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Sh Major Singh Aulakh, H No-255, Sector-55-A, Chandigarh.

... Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o PSSSB, Forest Complex, Sec-68, Mohali.

...Respondent

## Complaint Case No. 480 of 2018

Present: None for the Complainant

Sh. Varinder Singh, Suptd. And Sh. Ram Singh, SA for the Respondent

**ORDER:** The case was first heard on **04.07.2018**. The PIO was directed to provide the remaining information as per the RTI Act and explain the reasons for delay.

The case was again heard on **06.08.2018**. The PIO was directed to provide the details of marks obtained with composition i.e. marks assigned to each module like written test, qualification marks, interview marks by all the candidates including appellant, those passed and selected finally. The PIO was further directed to give the point-wise reply. If the information is not available and cannot be provided or seek exemption, the PIO to give an affidavit explaining the reasons and rule under which the exemption is sought. "

The case was last heard on **21.08.2018**. The appellant informed that he has received the information but the information is incomplete. The appellant further said that he had telephonic conversation whereby Sh.Surjit Singh from the Department informed that the pages where his name is mentioned are missing. The PIO was directed to provide it in writing that some of the pages of the information, the appellant is seeking are missing and the same cannot be provided.

The case was last heard on **09.10.2018**. The order is reproduced hereunder:

"The appellant informed that the information has not been provided to him.

In the last hearing, the PIO was directed to give in writing that some of the pages of the information are missing and the same cannot be provided. The respondent is absent without intimation to the Commission. One last opportunity is granted to the PIO and he is directed to send the information to the appellant. The PIO is also directed to be present personally on the next date of hearing with valid explanation for not complying the orders of the Commission."

### Hearing dated 20.11.2018:

The respondent present has pleaded that the information has been provided to the complainant. The complainant vide letter received in the Commission on 13.11.2018 has informed that he has received the information and is satisfied.

Since the information has been provided, no further course of action is required.

The case is **disposed off and closed**.

Chandigarh
Dated: 20.11.2018.

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Sh.Karnail Singh, S/o Sh.Chhanga Singh, #378, New Azad Nagar, Ferozepur City.

... Complainant

Versus

**Public Information Officer,** O/o DDPO,

Ferozepur.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o DC,

Ferozepur. ...Respondent

Complaint Case No. 523 of 2018

Present: Sh.Karnail Singh as Complainant

Sh.Harjinder Singh, DDPO Ferozepur for the Respondent

**ORDER:** The case was first heard on **20.08.2018**. The PIO was directed to provide the information to the appellant in accordance with the RTI Act. He was also directed to be present personally on the next date of hearing with explanation for delay in responding the RTI and why action should not be taken under the RTI Act."

The case was again heard on **17.09.2018:** It was found that the PIO is not serious in attending to his duties and has disobeyed the orders of the Commission on three grounds; (i) for not providing the information to the appellant (ii) being absent & (iii) for not sending any explanation for delay in responding to the RTI application. The PIO was issued show cause notice and was directed to file reply on an affidavit in this regard.

The case was last heard on **03.10.2018**. The order is reproduced hereunder:

"The appellant informed that he has not received the information. During the hearing, the PIO was not absent and the case was adjourned.

In the last hearing, the Commission had taken a serious view for not complying with the orders of the Commission and directed the PIO to show cause why penalty be not imposed on him under Section 20 of the RTI Act 2005 for not supplying the information within the statutorily prescribed period of time and for not complying with the orders of the Commission. He was also directed to file an affidavit in this regard.

The PIO is directed to comply the previous orders of the Commission and be present personally on the next date of hearing alongwith reply to the show cause notice on an affidavit."

#### Hearing dated 20.11.2018:

The respondent present has pleaded that the information has been provided to the complainant and the complainant is satisfied with the information.

Regarding reply to the show cause, the respondent has submitted an affidavit stating therein that he has just taken the charge as DDPO and due to the staff on election duties, the information was delayed. The plea is accepted.

