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FINAL ORDER

Kesar Singh,
S/o Sh. Kapoor Singh,
74, Raghbir Marg,
Patiala – 147 001

Versus

Public Information Officer,
o/o Executive Officer,
Municipal Committee, Doraha, District Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,
o/o Additional Deputy Commissioner (Urban Development),
Ludhiana.

Appeal Case No. 463 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

Kesar Singh (Appellant) 94175-71967
Lakhmi Chand, Clerk (for the Respondent) 98726-89328

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on **17.9.2021**)

1. The RTI applications are dated **9.4.2020** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding the dispatch register and receiving register from 1.3.2017 to 31.3.2018**, as enumerated in his RTI applications. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **2.9.20** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **13.1.21** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **17.9.2021**.

2. Both parties are present. At the last hearing on 17.9.2021, the respondent PIO was issued a Show Cause Notice to which he has filed a reply vide Letter No. 44 Dated 11.1.2022. He states that a first reply to the RTI application (dated 9.4.2021) was sent to the appellant vide Letter No. 13 Dated 27.5.2020. Said letter was eventually also received by the appellant's father Sh. Kapoor Singh in person on 22.10.2020. Subsequent to this, the appellant confirmed having received the requested information after an undue delay of many months. This Commission has taken note of the reply to the Show Cause Notice submitted by the respondent PIO as well as the appellant's contentions.

3. The Commission is of the view that although the respondent PIO first replied vide Letter No. 13 on 27.5.2020, this was not overly delayed considering the fact that the State of Punjab like the rest of the country, was under restrictions due to the curfew / lockdown owing to the ongoing pandemic. This Commission does not see any malintent on the part of the respondent PIO and is inclined to condone the delay in view of the ongoing restrictions. There is no further cause for action and this Complaint Case is herewith **CLOSED**.

Sd/-
(ASIT JOLLY)
State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

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FINAL ORDER

Ravinder Kaur,

W/o Sh. Tejwinder Pal Singh,
D/o Late Sh. Paramjit Singh,
#90-B, Street No. 2, Ambedkar Nagar, Near Vijay Public School, Model House,
Ludhiana.

Versus

Public Information officer,

o/o Senior Superintendent of Police,
Block-B, Mini Secretariat,
Patiala – 147 003

First Appellate Authority,

o/o Senior Superintendent of Police,
Block-B, Mini Secretariat,
Patiala – 147 003

Appeal Case No. 2755 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

(Appellant) Absent

ASI Hakam Singh (for the Respondent) 94643-92733

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on **17.9.2021**)

1. The RTI application is dated **16.2.2021** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding representation to SHO Civil Lines, Police Station, Patiala bearing UID No. 1898417**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **17.4.2021** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **15.6.21** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **17.9.2021**.

2. The appellant is absent without intimation. The respondent PIO, represented by ASI Hakam Singh, has submitted a copy of letter sent to the appellant vide No. 1592 Dated 7.9.2021 along with the requested information. At the last hearing, the appellant was given final opportunity to examine the same and list deficiencies, if any. There is however, no communication from the appellant, which compels the Commission to conclude that she is satisfied with the information supplied to her.

3. There is no further cause for action and this Appeal Case is herewith **CLOSED**.

Sd/-
(ASIT JOLLY)

State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

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FINAL ORDER

Tarsem Kumar,
S/o Sh. Dalip Chand,
VPO-Chandana,
Tehsil & District Kaithal (Haryana) – 136 027

Versus

Public Information officer,
o/o Superintendent of Police,
Patiala.

Complaint Case No. 296 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

(Complainant) Absent
ASI Hakam Singh (for the Respondent) 94643-92733

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on **4.8.2021** and **23.12.2021**)

1. The complainant, **Tarsem Kumar**, filed this RTI application dated **4.1.2020** and sought information **regarding action taken on Application No. 555/P/DSP/PIN dated: 22.11.2019,** information from the PIO o/o **Superintendent of Police, Patiala**. When no information was received, the Complainant filed a complaint under Section 18 of the RTI Act, 2005 to the Commission on **8.3.2021**. The case was last heard on **23.12.2021**.
2. At the last hearing on 23.12.2021, the respondent PIO, represented by ASI Hakam Singh, was directed to submit the information supplied to the complainant vide Letter No. 1359 Dated 19.7.2021. The PIO has complied. Meanwhile, there is no communication from the complainant which compels this Commission to conclude that she has received the requested information and satisfied with it.
3. There is no further cause for action and this Complaint Case is herewith **CLOSED**.

Sd/-
(ASIT JOLLY)
State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

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FINAL ORDER

Akash Verma,
S/o Ashok Kumar Verma,
80, New Officers Colony,
Stadium Road, Patiala – 147 001

Versus

Public Information Officer,
o/o Station House Officer,
Police Station Tripari,
Patiala.

First Appellate Authority,
o/o Commissioner of Police,
Patiala.

