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223, Street No. 4,

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Daba-Lohara Road, Post Office-Daba,

District Ludhiana – 141 003

Versus

Public Information officer,

o/o Assistant Town Planner (C),

o/o Municipal Corporation,

District Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,

o/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation,

District Ludhiana.

Appeal Case No. 1308 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

(Appellant) Absent

Satish Malhotra, PIO-cum-ATP (Respondent) 96460-31802

Ms. Kashish Garg, APIO-cum-Building Inspector (for the Respondent) 96533-57060

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **22.10.2020** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding illegal construction of Jagdev Industry and Enterprises**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **12.1.2021** and second appeal was filed in the Commission on **10.3.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **18.8.2021**.

2. The appellant is absent without intimation. The respondent PIO-cum-ATP, Satish Malhotra accompanied by Ms. Kashish Garg, APIO-cum-Building Inspector, present via Video Conference Facility from Ludhiana, stated that the requested information has already been supplied to the appellant vide Letter No. 371/RTI/DRG-C/D dated 28.12.2020.

3. The respondent PIO is directed to send a copy of the reply/information sent to the appellant, to this Commission forthwith.

4. **Next hearing on 28.9.2021 at 11.00 am through Video Conference Facility at D.C. Office, Ludhiana.**

Sd/-

(ASIT JOLLY)

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Surjit Singh,

S/o Sh. Kulvir Singh,

2990/76, Street No. 4,

Guru Gobind Singh Nagar, Near Mair Di Chakki,

Post Office-Daba,

District Ludhiana – 141 003

Versus

Public Information officer,

o/o XEN, O & M Cell, Zone-C,

Municipal Corporation,

District Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,

o/o XEN, O & M Cell, Zone-C,

Municipal Corporation,

District Ludhiana.

Appeal Case No. 1298 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

Surjit Singh (Appellant) 99880-13004

Harbir Singh, SDO from Zone-C (for the Respondent) 86991-00033

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **28.11.2020** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding water and sewerage connections from 1.1.2018 to till date by O&M Cell Zone-C, branch/submersible pumps in Industrial Units**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **31.12.2020** and second appeal was filed in the Commission on **10.3.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **18.8.2021**.

2. The appellant is absent without intimation. The respondent PIO, represented by Harbir Singh, SDO from Zone-C, is present via Video Conference Facility from Ludhiana, has submitted that a reply was sent to the appellant vide Letter No. 04/APIO-c/O&M dated 11.8.2021, wherein a demand for Rs. 500/- as copying charges was raised.

3. The Commission notes that the demand is made well beyond stipulated 30 days and therefore in violation of the RTI Act 2005. The respondent PIO is directed to submit a reply along with the requested information duly attested in the format given below. This must be done within 15 days of receiving this order.

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Appeal Case No. 1298 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

4. IMPORTANT! All documents / information supplied to appellants / complainants must mandatorily be attested as under:

Information supplied under the RTI Act, 2005

Signature of the PIO

Name of the PIO

Name of the Public Authority

Date

5. **Next hearing on 28.9.2021 at 11.00 am through Video Conference Facility at D.C. Office, Ludhiana.**

Sd/-

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Post Office-Daba,

District Ludhiana – 141 003

Versus

Public Information officer,

o/o Commissioner,

Municipal Corporation,

District Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,

o/o Commissioner,

Municipal Corporation,

District Ludhiana.

Appeal Case No. 1297 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

(Appellant) Absent

(Respondent) Absent

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **1.12.2020** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding complaint bearing Diary No. 3148/PS/R dated 25.11.2020**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **6.1.2021** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **10.3.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **18.8.2021**.

2. Both parties are absent without intimation. This case will now be heard at its next hearing on 28.9.2021.

3. **Next hearing on 28.9.2021 at 11.00 am through Video Conference Facility at D.C. Office, Ludhiana.**

Sd/-

(ASIT JOLLY)

State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

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REGISTERED **SHOW CAUSE NOTICE**

Vijay Kumar,
S/o Sh. Mohan Lal,
11889, Street No.2,
Mohalla Atal Nagar,
Rahoan Road, Basti Jodhewal,
District Ludhiana – 141 007

Versus

Public Information officer,
o/o Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation,
District Ludhiana.
First Appellate Authority,
Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation,
District Ludhiana.

