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**Subhash Chander,**  
S/o Tirath Ram,  
Street No. 2, New Luxmi Nagar,  
Kapurthala

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**  
o/o District Town Planner,  
Kapurthala.

**First Appellant Authority,**  
o/o Chief Administrator, JDA,  
Jalandhar Development Authority,  
SCO-41, PUDA Complex,  
Opposite District Administration Complex,  
Ladowali road,  
Jalandhar-144001

## **Appeal Case No. 1428 of 2020(Video Conference proceedings)**

PRESENT:

(Appellant) Absent

Sanjeev Sharma, PIO-Cum-SDO(Respondent) 98151-48712

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **19.10.2019** vide which the appellant has sought **information regarding the marriage palaces in the jurisdiction of Kapurthala**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **24.1.2020**, and second appeal was filed in the Commission on **8.6.2020** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **19.11.2020**.

2. The appellant is absent but has emailed the Commission to state that the information provided by the respondent PIO is incomplete. The respondent PIO, represented at this hearing by Sanjeev Sharma, PIO-cum-SDO, Jalandhar Development Authority, stated that the RTI application was transferred under Section 6(3) of the RTI Act to the PIO, office of District Town Planner, Kapurthala on 25.10.2020.

3. The appellant is requested to list the deficiencies in the information provided, to the PIO, office of District Town Planner, Kapurthala at the earliest. The PIO, office of District Town Planner, Kapurthala is directed to furnish information as requested by the appellant in his RTI application by way of pointwise, written reply.

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## **Appeal Case No. 1428 of 2020(Video Conference proceedings)**

4. IMPORTANT! All information / documents supplied must be accompanied by a covering letter and duly 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 21.1.2021 at 12.00 pm through Video Conference Facility in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Kapurthala.**

Sd/-

(ASIT JOLLY)

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**Neeraj Patial,**  
S/o Mohinder Singh,  
# 463, Street BhatrianWali,  
Chowk Bijli Wala, I/S Hall Gate,  
District Amritsar.

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**  
o/o Superintendent Engineer (City Circle),  
Punjab State Power Corporation Limited (PSPCL),  
District Amritsar.

**First Appellant Authority,**  
o/o Chief Engineer,  
Punjab State Power Corporation Limited (PSPCL),  
Border Range, Airport Road,  
District Amritsar.

## **Appeal Case No. 1940 of 2020(Video Conference proceedings)**

PRESENT:

(Appellant) Absent

Satinder Kumar, SDO (for the Respondent) 94461-25964

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **5.3.2020** vide which the appellant has sought **information regarding electricity connection number 3002172885 (Devraj) and 3002172882 (Govind Ram)**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **20.5.2020**, and second appeal was filed in the Commission on **23.7.2020** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **19.11.2020**.

2. The appellant is absent without intimation. The respondent PIO represented by Satinder Kumar, SDO, stated that a reply to the RTI application was sent to the appellant on 27.10.2020. The respondent, PIO is directed to email a copy of the reply sent to the appellant, to this Commission. He is also directed to explain in writing why there was such a long delay in responding to this RTI application which was submitted to him on 5.3.2020.

3. **Next hearing on 21.1.2021 at 12.00 pm through Video Conference Facility in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Amritsar.**

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State Information Commissioner  
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**Rajwinder Singh,**  
S/oKuldeep Singh,  
# 2636, Street No. 1,  
Azad Nagar, Near Shimla Market,  
Putligarh, Amritsar.

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**  
o/o Superintendent Engineer (City Circle),  
Punjab State Power Corporation Limited (PSPCL),  
District Amritsar.

**First Appellant Authority,**  
o/o Chief Engineer,  
Punjab State Power Corporation Limited (PSPCL),  
Border Range, Airport Road,  
District Amritsar.

## **Appeal Case No. 1943 of 2020(Video Conference proceedings)**

PRESENT:

Rajwinder Singh (Appellant) 98728-21947  
Amrinder Pal Singh, SDO (for the Respondent) 96461-13043

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **7.1.2020** vide which the appellant has sought **information regarding new electricity connections and pending bills etc. in the City Circle Amritsar**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **28.2.2020**, and second appeal was filed in the Commission on **23.7.2020** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **19.11.2020**.