Since the information has been provided, no further course of action is required.

The case is disposed off and closed.

Chandigarh Dated: 20.11.2018.

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Sh.Ankit Jain, S/o Sh.Yashpal Jain, # 1006, Morni Wala Khoo, Dera Bassi, Mohali.

... Complainant

Versus

**Public Information Officer,** O/o Chief Administrator, GMADA, Mohali.

...Respondent

#### Complaint Case No. 528 of 2018

Present: Sh.Ankit Jain as Complainant

Smt.Suman Bala PIO for the Respondent

**ORDER:** The case was first last heard on **20.08.2018**. The PIO was also directed to be present personally on the next date of hearing and explain the reasons for not providing the information within the time prescribed under RTI Act. and why the RTI was not attended to."

The case was again heard on **17.09.2018.** The PIO was directed to be present personally on the next date of hearing and explain the reasons for providing mismatching information and also delay in responding to the RTI application. The reply should come on an affidavit.

The case was last heard on **03.10.2018.** The order is reproduced hereunder:

"The respondent present has submitted a reply explaining the reasons for delay in responding to the RTI Application which is taken on the file of the Commission. The respondent in his reply has stated that he has just assumed the charge of Asstt.Estate Officer-cum-PIO on 04.09.2018 as the earlier PIO Mrs. Suman Bala is on ex-India leave. The respondent has further stated that the RTI application dated 29.01.2018 was not received in the Regulatory wing of GMADA. The only letter which was received in the technical branch on 16.08.2018 was the Commission's letter. He further submitted that they have already sent the information to the appellant on 24.08.2018. The reply submitted by the respondent is not on the affidavit. The PIO is directed to send affidavit in a proper form.

The PIO is further directed to enquire into the matter whether the RTI application was received from the post office and submit the enquiry report to the Commission on the next date of hearing."

### Hearing dated 20.11.2018:

The respondent present has pleaded that in compliance with the orders of the Commission, the enquiry has been conducted and the action has been recommended against the erring official (diary clerk) for not passing on the RTI application to the concerned PIO. The respondent further informed that the information has been provided to the complainant. The complainant is not satisfied with the information.

The PIO is directed to relook at the RTI application and provide the information to the complainant within 10 days.

The case is adjourned. Both the parties to be present on **08.01.2019 at 11.00 AM** for further hearing.

Chandigarh Dated: 20.11.2018.

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Sh.Sikander Singh, S/o Sh.Bura Singh,

Multania Road, Street No-4,

Bathinda. . . . Complainant

Versus

**Public Information Officer**,

DDA, Puda,

Bathinda ....Respondent

### Complaint Case No. 692 of 2018

Present: Sh.Sikandar Singh as Complainant

None for the Respondent

**ORDER:** The case was first heard on **05.09.2018**. The respondent pleaded that the complainant has not attached I/D proof which is mandatory under the RTI Act and so the information was not supplied. The complainant was asked to provide ID proof. The PIO was directed to attend to the RTI and provide the information in accordance with the RTI Act.

The case was last heard on **09.10.2018. The order is reproduced hereunder:** 

"The respondent present has pleaded that the information has been sent to the complainant vide letter dated 03.10.2018. In the reply the PIO has mentioned that with the verbal orders of Sh.Vinod Kumar Bansal, PCS, Estate Officer, the field staff was asked to remove the encroachment. The appellant pleaded that he has not been provided the copy of the orders.

The PIO is directed to provide this information to the complainant on an affidavit and send the compliance report to the Commission within 10 days of the receipt of the orders of the Commission."

### Hearing dated 20.11.2018:

The respondent is absent. The Commission has received a letter diary No.21824 dated 29.10.2018 from the PIO whereby the PIO has informed that the information has been provided to the complainant on an affidavit and a copy of the same is sent to the Commission. The appellant informed that he has received the affidavit but the affidavit is not from the Commissioner, DDA Puda.