Appeal Case No. 1272 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

(Appellant) Absent

(Respondent) Absent

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **21.7.2020** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding an application – No. 345/PS/R dated 3.6.2020; documents submitted at the time of enquiry; statements and enquiry report**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **28.9.2020** and second appeal was filed in the Commission on **9.3.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **18.8.2021**.
2. Both parties are absent, while the appellant has intimated the Commission of his inability to attend this hearing, the respondent PIO is absent without any intimation. Notably however, this case was disposed of by the FAA on 14.12.2020 after the appellant failed to attend two earlier hearings. The FAA has also noted in his Order of 14.12.2020 that the appellant had failed to append his RTI application with his First Appeal.
3. However, in view of the respondent PIO's failure to respond to it's Notice for Hearing, this Commission deems it fit to serve the respondent PIO with this Show Cause Notice.
4. The respondent PIO is herewith ordered to **SHOW CAUSE** as to why a penalty should not be imposed upon him under Section 20 (1) of RTI Act, 2005, for causing willful delay/denial of the information requested by the appellant as far back as on **21.7.2020**.

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“In addition to the written reply, the respondent PIO is also given an opportunity under Section 20 (1) provision there to, for a personal hearing before the imposition of such penalty on the next date of hearing. He may take note that in case he does not file his written reply and does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the 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*.” Copies of this order be sent to the parties through registered post.

5. IMPORTANT! All documents / information supplied to appellants / complainants must mandatorily be attested as under:

Information supplied under the RTI Act, 2005

Signature of the PIO

Name of the PIO

Name of the Public Authority

Date

6. **Next hearing on 28.9.2021 at 11.00 am through Video Conference Facility at D.C. Office, Ludhiana.**

Sd/-

(ASIT JOLLY)

State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

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Cc: Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, District Ludhiana, for information and further necessary action.

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Sarabjit Singh Gill,
60-35-P-376-1, Street No.8,
Maha Singh Nagar,
Post Office Dhandari Kalan,
District Ludhiana – 141 014

Versus

Public Information officer,
o/o Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation,
Ludhiana.

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

Appeal Case No. 1310 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

(Appellant) Absent

Satish Malhotra, PIO-cum-ATP (Respondent)

Ms. Kashish Garg, APIO-cum-Building Inspector (for the Respondent)

Ajay Kumar, Building Inspector (for the Respondent) 98762-99511

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **1.12.2020** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding a complaint bearing Diary No. 3149-PS-R dated 25.11.2020**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **4.1.2021** and second appeal was filed in the Commission on **10.3.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **18.8.2021**.

2. The appellant is absent without intimation. The respondent PIO-cum-ATP, Satish Malhotra accompanied by Ms. Kashish Garg, APIO-cum-Building Inspector, are present via Video Conference Facility from Ludhiana, have stated that the requested information was supplied to the appellant vide Letter No. 393/ATP-D/RTI-D dated: 25.1.2021. The respondents have also communicated to this Commission in a letter dated: 30.4.2021 and 13.8.2021.

3. The respondent PIO is directed to submit a copy of the information supplied to the appellant, to this office forthwith.

4. IMPORTANT! All documents / information supplied to appellants / complainants must mandatorily be attested as under:

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Appeal Case No. 1310 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

Information supplied under the RTI Act, 2005

Signature of the PIO

Name of the PIO

Name of the Public Authority

Date

5. Next hearing on 28.9.2021 at 11.00 am through Video Conference Facility at D.C. Office, Ludhiana.

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Backside Bachan Gas Agency, Near Mair Di Chakki,

Post Office-Daba,

District Ludhiana-141003

Versus

Public Information officer,

o/o Commissioner,

Municipal Corporation,

District Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,

o/o Commissioner,

Municipal Corporation,

District Ludhiana.

Appeal Case No. 1307 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

Gurmej Lal (Appellant) 97816-72776

Rupinder Singh, J.E. from Zone-D (for the Respondent) 78371-00158

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **16.12.2020** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding the Leisure Valley in Zone-D area**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **16.1.2021** and second appeal was filed in the Commission on **10.3.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **18.8.2021**.

2. Both parties are present via Video Conference Facility from Ludhiana. The respondent PIO represented by Rupinder Singh, JE from Zone-D, stated that a reply to all six points sent to the appellant by the B&R Branch, Zone-D vide Letter No. 302/PIO/B & R dated 16.2.2021.

3. The respondent PIO is directed to send a copy of the said letter to the Commission forthwith.

4. IMPORTANT! All documents / information supplied to appellants / complainants must mandatorily be attested as under:

Information supplied under the RTI Act, 2005

Signature of the PIO

Name of the PIO

Name of the Public Authority

Date

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Appeal Case No. 1307 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

5. Next hearing on 28.9.2021 at 11.00 am through Video Conference Facility at D.C. Office, Ludhiana.

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S/o Sh. Baldev Raj Sharma,

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Guru Gobind Singh Nagar,

Backside Bachan Gas Agency, Near Mair Di Chakki,

Post Office-Daba,

District Ludhiana-141003

Versus

Public Information officer,

o/o Superintended, Headquarters,

Municipal Corporation,

District Ludhiana.

