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Ashok Kumar,
S/o Sh. Rulia Ram,
82, Rail Majra,
Tehsil Balachaur,
SBS Nagar.

Versus

Public Information Officer,
o/o Secretary, District Legal Services Authority,
Rupnagar.
First Appellate Authority,
o/o District & Session Judge,
Rupnagar.

Appeal Case No. 2167 of 2022 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

Ashok Kumar (Appellant) 94641-65690
Ashish Kumar, CGM (Respondent) 75081-84834
Lakhvir Singh, JA (for the Respondent) 98884-83363

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **3.9.2021** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding an application dated 30.9.2021**, enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **4.1.2022** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **4.5.2022** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **21.7.2022**.

2. Both parties are present in person. The respondent PIO-cum-CJM, Sh. Ashish Kumar, states that as per record the requested information was supplied to the appellant vide Letter No. 319 Dated 28.9.2021, under his receiving. The PIO's contention has also been recorded in the Order of First Appellate Authority-cum-District Judge, Ropar on 16.4.2022. The appellant however, contends that information provided to him is not what he has requested in his RTI application on 3.9.2021.

3. In view of the contrary contentions, the Commission directs the respondent PIO-cum-CJM, Ropar to submit a copy of the complete file pertaining to the matter cited in the RTI application along with a covering letter, to the Commission within 10 days of receipt of this Order. The Commission will thereafter provide the same to the appellant in person.

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. 2167 of 2022 (Video Conference Proceedings)

5. Next hearing on 28.9.2022 at 11.30 am via Video Conference Facility at DC Office, Nawanshahr.

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Deepak Goyal,
S/o Sh. Ashok Kumar,
43, Bank Street, New Basti,
Nabha, Patiala.

Versus

Public Information Officer,
o/o District Manager,
Punjab State Warehousing Corporation,
Sangrur.

First Appellate Authority,
o/o Punjab State Warehousing Corporation,
SCO-74-75, Bank Square,
Sector 17 B, Chandigarh.

Appeal Case No. 1351 of 2022 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

(Appellant) Absent

Pushpinder Singh, District Manager (for the Respondent) 78144-07000

Mahinder Partap, JE (for the Respondent) 90410-29480

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 9.6.2022)

1. The RTI application is dated **4.1.2022** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding Ashoka Rice Mill, Bhawanigarh**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **24.1.2022** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **16.3.2022** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **9.6.2022**.

2. The appellant is absent but has requested an adjournment. Meanwhile, the respondent PIO, represented by Pushpinder Singh, District Manager, has submitted a pointwise reply to the RTI application vide Letter No. 2051 Dated 5.7.2022, along with some information. The respondent has also informed the Commission that the FIR cited in his reply has now been consigned to the concerned court by way of a challan.

3. The appellant is advised to list any deficiency in the information received by him and / or make a written submission to the Commission with a copy to the respondent PIO within 10 days of receipt of this Order.

4. **Next hearing on 28.9.2022 at 11.30 am via Video Conference Facility at DC Office, Sangrur.**

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First Appellate Authority,
o/o Punjab State Warehousing Corporation,
SCO-74-75, Bank Square,
Sector 17 B, Chandigarh.

Appeal Case No. 1352 of 2022 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

(Appellant) Absent

Pushpinder Singh, District Manager (for the Respondent) 78144-07000

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 9.6.2022)

1. The RTI application is dated **4.1.2022** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding Basiark Rice Mill, Vill. Bijalpur, Bawhanigarh,** as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **24.1.2022** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **16.3.2022** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **9.6.2022**.

2. The appellant is absent but has requested an adjournment. Meanwhile, the respondent PIO, represented by Pushpinder Singh, District Manager, has submitted a pointwise reply to the RTI application vide Letter No. 2054 Dated 5.7.2022, along with some information. The respondent has also informed the Commission that the FIR cited in his reply has now been consigned to the concerned court by way of a challan.

3. The appellant is advised to list any deficiency in the information received by him and / or make a written submission to the Commission with a copy to the respondent PIO within 10 days of receipt of this Order.

4. **Next hearing on 28.9.2022 at 11.30 am via Video Conference Facility at DC Office, Sangrur.**

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REGISTERED **SHOW CAUSE NOTICE**

Waryam Singh Jasrotia,
Khesho Nagar (Dhira),
Near Nalwa Bridge,
Pathankot – 145 001

Versus

Public Information Officer,
o/o Executive Engineer, Personnel Division,
Ranjit Sagar Dam, Shahpurkandi,
Pathankot.

First Appellate Authority,
o/o SE, Admin & Disposal Circle,
Ranjit Sagar Dam, Shahpurkandi,
Pathankot.