The PIO in the affidavit has mentioned that "as per verbal orders of the then Estate Officer to Field staff of this office to remove the illegal encroachment on PUDA land, the field staff alongwith security staff on 25.04.2018 at about 11.00AM went on spot and uprooted the pillars installed by encroachers and bricks were scattered at site. No person of enforcement staff covered his face".

I have seen the reply and found that the PIO has provided the information to the best possible extent.

Since the information has been provided, inspite the information sought being largely personal in nature and hardly serving any public interest, no further course of action is required.

The case is **disposed off and closed**.

Chandigarh Dated: 20.11.2018.

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Sh. Amar Singh, S/o Sh.Kehar Singh,

VPO Hambran, Ludhiana. .....Appellant.

Versus

**Public Information Officer,** 

SHO, Police Station, Ladowal, Distt Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,

Police Commissioner,

Ludhiana. ...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 1368 of 2018

Present: Sh. Amar Singh as Appellant

Sh. Varinder Pal Singh, SHO Police Station, Ladowal and Sh. Manjinder Singh

Constable, Police Chowki Hambran for the respondent.

**ORDER:** The case was first heard on **13.06.2018**. The respondent PIO was not present for pleading the case. PIO was directed to provide the information to the appellant under RTI Act and be present personally on the next date of hearing alongwith copy of information sent and proof of dispatch of information.

The case was again heard on **30.07.2018**: The PIO was absent. The PIO was directed to provide the information within 5 days of the receipt of orders. The PIO was also issued **show cause notice** and was directed to file an affidavit in this regard.

The case was last heard on **29.08.2018**. The PIO was again absent. The PIO also did not reply to the **show cause notice** issued to him. The PIO was given one last opportunity to be present on the next date of hearing and file a detailed reply to the show cause issued to him on an affidavit failing which the Commission will be compelled to issue summons u/s 18(3)(a) of the RTI Act 2005.

The First Appellate Authority was also directed to look into the matter and resolve the RTI as per the orders of the Commission."

The case was last heard **08.10.2018**. The order is reproduced hereunder:

That the appellant had filed an RTI application on 2/12/2017 seeking information regarding an application given by Gram Panchayat concerning case numbers-VID825352 and 825841.

- 2) That information was not provided to the appellant after which he filed the first appeal with Police Commissioner, Ludhiana on 5/01/2018.
- 3) That the First Appellate on 17/01/2018 ordered the PIO to provide the information, which the PIO did not.

That the appellant on not being provided the information filed the 2<sup>nd</sup> appeal with the state information commission, which first came up for hearing 13.06.2018.

5) That the respondent was absent on the first hearing but vide an order was directed to provide the sought information and be present personally for the next hearing with proof of having dispatched the information.

<sup>&</sup>quot; Facts of the Case-

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- 6) That the PIO did not provide the information as directed by the Commission and was absent on the second hearing of 30.7.2018. On the same date, he was show caused under Section 20 of the RTI Act as to why a penalty should not be imposed on the PIO for not supplying information within the statutorily prescribed period of time under section 7 and for not complying with the orders of the commission. He was further directed to provide the reply on an affidavit and appear before the commission on 29.09.2018. He was also ordered to provide the information within five days of receipt of the orders.
- 7) The PIO did not appear on the given date (29.9.2018), nor did the PIO file any reply to the Show Cause issued to him. The respondent present on the date pleaded that no information has been sent to him as per the Commissions directions.
- 8) That the Commission on the same date of the hearing provided one last opportunity to the PIO to be present and reply to the Show Cause. The Commission also made it clear that in case of failure to comply with the orders, the commission will be compelled to exercise the provisions u/s 18 (3) (a) of the RTI Act. The first appellate, Commissioner Police Ludhiana was directed to look into the matter.