Appeal Case No. 3663 of 2020 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

(Appellant) Absent
ASI Hakam Singh (for the Respondent) 94643-92733

ORDER:

*(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on **24.3.2021, 28.7.2021, and 23.12.2021**)*

1. The RTI application is dated **3.7.2020** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding Complaint No. 179/GC-3/DGP/20 dated 14.4.2020, Complaint No. UID 1609813, 371MFR dated 18.9.2019, exemption orders from National Crime Records Bureau, CCTNS HQ Punjab etc.,** as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **31.8.2020** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **25.11.2020** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **23.12.2021**.

2. The appellant is absent without intimation. The respondent PIO, represented by ASI Hakam Singh, as directed at the last hearing on 23.11.2021, has submitted his earlier pointwise reply to the RTI application by way of an affidavit.

3. The Commission has examined the said affidavit. This is in compliance with the Order of 23.12.2021. The original affidavit can be collected from the office of this Bench by the appellant at his convenience, on any working day.

4. There is no further cause for action and this Appeal Case is herewith **CLOSED**.

Sd/-
(ASIT JOLLY)
State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

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FINAL ORDER

Harinder Pal Singh,

S/o Dalbir Singh,
278 (Near Old Talab), Hira Mahal Colony,
Nabha, Patiala – 147 201

Versus

Public Information Officer,

o/o Additional Deputy Commissioner (General),
Patiala

Complaint Case No. 929 of 2020 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

Harinder Pal Singh (Complainant) 98153-44250
Sukhbir Singh, Junior Assistant (for the Respondent) 99151-51600
Vidhu, Clerk (for the Respondent)

ORDER:

*(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on **24.3.2021, 28.7.2021, and 23.12.2021**)*

1. The complainant, Harinder Pal Singh, filed this RTI application dated 6.10.2020 and sought information **regarding the Punjab Regulation of Fees of Unaided Educational Institutions Act-2016 and the Punjab Regulation of Fees of Unaided Educational Institutions (amendment) Act-2019**, from the PIO o/o Additional D.C., Patiala. When no information was received, the Complainant filed a complaint under Section 18 of the RTI Act, 2005 to the Commission on 8.12.2020. The case was last heard on 23.12.2021.

2. Both parties are present. At the last hearing on 23.12.2021, the PIO-cum-Additional Deputy Commissioner (General) was issued Show Cause Notice in response to which, a reply has been submitted along with information sent to the appellant. As per the respondent, this RTI application originally submitted to the Additional Deputy Commissioner (General), District Patiala, on 6.10.2020 and was transferred to the DEO, Patiala, under Section 6(3) OF THE RTI Act, on 20.11.2020. Sh. Sukhbir Singh, Junior Assistant, appearing on behalf of the PIO, office of DEO, Patiala, attributed the delay in dealing with this RTI application, to the fact that several officials in the office Deputy Commissioner were afflicted with Covid-19. The information was eventually sent to the complainant on 16.9.2021 as well as 3.2.2022. However, this is a complaint Case and the complainant objects to the inordinate delay in addressing this RTI application.

3. This Commission has examined the sequential correspondence by the respondent PIO and while also taken into account the explanation given by the representative of the PIO, office of DEO, Patiala, at this hearing, the Commission is of the view that the delay in addressing the RTI application is largely attributable to the ongoing restrictions because of the pandemic. Cautioning the respondent PIO to be more proactive in dealing with requests for information under the RTI Act 2005 in future, the Commission sees no further cause for action. This Appeal Case is herewith **CLOSED**.

Sd/-

(ASIT JOLLY)

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FINAL ORDER

Bikramjit Singh Chhachhi,

S/o Amar Singh,

120-B-1, Nagra House, T.B. Hospital Road,

Patiala – 147 001

Versus

Public Information Officer,

o/o Chief Administrator, Punjab Urban Development Authority (PUDA),
PUDA Complex, Urban Estate Phase II, Patiala.

First Appellant Authority,

o/o Chief Administrator, Punjab Urban Development Authority,
PUDA Complex, Urban Estate Phase-11, Patiala.

Appeal Case No. 2396 of 2020 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

Bikramjit Singh (Appellant)

Sheenu Jindal, Clerk (for the respondent) 83604-16037

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on **14.1.2021**, **23.7.2021**, and **23.12.2021**)

1. The RTI application is dated **25.2.2020** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding the provision for streetlights in PUDA Enclave-II (Old Rajpura Colony) etc.**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **19.5.2020** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **1.9.2020** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **23.12.2021**.

2. Both parties are present. At the last hearing on 23.12.2021, the appellant was requested to inform the Commission whether he is satisfied with the inspection of record pertaining to point no. 1 of his RTI application. The appellant informed this court that he has been provided duly attested copies of the information sought by him after inspection of the record.

3. There is no further cause for action and this Appeal Case is herewith **CLOSED**.

Sd/-

(ASIT JOLLY)

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FINAL ORDER

Vijay Kumar Jain,
S/o Telu Ram Jain,
67, Street No. 2, Modi Mill Colony,
Nabha, District Patiala.

