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Sh. Prabhjot Singh Gill s/o Sh. Jagjit Singh,
#329, VPO Doda Baja Patti,
Village Doda, Muktsar 152031
8146007472. RTI application No. 3491

.. appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer
o/o D.G.R., Punjab, Plot No. D-241,
Industrial Area, Phase 8B,
Sector 74 Mohali 160071.

First Appellate Authority
o/o D.G.R., Punjab, Plot No. D-241,
Industrial Area, Phase 8B,
Sector 74 Mohali 160071.

.. Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1968 of 2022

Present:- None on behalf of the appellant.
Sh. Anwar, 9888819150 on behalf of the respondents.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 6.7.2022.

2. The appellant is absent without intimation. However, the respondent-Public Information Officer is present in person in this case and he submits that a reply in this case has already been sent to the appellant. He further submits that no deficiency has been pointed out by him. After the hearing is over, the appellant sent an email dated 18.7.2022 at 12.45 PM vide which he has made the submissions and requested to fix the case through online mode. After going through the nature of the RTI application and the response filed by the respondent, the Commission is of the view that the case can only be concluded after thorough discussion with the parties. Therefore, the case is fixed for hearing in person at Chandigarh.

4. To come up on 17.8.2022 at 12.30 PM at Chandigarh.

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Dated: 18.7.2022

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#329, VPO Doda Baja Patti,
Village Doda, Muktsar 152031
8146007472. RTI application No. 1960

.. appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer
o/o D.G.R., Punjab, Plot No. D-241,
Industrial Area, Phase 8B,
Sector 74 Mohali 160071.

First Appellate Authority
o/o D.G.R., Punjab, Plot No. D-241,
Industrial Area, Phase 8B,
Sector 74 Mohali 160071.

.. Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1967 of 2022

Present:- None on behalf of the appellant.
Sh. Anwar, 9888819150 on behalf of the respondents.

ORDER

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8146007472. RTI application No. 1960

.. appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer
o/o D.G.R., Punjab, Plot No. D-241,
Industrial Area, Phase 8B,
Sector 74 Mohali 160071.

First Appellate Authority
o/o Deputy Commissioner,
TaranTaran.

..Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1966 of 2022

Present:- None on behalf of the appellant.
Sh. Anwar, 9888819150 on behalf of the respondents.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 6.7.2022.

2. The appellant is absent without intimation. However, the respondent-Public Information Officer is present in person in this case and he submits that a reply in this case has already been sent to the appellant. He further submits that no deficiency has been pointed out by him. After the hearing is over, the appellant sent an email dated 18.7.2022 at 12.45 PM vide which he has made the submissions and requested to fix the case through online mode. After going through the nature of the RTI application and the response filed by the respondent, the Commission is of the view that the case can only be concluded after thorough discussion with the parties. Therefore, the case is fixed for hearing in person at Chandigarh.

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Village Doda, Muktsar 152031
8146007472. RTI application No. 10860

.. appellant

Vs

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o/o D.G.R., Punjab, Plot No. D-241,
Industrial Area, Phase 8B,
Sector 74 Mohali 160071.

First Appellate Authority
o/o D.G.R., Punjab,
Plot No. D-241,
Industrial Area, Phase 8B,
Sector 74, Mohali.

.. Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1913 of 2022

Present:- None on behalf of the appellant.
Sh. Anwar, 9888819150 on behalf of the respondents.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 21.6.2022 vide which the case was adjourned for 21.7.2022 but due to convenience of the parties, the case was preponed for today.

2. The appellant is absent without intimation. However, the respondent-Public Information Officer is present in person in this case and he submits that a reply in this case has already been sent to the appellant. He further submits that no deficiency has been pointed out by him. After the hearing is over, the appellant sent an email dated 18.7.2022 at 12.45 PM vide which he has made the submissions and requested to fix the case through online mode. After going through the nature of the RTI application and the response filed by the respondent, the Commission is of the view that the case can only be concluded after thorough discussion with the parties. Therefore, the case is fixed for hearing in person at Chandigarh.