The case has come up for hearing today and the PIO, SHO Police Station, Ladowal, District Ludhiana is again absent without intimation to the Commission. This is the fourth consecutive time that the PIO is absent. The appellant is present and has pleaded that he is a senior citizen of 72 years old and is being harassed for trying to obtain the requisite information under the RTI Act, which is his right. He has pleaded strict action against the erring PIO.

Keeping the above-mentioned facts of the case, it is clear that the PIO is flouting the spirit of the RTI Act continuously. The PIO has not only shown utter disregard for the Commission's repeated orders to provide the information but has shown willful stubbornness in not replying to the Show Cause and not appearing before the commission despite various orders.

To secure an erring PIO's presence before the commission the Information Commission is empowered to issue warrants to Under Section 18(3) of the RTI Act. A bailable Warrant of SHO Police Station, Ladowal, District Ludhiana is hereby issued through Commissioner of Police, Ludhiana for his presence before the Commission on 20.11.2018.

The PIO is also directed to provide the information within five days of receipt of this order. "

## Hearing dated 20.11.2018:

In the last hearing, the PIO Police Station Ladowal was issued bailable warrants through the Commissioner of Police, Ludhiana for not complying with the orders of the Commission. The PIO Police Station Ladowal is present and has brought some information to be provided to the appellant. The appellant says that he cannot read and he is to discuss the contents of the information with some-one. The PIO is directed to provide the complete information to the appellant within 5 days.

In the hearing on 30.07.2018, the PIO was issued show cause notice and he was directed to send reply to the show cause on an affidavit. The PIO has not submitted any reply to the show cause. The PIO is hereby directed to file reply to the show cause notice issued to him for delay in providing the information on an affidavit. The PIO is also directed to explain the reasons for not appearing before the Commission and for not complying with the orders of the Commission.

The case is adjourned. To come up on 08.01.2019 for further hearing.

Chandigarh Dated: 20.11.2018.

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Sh. Prem Kumar Rattan, H No-78/8, Park Road, New Mandi, Dhuri, Distt Sangrur

Appellant.

Versus

### **Public Information Officer**,

Punjab State Information Commission, Sec-16, Madhya Marg, Near Rose Garden, Chandigarh.

### First Appellate Authority,

Secretary Punjab State Information Commission, Sec-16, Madhya Marg, Near Rose Garden, Chandigarh

...Respondent

### **Appeal Case No. 1619 of 2018**

Present: None for the Appellant

Sh.Sudhir Kumar, SO on behalf of Respondent

Sh.Sadhu Ram, PS to Secretary, PSIC

**ORDER:** The case was first heard on 03.07.2018.

The case was again heard on 31.07.2018. The appellant was not satisfied with the information and the PIO was directed to relook the RTI and provide the information in accordance with the RTI Act."

The case came up for hearing again on **29.08.2018.** The appellant was absent. The respondent informed that he has brought the information. The PIO was directed to send the information through registered post.

The case was last heard on **18.09.2018**. The order is reproduced hereunder:

"The respondent present has pleaded that the information has been sent to the appellant vide letter dated 29.08.2018. The appellant is absent and vide email, he has sought adjournment. The appellant has not pointed out any discrepancy in the information. One more opportunity is granted to the appellant and he is asked to point out the discrepancy, if any, in the information before the next date of hearing."

### Hearing dated 20.11.2018:

The appellant is absent and vide email has sought exemption. The appellant has informed that he has not received the complete information regarding point No.6.

The respondent during the hearing showed the documents which has been provided regarding point No.6. I have gone through the information and found that the information has been provided as per RTI application. A copy of the same is being resent to the appellant.

No further course of action is required. The case is **disposed off and closed**.

Chandigarh Dated: 20.11.2018.

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Sh Ramesh Kumar, S/o Sh Amar Nath, Village Dudhrai, P/O BhalaPind, Tehsil Ainala, Distt Amritsar.

....Appellant.

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o DPI (SE), P.S.E.B, Phase-8, Mohali.

First Appellate Authority, O/o DPI (SE), P.S.E.B, Phase-8, Mohali.