Public Information officer,

o/o Commissioner,

Municipal Corporation,

District Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,

o/o Commissioner,

Municipal Corporation,

District Ludhiana.

Appeal Case No. 1601 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

Gurmej Lal (Appellant) 97816-72776

Satish Malhotra, PIO-cum-ATP (Respondent) 96460-31802

Ms. Kashish Garg, APIO-cum-Building Inspector (for the Respondent) 96533-57060

Harjeet Singh, Draftsman from Zone-D (for the Respondent) 98141-66090

Ajay Kumar, Building Inspector (for the Respondent) 98762-99511

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **5.1.2021** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding a complaint bearing Diary No. 3624-PS-R dated 4.1.2021**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **5.2.2021** and second appeal was filed in the Commission on **30.3.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **18.8.2021**.

2. Both parties are present via Video Conference Facility from Ludhiana. The respondent PIO-cum-ATP, Satish Malhotra, Kashish Garg, APIO-cum-Building Inspector from Zone-C, Harjeet Singh, Draftsman from Zone-D, and Ajay Kumar, Building Inspector from Zone-A, have stated that the information pertains to all zones of Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana. Information pertaining to Zones A, C, and D, has been supplied and acknowledged by the appellant. The information pertaining to Zone-B is pending. The Commission was informed that the PIO Zone-B has been transferred and the new PIO is yet to be designated.

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Appeal Case No. 1601 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

3. The Commission notes that this RTI application was addressed to the office of the Municipal Commissioner and so directs the PIO Headquarters, Sh. **Ashok Garg** to retrieve the information pertaining to Zone-B and supply it to the appellant forthwith.

4. IMPORTANT! All documents / information supplied to appellants / complainants must mandatorily be attested as under:

Information supplied under the RTI Act, 2005

Signature of the PIO

Name of the PIO

Name of the Public Authority

Date

5. Next hearing on 28.9.2021 at 11.00 am through Video Conference Facility at D.C. Office, Ludhiana.

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District Ludhiana-141003

Versus

Public Information officer,

o/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation,

Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,

o/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation,

Ludhiana.

Appeal Case No. 1603 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

Gurmej Lal (Appellant) 97816-72776

(Respondent) Absent

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **2.1.2021** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding a complaint bearing Diary No. 3609/PS/R dated 30.12.2020**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **10.2.2021** and second appeal was filed in the Commission on **30.3.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **18.8.2021**.

2. The appellant is present via Video Conference Facility from Ludhiana. The respondent PIO is absent without intimation. This Commission directs the respondent PIO to submit a written, point-wise reply to this RTI application within 15 days of receipt of this order. Failing this, penal action could be initiated against him/her as per the RTI Act 2005.

3. IMPORTANT! All documents / information supplied to appellants / complainants must mandatorily be attested as under:

Information supplied under the RTI Act, 2005

Signature of the PIO

Name of the PIO

Name of the Public Authority

Date

4. **Next hearing on 28.9.2021 at 11.00 am through Video Conference Facility at D.C. Office, Ludhiana.**

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Post Office-Daba,

District Ludhiana-141003

Versus

Public Information officer,

o/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation,

District Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,

o/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation,

District Ludhiana.

Appeal Case No. 1604 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

Gurmej Lal (Appellant) 97816-72776

(Respondent) Absent

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **2.1.2021** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding bearing diary no. 3610/PS/R dated: 31.12.2020**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **10.2.2021** and second appeal was filed in the Commission on **30.3.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **18.8.2021**.

2. The appellant is present via Video Conference Facility from Ludhiana. The respondent PIO is absent without intimation. The Commission directs the respondent PIO to send a written point-wise reply to this RTI application within 15 days of receipt of this order. Failing this penal action could be initiated against him/her as per the RTI Act 2005.

3. IMPORTANT! All documents / information supplied to appellants / complainants must mandatorily be attested as under:

Information supplied under the RTI Act, 2005

Signature of the PIO

Name of the PIO

Name of the Public Authority

Date

4. **Next hearing on 28.9.2021 at 11.00 am through Video Conference Facility at D.C. Office, Ludhiana.**

Sd/-

(ASIT JOLLY)

State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

Chandigarh

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