2. Both parties are present through Video Conference, at the office of Deputy Commissioner, Amritsar. The respondent PIO represented by Amrinder Pal Singh, SDO, stated that the requested information was sent to the appellant vide letter No.4482/RTI-CCA/0001, dated 7.7.2020. However, it was pointed out by the appellant that the information furnished pertains only to the Udhogik Mandal and not to the City Circle, PSPCL, Amritsar.

3. The respondent PIO is directed to furnish the information pertaining to the City Circle also. It may be noted here that the respondent PIO had raised demand for Rs.1200,00 to furnish document relating to the point No.4 of the RTI application on 23.1.2020 which is well within the stipulated 30 days period. The appellant is however, declined to deposit the requisite sum and stated that he is satisfied with the information pertaining to point No.4 as already supplied by the respondent. The respondent PIO is directed to furnish information pertaining to the City Circle Division before the next hearing.

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## **Appeal Case No. 1943 of 2020(Video Conference proceedings)**

4. IMPORTANT! All information / documents supplied must be accompanied by a covering letter and duly 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 21.1.2021 at 12.00 pm through Video Conference Facility in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Amritsar.**

Sd/-  
(ASIT JOLLY)  
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**Raman Kumar,**  
S/o Karori Lal,  
# 114, Street No. 6,  
Islamabad, Ram Nagar Colony, Amritsar.

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**  
o/o Deputy Chief Engineer, Operational,  
Sub Urban Circle, PSPCL Amritsar.

## **Complaint Case No. 437 of 2020(Video Conference proceedings)**

PRESENT:  
(Complainant) Absent  
(Respondent) Absent

ORDER:

1. The complainant, **Raman Kumar**, filed this RTI application dated **15.10.2019** and sought information **regarding copies of status report of the land** from the PIO o/o **Deputy Chief Engineer, Amritsar**. When no information was received, the Complainant filed a complaint under Section 18 of the RTI Act, 2005 to the Commission on **14.7.2020**. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **19.11.2020**.
2. Both parties are absent without intimation. The respondent PIO, vide letter No.2358/59 dated 12.10.2020, wrote to the Complainant that the information he seeks pertains to PSPCL, Patiala. He also stated that a letter has been sent to the PSPCL, Patiala seeking the requested record which has not been received as yet.
3. The respondent PIO's conduct in delaying this RTI application is highly irregular. As per RTI Act, he should have been transferred this RTI application to the concerned office in PSPCL, Patiala under Section 6(3), within 5 days of receiving it.
4. The respondent PIO is directed to personally retrieve the requested information from PSPCL, Patiala and provide it to the Complainant before the next hearing.
5. IMPORTANT! All information / documents supplied must be accompanied by a covering letter and duly 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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**Complaint Case No. 437 of 2020(Video Conference proceedings)**

**6. Next hearing on 21.1.2021 at 12.00 pm through Video Conference Facility in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Amritsar.**

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**Gurmukh Singh,**  
S/o Dalip Singh,  
Village ChakBazida,  
Post Office Ghubaiya,  
Tehsil Jalalabad (East), District Fazilka.

Versus

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

## **Appeal Case No. 1841 of 2020(Video Conference proceedings)**

PRESENT:

(Appellant) Absent

Manjit Singh, Superintendent Grade-1 (for the Respondent) 99148-11113

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **22.2.2020** vide which the appellant has sought **information regarding action taken report on an application dated 10.4.2017**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **4.4.2020**, and second appeal was filed in the Commission on **8.7.2020** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **19.11.2020**.

2. The appellant is absent without intimation. The respondent PIO, represented by Manjit Singh, Superintendent, stated that replies were sent to the appellant on 26.6.20 and 18.11.2020. He also stated that the matter pertaining to the RTI application was under investigation with the Deputy Commissioner.