...Respondent

**Appeal Case No. 1660 of 2018** 

Present: None for the Appellant

Sh.Baljinder Singh, PIO, DPI(SE) (Establishment-IV) Mohali for the Respondent

**ORDER:** The case was first heard on 21.08.2018. The respondent present pleaded that the enquiry is pending and the information cannot be provided till the enquiry is completed.

However the Commission noticed that the appellant was not sent any reply within the prescribed time limit. The PIO was directed to apprise the appellant about his RTI application. He was also directed to explain to the Commission the reasons for delay in responding to the RTI as per RTI Act.

The case was again heard on **17.09.2018**. The PIO was absent. The PIO was directed to be present personally on the next date of hearing with valid explanation for being absent and for not responding to the RTI as per RTI Act. The appellant was also directed to be present on the next date of hearing for pleading his case otherwise the case will be decided ex-parte.

The case was last heard on **03.10.2018**. The order is reproduced hereunder:

"The Respondent pleaded that the enquiry is still pending. The respondent stated that the PIO in this case is Director Public Instructions (Establishment-IV) and since the PIO, Establishment-IV is absent, he is pleading the case on their behalf. The PIO was directed to coordinate and provide the information to the appellant as per RTI application within 15 days of the receipt of the orders of the Commission.

The concerned PIO of (Establishment-IV) was also directed to be personally present on the next date of hearing with valid explanation which has led to the delay in handling this RTI application."

### Hearing dated 20.11.2018:

The respondent present has pleaded that the enquiry is still pending. In the last hearing, the PIO was asked to submit explanation for delay in handling the RTI application. The respondent has brought an affidavit. However, the affidavit does not contain the reasons for delay in handling the RTI application. The PIO is directed to come clear on the reasons for delay in handling the RTI application and submit full report on the matter.

The case is adjourned. Both the parties to be present **on 08.01.2019 at 11.00 AM** for further hearing.

Chandigarh Dated: 20.11.2018.

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Sh.Hakam Singh, S/lo ShDarshan Singh, R/o Madhir, Tehsil Giderbaha, DisttShriMukatsar Sahib.

..... Appellant.

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o BDPO, Malout, Distt.Shri Mukatsar Sahib.

First Appellate Authority, O/o DDPO, Distt.Shri Mukatsar Sahib.

...Respondent

**Appeal Case No. 1776/ 2018** 

Present: Sh.Hakam Singh as Appellant

None for the Respondent

#### ORDER:

The case was first heard on **14.08.2018**. Since both the parties were absent, the case was adjourned.

The case was last heard on **08.10.2018**. Both the parties were absent. The case was adjourned. The PIO was directed to be present personally on the next date of hearing and explain the reasons for not attending to the RTI application in accordance with the RTI Act and why action should not be taken again him for not complying with the orders of the Commission.

### **Hearing dated 20.11.2018:**

The case has come up for hearing today. The appellant through RTI application dated 23.01.2018 has sought information regarding proceeding registers of record of village Dulewale Panchayat with statement of bank account, grants received and other information from 01.01.2013 to 23.01.2018 concerning the office of BDPO Malout. The appellant was not provided the information after which he filed first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 12.03.2018 which took no decision on the appeal.

. The appellant has informed that he has not received the information so far.

The respondent is absent on 3<sup>rd</sup> consecutive hearing and has not provided the information to the appellant. The Commission has taken a serious view of this and hereby directs the PIO to show cause why penalty be not imposed on him under Section 20 of the RTI Act 2005 for not supplying the information within the statutorily prescribed period of time, he should file an affidavit in this regard, if there are other persons responsible for the delay in providing the information, the PIO is directed to inform such persons of the show cause and direct them to appear before the Commission along with the written replies

To come up **on 05.02.2019 at 11.00 AM** for further proceedings to be heard through **video conference facility** available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Shri Mukatsar Sahib. Copies of the order be sent to the parties *through registered post*.