4. To come up on 17.8.2022 at 12.30 PM at Chandigarh.

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Dated: 18.7.2022

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#329, VPO Doda Baja Patti,
Village Doda, Muktsar 152031
8146007472. RTI application No. 8394

.. appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer
o/o Punjab Transparency and Accountability Commisison,
Sector 17, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority
o/o D.G.R, Punjab,
Plot No. D-241,
Industrial Area, Phase 8B,
Sector 74, Mohali.

.. Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1135 of 2022

Present:- None on behalf of the appellant.

Ms SumanLata, Sr. Assistant 9855992748 on behalf of the respondents.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 18.7.2022 vide which the case was adjourned for 21.7.2022 but as the other cases of the appellant were fixed for hearing on 18.7.2022 therefore, this case was preponed for the convenience of the parties for today.

2. The appellant is absent without intimation. However, the respondent-Public Information Officer is present in person in this case and he submits that a reply in this case has already been sent to the appellant. He further submits that no deficiency has been pointed out by him. After the hearing is over, the appellant sent an email dated 18.7.2022 at 12.45 PM vide which he has made the submissions and requested to fix the case through online mode. After going through the nature of the RTI application and the response filed by the respondent, the Commission is of the view that the case can only be concluded after thorough discussion with the parties. Therefore, the case is fixed for hearing in person at Chandigarh.

4. To come up on 17.8.2022 at 12.30 PM at Chandigarh.

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329, VPO Doda Baja Patti,
Village Doda, Muktsar-152031.
RTI Application No. 1990.
(M: 8146007472).

....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o Deputy Commissioner, Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority
O/o Deputy Commissioner, Amritsar.

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1964 of 2022
(Video Conference Proceedings)

Present:- None on behalf of the appellant.
Sh. Sunil Kumar 9417841168 8054014514 on behalf of the respondents.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 6.7.2022

2. The appellant is absent without intimation. However, the representative of the respondents submits that the information as has been sought by the appellant has already been published on the website i.e. amritsar.nic.in. He has also sent the written submissions in this regard, which are taken on record. However, after the hearing is over, the appellant sent an email dated 18.7.2022 at 12.45 PM vide which he has made the submissions and requested to fix the case through online mode. After going through the nature of the RTI application and the response filed by the respondent, the Commission is of the view that the case can only be concluded after thorough discussion with the parties. Therefore, the case is fixed for hearing in person at Chandigarh.

4. To come up on 17.8.2022 at 12.30 PM at Chandigarh.

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Dated:18.7.2022

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Sh. S.P. Verma, R/o 143, NMS Colony,
Tripuri, Patiala – 147004,
M: 7589328784.

.....Appellant

Vs.

Public Information Officer
O/o DEO (SE), Patiala.

First Appellate Authority
O/o DEO (SE), Patiala.

Public Information Officer
o/o the Principal,
Guru TegBahadur Public School,
Patiala

.....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 563 of 2022.

Present:- Sh. S.P. Verma, appellant.
Sh. Avtar Singh, Supdt 94630 54718 o/o Guru TegBahadur Public School,
Patiala and Sh. Sukhbir Singh, Sr. Asstt o/o D.E.O. (SE) Patiala on behalf of the
respondents 9988210507

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 9.6.2022.

2. The appellant sent the submissions through email which are taken on record. Also, the appellant submits that the respondent has fabricated the documents after receipt of his RTI application. He further submits that he is not satisfied with the same. Regarding information, the appellant submits that he is not satisfied with the information related to Point No. 3 & 4 of the RTI application. Also, the appellant submits that the order of the Commission regarding compensation has not been complied with by the respondent. However, the respondent brought the partial record related to the RTI application. After going through the same, last opportunity is granted to the respondents to bring the original complete record related to the RTI application of the appellant on the next date of hearing including the relevant dispatch/receipt registers to take the matter to its logical end.

3. To come up on 11.8.2022 at 12.00 noon at Chandigarh.

Dated: 18.7.2022

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Smt. KamaldeepKaur (9872139640)

W/o Sh. Ajaypal Singh

R/o Village and Post Office, Gumtala,

Opp. Govt. Dispensary,

District Amritsar.

