Absent Dhan Singh, Superintendent (for the Respondent) 95010-02137

### ORDER:

- 1. The RTI application is dated **19.3.2022** vide which the appellant has sought <u>information</u> <u>regarding the water supply and sewerage department</u>, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **12.4.2022**, and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **2.5.2022** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **17.8.2022**.
- 2. The appellant is absent. The respondent PIO, represented by Dhan Singh, Superintendent, has submitted a reply to this Commission's Notice of Hearing, wherein he states that a reply vide Letter No. 7432 Dated 20.4.2022, was sent to the appellant along with 195 pages in PDF format via email. The rest of the information, which was demanded by the appellant as per a specific Performa, was denied as this would have to be created.
- 3. The respondent PIO's decision is herewith upheld. This Appeal Case is accordingly **Disposed of**.

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### **FINAL ORDER**

Harish Kumar, S/o Sh. Tarsem Dass, # 51, Street No. 4, Shiv Nagar, Railway Road, Dinanagar, District Gurdapur.

### **Versus**

Public Information Officer, o/o Secretary SSSB, Punjab, Forest Complex, Sector-68, Mohali. First Appellate Authority, o/o Secretary SSSB, Punjab, Forest Complex, Sector-68, Mohali.

## Appeal Case No. 1703 of 2022 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

Harish Kumar (Appellant) 98729-74093 Nikhil Puhal, SA (for the Respondent) 90417-51145

### ORDER:

- 1. The RTI application is dated **19.1.2022** vide which the appellant has sought <u>information</u> <u>regarding Vinayaka Mission University</u>, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **23.2.2022**, and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **7.4.2022** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **17.8.2022**.
- 2. Both parties are present. The respondent PIO, represented by Nikhil Puhal, SA, has submitted a reply to this Commission's Notice of Hearing, vide Letter No. 1941 Dated 11.8.2022, along with copies of an earlier reply sent to the appellant. In aforesaid reply the respondent PIO states that the information with regard to point no. 1 is available but has been held back because of a pending case in Punjab and Hon'ble High Court which was filed by the appellant's wife.
- 3. It was pointed out to the respondent that since the Hon'ble High court has not forbidden publication of information pertaining to the matter cited in the RTI application, said information be supplied to the appellant after due attestation. This must be done within 10 days with a copy of the PIO's reply and information to the Commission.
- 4. This Appeal Case is accordingly **Disposed of**.

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### **FINAL ORDER**

Smt. Rajinder Bala, W/o Sh. Sunandan Rampal, # U-1652, Sardar Nagar, Opp. Old Central Jail, Amritsar.

### **Versus**

Public Information Officer, o/o Secretary SSSB, Punjab, Tower 4-5, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Forest Complex, Sector-68, Mohali. First Appellate Authority, o/o Secretary SSSB, Punjab, Tower 4-5, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Forest Complex, Sector-68, Mohali.

## Appeal Case No. 2214 of 2022 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT: (Appellant) Absent Munish Garg, SA (for the Respondent) 98722-17679

#### ORDER:

- 1. The RTI application is dated **5.1.2022** vide which the appellant has sought <u>information</u> <u>regarding the action taken on her application dated 23.8.2018</u>, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **10.3.2022**, and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **6.5.2022** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **17.8.2022**.
- 2. The appellant is absent without intimation. The respondent PIO has submitted a copy of a reply sent to the appellant vide Letter No. 1890 Dated 3.8.2022, wherein she was informed that no action taken report as cited in the RTI application, is available in the official records.
- 3. The Commission upholds the decision taken by the respondent PIO. Only information that exists in the records, is to be given in response to an RTI application.
- 4. This Appeal Case is accordingly **Disposed of**.

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State Information Commissioner, Punjab.