Chandigarh Dated: 20.11.2018.

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... Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer,** 

DPI (SE), P.S.E.B, Phase-8, Mohali.

First Appellate Authority,

DPI (SE), P.S.E.B, Phase-8, Mohali.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 1793 of 2018

**Present:** None for the Appellant

Sh.Rajiv Kumar, Clerk, O/o DPI(SE) Mohali for the Respondent

### ORDER:

The case was first heard on **28.08.2018**. The respondent was absent. The PIO was directed to provide the information in accordance with the RTI Act and be present personally on the next date of hearing with explanation for his absence. The PIO was also directed to explain the reasons for not responding the RTI within the time as per the RTI Act.

The case was last heard on **08.10.2018**. The order is reproduced hereunder:

"The respondent present pleaded that they received the RTI application only on 15.2.2018 from their RTI cell and they have already transferred the application to DEO Ferozepur on 06.03.2018. The respondent further pleaded that DEO Ferozepur has not provided the information.

I have seen the file and observed that since the file is being transferred from desk to desk, I hereby direct the PIO to coordinate with the concerned department and send the information to the appellant as per RTI application within 10 days and be present on the next date of hearing with valid explanation for delay in responding to the RTI application."

#### **Hearing dated 20.11.2018:**

The respondent present has submitted a letter of the PIO dated 16.11.2018 whereby the PIO has informed the appellant that the Deputy Director (Recruitment) who was appointed as enquiry office for conducting enquiry of Sh.Harpal Singh, Math Teacher, has submitted his enquiry report which is pending for further action. The appellant is not satisfied with the reply of the PIO.

The PIO is directed to relook at the RTI application and provide the point-wise information to the appellant within 15 days. The PIO is also directed to be present personally on the next date of hearing with valid explanation for delay in responding to the RTI application.

To come up **on 05.02.2019 at 11.00 AM** for further proceedings to be heard through **video conference facility** available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Shri Mukatsar Sahib. Copies of the order be sent to the parties **through registered post**.

Chandigarh Dated: 20.11.2018.

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Sh.Gagandeep Garg, Chamber No-113, District Court, Barnala...

Appellant.

Versus

Public Information Officer, DPI (SE), P.S.E.B, Phase-8, Mohali.

First Appellate Authority, DPI (SE), P.S.E.B, Phase-8, Mohali

...Respondent

### **Appeal Case No. 1800 of 2018**

Present: Sh.Darshan Kumar representative of Sh.GagandeepGarg for the Appellant

None for the Respondent

#### ORDER:

The case was first heard on **28.08.2018**. Since both the parties were absent. In the interest of justice, the case was adjourned.

The case was last heard on **08.10.2018.** The order is reproduced hereunder:

"The respondent present pleaded that he has been deputed for attending the hearing. He further pleaded that the information relates to the office of DPI(SE) P.S.E.B. Mohali.

The Commission observes that the respondent present has nothing to do with the information and is wasting the time of the Commission. The Commission directs the PIO – DPI(SE) to be present personally on the next date of hearing and explain the reasons for delay in attending the RTI application in accordance with the RTI Act."

#### **Hearing dated 20.11.2018:**

The appellant informed that no information has been provided to him. The appellant RTI application dated 26.12.2017 has sought information regarding name-wise applications received, accepted and rejected by concerned department in the year 2013-14 from women lecturers for child care leave for 15 days or 30 days concerning the office of DPI(SE), PSEB Mohali. The appellant was not provided the information after which he filed first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 06.02.2018 which took no decision on the appeal.

The respondent is absent and has not provided the information to the appellant. The Commission has taken a serious note of this and hereby directs the PIO to provide the information to the appellant within 15 days. The PIO is also directed to be present personally on the next date of hearing with explanation for delay in attending to the RTI application within the time prescribed under the RTI Act.

Both the parties to be present on 15.01.2019 at 11.00 AM for further hearing.

Chandigarh Dated: 20.11.2018.