.....Appellant

Vs.

Sh. Dharminder Singh,

Estate Officer,

Public Information Officer,

O/o Commissioner,

Municipal Corporation, Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Commissioner,

Municipal Corporation, Amritsar.

Sh. Hardeep Singh, 8968908811

Now S.D.M.

Kapurthala.

Ms DeepjotKaur, PCS

9464544117

Joint Commissioner,

Municipal Corporation,

Amritsar.

.....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 4058 of 2021.

Present:- Smt. KamaldeepKaur, appellant.

Sh. DharminderSingh, Estate Officer, behalf of the respondents. 9646004303

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 23.6.2022.

2. The respondent-Public Information Officer sent an email vide which he has sent the proceedings of NOC Committee, which is taken on record. Also a copy of the same has been sent to the appellant. However, the appellant submits that copy of the complaints has not been supplied by the respondent and till its receipt she is not satisfied with the information. After hearing the submissions made by the appellant the respondent-Public Information Officer has not given any satisfactory reply.

3. Also a show cause notice was issued to Sh. Hardeep Singh, PCS, Joint Commissioner, Municipal Corporation who has now been transferred as S.D.M. Kapurthala.

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As MsDeepjotKaur, PCS, Joint Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Amritsar has joined the post who is directed to supply a copy of the complaints as has been sought by the appellant before the next date of hearing.

4. Video Conference Facility was introduced for the convenience of general public and for government officials. Viewing the attitude in dealing with the RTI application by the respondent in a casual manner, Sh. Dharminder Singh, Estate Officer-cum- Public Information Officer, is, thus, issued a show cause notice to explain in a self-attested affidavit as to why a penalty @ Rs.250/- per day of delay subject to a maximum of Rs.25000/- till the complete information is furnished, be not imposed under Section 20(1) of RTI Act, 2005 on him for causing willful delay/denial of the information to the RTI applicant and to show cause why a compensation under section 19(8) of the RTI Act, 2005, may not be paid to the appellant for causing willful delay/denial of the information for detriment suffered by him.

In addition to the written reply, the Public Information Officer is also 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 take a note that in case he does not file his written reply and does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the next date, it will be presumed that he has nothing to say and the Commission will proceed ex-parte.

5. That Sh. Hardeep Singh, PCS has not complied with the orders of the Commission dated 23.6.2022. It is also a fact that the orders in this case were sent to Sh. Hardeep Singh, Joint Commissioner by name i.e. dated 7.4.2022, 9.5.2022 and 23.6.2022. But neither he attended the hearing nor the information was supplied to him. Also, a show cause notice was issued to him on 9.5.2022 and he has not filed the reply regarding the same. **Therefore, disciplinary action is recommended against Sh. Hardeep Singh, PCS to the Chief Secretary, Punjab for the non-compliance of the orders of the Commission.**

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6. To come up on 25.7.2022 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Amritsar.

Dated: 18.7.2022

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Punjab.

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Chief Secretary, Punjab,
Punjab Civil Secretariat-1,
Chandigarh

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Smt. KamaldeepKaur,
w/o Sh. Ajaypal Singh
r/o Village & Post Office Gumtala
opp. Govt. dispensary, Amritsar.

.. appellant

Vs

Sh. Dharminder Singh, Estate Officer-cum-
Public Information Officer
o/o Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation
Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority
o/o Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation
Amritsar.

.Respondents

Appeal Case No. 4059 of 2021
(Video Conference Proceedings)

Present:- SmtKamaldeepkaur, appellant

Sh. DharminderSingh, Estate Officer, on behalf of the respondents
9646004303.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 23.6.2022.

2. During the last hearing the detailed order was passed after deliberations with both the parties and the relevant portion of the same is reproduced below:-

“This order was last heard on 9.5.2022 vide which Sh. Dharminder Singh PIO was issued show cause notice for not supplying the information. Both the parties were directed to remain present on the next hearing at Chandigarh. The case was adjourned to 10.6.2022 but postponed to 23.6.2022 due to administrative reasons.