3. The respondent PIO is directed to submit a copy of the reply sent to the appellant on 26.6.2020, to this Commission. The appellant is meanwhile, requested to examine the furnished information/reply of 18.11.20 and list any deficiency.

4. **Next hearing on 21.1.2021 at 12.00 pm through Video Conference Facility in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Fazilka.**

**Sd/-**  
**(ASIT JOLLY)**  
State Information Commissioner  
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**Jyotsana,**  
W/o Balvir,  
Village Bhagu,  
Tehsil Abohar, District Fazilka.

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**  
o/o Tehsildar, Abohar,  
District Fazilka.  
**First Appellate Authority,**  
o/o Sub Divisional Magistrate,  
Tehsil Office, Abohar,  
District Fazilka.

## **Appeal Case No. 1861 of 2020(Video Conference proceedings)**

PRESENT:

(Appellant) Absent  
Jaspal Singh Brar, PIO-cum-Tehsildar (Respondent)  
Ashwani, Clerk (for the Respondent)

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **10.2.2020** vide which the appellant has sought **information regarding tehsildar's posted in Tehsil Abohar from 1.1.2018 till date**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **9.3.2020**, and second appeal was filed in the Commission on **6.7.2020** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **19.11.2020**.
2. The appellant is absent without intimation. The respondent PIO-cum-Tehsildar, Jaspal Singh Brar, had replied to the appellant vide Letter No. 37/RTI dated 14.1.2020 that the information cannot be provided since it was "not in public interest".
3. The Commission has examined the 3 points listed in this RTI application and is of the view that the request is in fact in public information and must be supplied to the appellant. The respondent PIO is directed to furnish the requested information forthwith ensuring that every page supplied to the appellant is duly attested.
4. IMPORTANT! All information / documents supplied must be accompanied by a covering letter and duly 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. 1861 of 2020(Video Conference proceedings)**

**5. Next hearing on 21.1.2021 at 12.00 pm through Video Conference Facility in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Fazilka.**

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**Sunil Kumar,**

S/o Rameshwar Dass, S/o Sh. Farsa Ram,  
# B-4/3442, Near Naga Baba Dera,  
Azimgarh, Abohar,  
Tehsil Abohar, District Fazilka.

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**

o/o Executive Officer,  
Municipal Council, Abohar,  
Tehsil Abohar,  
District Fazilka.

**First Appellate Authority,**

o/o Sub Divisional Magistrate,  
Abohar, District Fazilka.

## **Appeal Case No. 1945 of 2020(Video Conference proceedings)**

PRESENT:

Sunil Kumar (Appellant) 85589-06127

Gurwinder Kaur, Pension Clerk (for the Respondent) 81469-27768

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **10.10.2019** vide which the appellant has sought **information regarding pension benefits given to his father Rameshwar Das**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **3.2.2020**, and second appeal was filed in the Commission on **24.7.2020** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **19.11.2020**.

2. Both parties are present through Video Conference in the Deputy Commissioner office at Fazilka. The respondent PIO, represented by Gurwinder Kaur, Pension Clerk, stated that the requested information was supplied to the appellant within the stipulated period, on 6.11.2019. However, more than 7 months after that, in his letter of 19.7.2020, the appellant wrote to the respondent PIO that he is "not satisfied" with the information and thereafter filed this Second Appeal.

3. This Commission notes that the information sought by the appellant pertains to the retirement benefits of his father Rameshwar Das. The Commission is of the view that this is 'personal information' and can only be supplied to the appellant after he submits an authority letter signed by his father stating that he has no objection to the information being released to the appellant.

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## **Appeal Case No. 1945 of 2020(Video Conference proceedings)**

4. The appellant is directed to submit such an authority letter to the respondent PIO with a copy to this Commission. Only after that, shall the respondent PIO try and address the deficiencies listed by the appellant.

5. IMPORTANT! All information / documents supplied must be accompanied by a covering letter and duly 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 21.1.2021 at 12.00 pm through Video Conference Facility in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Fazilka.**

Sd/-  
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