Versus

Public Information Officer,
o/o Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Nabha,
District Patiala.

First Appellate Authority,
o/o Additional Deputy Commissioner (Urban Development),
Patiala.

Appeal Case No. 3640 of 2020 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:
(Appellant) Absent
(Respondent) Absent

ORDER:
(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on **24.3.2021, 28.7.2021, 23.12.2021**)

1. The RTI application is dated **19.2.2020** vide which the appellant has sought information **by way of the information given to his father Telu Ram Jain in response to two RTI applications, on 20.8.2018,** as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **20.3.2020** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **23.11.2020** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **23.12.2021**.
2. Both parties are absent. At the last hearing, the appellant was granted an opportunity to examine the information provided to him at that hearing vide Letter No. 2272MD Dated 22.12.2021. There has been no communication from the appellant, which compels the Commission to conclude that he is satisfied with the information provided to him.
3. There is no further cause for action and this Appeal Case is herewith **CLOSED**.

Sd/-
(ASIT JOLLY)
State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

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FINAL ORDER

Prem Kumar Rattan,
S/o Sh. Ajudhia Parshad
78/8, Park Road,
Navi Mandi, Dhuri, District Sangrur.

Versus

Public Information Officer,
o/o Sub Divisional Magistrate,
Patiala.

First Appellate Authority,
o/o Deputy Commissioner,
Patiala.

Appeal Case No. 4025 of 2020 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

(Appellant) Absent

Rajesh Kumar, PIO-cum-Superintendent (Respondent) 96467-00852

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on **19.3.21, 23.7.2021, and 23.12.2021**)

1. The RTI application is dated **8.9.2020** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding refund of Rs. 27,500 vide the order of the Additional Judge-cum-Presiding Officer NLA to Collector Patiala,** as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **9.10.2020** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **14.12.2020** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **23.23.2021**.

2. The appellant is absent but has informed the Commission vide his Letter dated 9.2.2022, that the matter cited in the RTI application has been resolved by the respondent PIO. The respondent PIO has also written to this Commission vide Letter No. 163 Dated 24.2.2022, that a copy of the complete file pertaining to the RTI application has been sent to the appellant vide Letter No. 157 Dated 24.2.2022.

3. In view of the above, there is no further cause for action and this Appeal Case is herewith **CLOSED**.

Sd/-
(ASIT JOLLY)
State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

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FINAL ORDER

Kuldeep Khan,
S/o Sh. Asgar Khan,
Village Lachkani, Post Office Lang,
District Patiala.

Versus

Public Information officer,
o/o Additional Deputy Commissioner (Development),
Patiala.

First Appellate Authority,
o/o Deputy Commissioner,
Mini Secretariat, Patiala.

Appeal Case No. 1217 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

(Appellant) Absent

Azadwinder Singh, PIO-cum-Superintendent (Respondent) 98771-61370

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on **4.8.2021** and **23.12.2021**)

1. The RTI applications are dated **5.10.2020** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding an application dated 18.8.2020**, as enumerated in his RTI applications. First Appeals were filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **8.1.21** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **5.3.21** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **23.12.2021**.

2. The appellant is absent without intimation. As directed at the last hearing on 23.12.2021, the respondent PIO has submitted a complete set of the information provided to the appellant with regard to point no. 7 of the RTI application vide Letter No. 495 Dated 1.2.2022. There has been no further communication from the appellant, which compels the Commission to conclude that he is satisfied with the information furnished to him.

3. There is no further cause for action and this Appeal Case is herewith **CLOSED**.

Sd/-
(ASIT JOLLY)
State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

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FINAL ORDER

Jarnail Singh,
S/o Sh. Thakur Singh,
23/4, Anand Nagar-B, Tripri,
Patiala-147001

Versus

Public Information officer,
o/o Improvement Trust,
Patiala.
First Appellate Authority,
o/o Improvement Trust,
Patiala.

Appeal Case No. 1129 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

(Appellant) Absent

Suman Kumar, Junior Engineer (for the Respondent) 97804-10049

ORDER:

*(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on **4.8.2021** and **23.12.2021**)*

1. The RTI application dated **30.9.2020** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding Letter No. 180-182/C-2 dated 25.7.2019 about the action against residents of SST Nagar and other societies.** as enumerated in his RTI applications. First Appeals were filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **6.11.20** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **2.3.21** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **23.12.2021**.
2. The appellant is absent. The respondent PIO, represented by Suman Kumar, JE, states that as directed by the Commission at the last hearing on 23.12.2021, a fresh reply with duly attested copies of the requested information was received in person by the appellant vide Letter No. 825 Dated 18.4.2022. There has been no communication from the appellant, compelling this Commission to conclude that he is satisfied with the information furnished.
3. There is no further cause for action and this Appeal Case is herewith **CLOSED**.

Sd/-
(ASIT JOLLY)
State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

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