2. The appellant states that she has sought four point information from the Public Information Officer but he has not supplied information except point no. 1.

3. The PIO states that information pertaining to point no. 2.3.and 4 is to be supplied by the M.T.P o/o M.C. Amritsar.

4. After hearing the parties and going through the RTI application, it is noticed that the appellant has sought voluminous information Therefore, the respondent Public Information Officer is hereby directed to provide the following information to the appellant before the next date of hearing.

1) a) List of officers/employees along with their gross salary and mode of payment pertaining to point no. 2.

b) No information is to be provided pertaining to point no. 3.

c) List of retired officers/employees, if any to be supplied pertaining to point no. 4 from January 2018 to December 2018.

The PIO has assured to provide the information before next date of hearing. The decision on the show cause notice issued to Sh. Dharminder Singh, Estate Officer cum PIO will be taken on the next date of hearing. He is hereby directed to submit his reply pertaining to show cause notice issued to him.”

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The PIO has assured to provide the information before next date of hearing. The decision on the show cause notice issued to Sh. Dharminder Singh, Estate Officer cum PIO will be taken on the next date of hearing. He is hereby directed to submit his reply pertaining to show cause notice issued to him"

3. Neither the respondent-Public Information Officer supplied the complete information in compliance of order dated 23.6.2022 mentioned herein nor he has filed any reply regarding show cause notice issued to him.

4. Keeping in view, the defying attitude of the respondent-Public Information Officer in submitting any explanation for the delay in supplying the information within the time schedule as prescribed under the RTI Act 2005 and to supply the information as mentioned herein, the court comes to a logical conclusion that it is a fit case for the imposition of penalty amounting to Rs. 25000/- (Rupees Twenty five thousand only) on the PIO. But, taking a lenient view, I impose a penalty of **Rs. 5000/- (Rs. Twenty Five hundred only)**. The Drawing and Disbursing Officer of the office of Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Amritsar is directed to deduct the amount of penalty in two equal instalments of Rs. 2500/- from the salary of Sh. Dharminder Singh, Estate Officer-cum-Public Information Officer o/o the Municipal Corporation, Amritsar and deposit the same in the State Treasury in the following Head of Account, and to report its compliance to the Commission:-

"0070-Other Administrative Services

60 other Services

800-Other Receipts

86-Fee under the RTI Act, 2005"

5. The respondent-Public Information Officer is also directed to comply with the order before the next date of hearing failing which disciplinary action will also be recommended in this case.

6. To come up on 25.7.2022 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Amritsar. sd/

Dated: 18.7.2022

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Chief Information Commissioner,
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Ms DeepjotKaur, PCS
Joint Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation,
Amritsar 9464544117

To ensure compliance of this order.

Drawing and Disbursing Officer (By name)
Municipal Corporation,
Amritsar

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Advocate Ravinder Kumar
H.No. 2, New Harbans Nagar
New Shiv Mandir
Jalandhar 144002 9417188119

.. appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
o/o the Executive Officer,
Improvement Trust,
Ranjiv Avenue, Amritsar 143001

First Appellate Authority
o/o the Executive Officer,
Improvement Trust,
Ranjiv Avenue, Amritsar 143001

.. Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3151 of 2020
(Video Conference Proceedings)

Present:- Sh. Ravinder Kumar, Advocate, appellant.
Sh. Jasbir Singh J.E. 9888812200 on behalf of the respondents

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 5.7.2022.

2. The representative of the respondents submits that the matter could not be resolved as the Executive Officer has already been transferred and the new Executive Officer has joined the post. He further requested to adjourn the case. However, the appellant submits that the respondent are not providing the status of the application dated 12.12.2019.
3. After hearing both the parties, the directions are issued to the respondent-Public Information Officer /Sh. Jasbir Singh, JE to submit the status as has been sought by the appellant before the next date of hearing failing which the case will be considered for disciplinary proceedings.
4. To come up on 25.7.2022 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Amritsar/Jalandhar.

Dated:18.7.2022

(Suresh Arora)
Chief Information Commissioner,
Punjab.