Appeal Case No. 916 of 2022 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

Varun Thakur (for the Appellant) 90416-81918
Arvind Kumar, PIO-cum-XEN (Respondent) 96460-03035

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **6.9.2021** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding his own revision of pension case in Ten points**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **13.11.2021** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **21.2.2022** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **21.7.2022**.

2. Both parties are present. The appellant is represented by his son Varun Thakur. The respondent PIO-cum-XEN, Arvind Kumar, in a reply to this Notice of Hearing vide Letter No. 1152 Dated 11.7.2022, has submitted copy of a pointwise reply to the RTI application along with information purportedly supplied to the appellant on two occasions.

3. The Commission has examined said information and notes most of the pages are either not readable or carelessly copied so as to render the contents of the said documents utterly useless. This RTI application was submitted on 6.9.2021 and the Commission views that the PIO's lackadaisical approach in addressing said RTI application appears to be an attempt to deny/delay the information. The Commission deems it fit to issue the respondent PIO with this Show Cause Notice.

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Appeal Case No. 916 of 2022 (Video Conference Proceedings)

4. The respondent **PIO-cum-XEN, Personnel Division, Arvind Kumar**, 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 **6.9.2021**.

“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. Further, the respondent PIO is granted 15 days from the receipt of this Order to examine the appellant's Second Appeal wherein the appellant has listed the information sought in his RTI application from 1 to 9 points, which is still pending. The respondent PIO is to address all the 9 points by way of a pointwise reply along with clear photocopies of the requested information. This must be supplied to the appellant with a copy to this Commission.

6. 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

7. **Next hearing on 28.9.2022 at 11.30 am via Video Conference Facility at DC Office, Pathankot.**

Sd/-
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State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

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Cc: Superintendent Engineer,
Admin & Disposal Circle,
Ranjit Sagar Dam,
Shahpurkandi, Pathankot, for information and further necessary action.

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Taranjit Singh,
33, Adarsh Nagar,
Tarehti, PO Shahpurkandi,
Pathankot.

Versus

Public Information officer,
o/o Executive Engineer,
Personnel Division 2,
RSD, Shahpurkandi Township, Pathankot.

Public Information officer,
o/o Executive Engineer,
Personnel Division, RSD,
Shahpurkandi Township, Pathankot.

First Appellate Authority,
Superintendent Engineer,
Admn and Disposal Circle,
RSD Shahpurkandi Township, Pathankot.

Appeal Case No. 3871 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

Taranjit Singh (Appellant) 97819-48678
Arvind Kumar, PIO-cum-XEN (Respondent) 96460-03035

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 17.3.2022)

1. The RTI application is dated **14.5.2021** vide which the appellant has sought **information regarding Office Order No. 600/PF dated 27.3.2020 in Six points**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **21.6.2021**, and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **27.8.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **17.3.2022**.

2. Both parties are present. The respondent PIO has submitted a detailed written submission pertaining to the RTI application vide Letter No. 1149 Dated 11.7.2022. After deliberations at this hearing, the appellant has pointed out that the information sought at point no. 2 by way of a copy of the house rent receipt, has still not been provided.

3. The respondent PIO states that the concerned official at the Shahpurkandi Division 2 has been repeatedly requested to provide the said information but he has still not provided the same. The Commission directs the respondent PIO Personnel Division, RSD Shahpurkandi Township, to seek the assistance of the concerned official to seek the said information under Section 5(4) and 5(5) of the RTI Act 2005. A copy of the letter sent to said official, must be submitted to this Commission. Said official is also notified that he shall be the deemed PIO and liable for penalty as per the RTI Act 2005 in the event that he fails to provide the requested information before the next hearing.

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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 28.9.2022 at 11.30 am via Video Conference Facility at DC Office, Pathankot.**

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o/o XEN, Personnel Division 2,
RSD, Shahpurkandi Township, Pathankot.
First Appellate Authority,
o/o SE, Admin & Dam Security Division,
RSD, Shahpurkandi Township, Pathankot.

Appeal Case No. 497 of 2022 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

Mahinder Singh (Appellant) 96461-41428
Arvind Kumar, PIO-cum-XEN (Respondent) 96460-03035

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **11.6.2021** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding law officer**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **23.9.2021** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **21.1.2022** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **21.7.2022**.

2. Both parties are present. The respondent PIO-cum-XEN, Arvind Kumar, has submitted a detailed written submission vide Letter No. 1145 Dated 11.7.2022. The appellant has meanwhile listed deficiencies in a letter to the respondent PIO in a letter dated 14.7.2022.

3. The respondent PIO is hereby directed to examine the deficiencies listed by the appellant and address these by way of a pointwise reply in writing before the next hearing.

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 28.9.2022 at 11.30 am via Video Conference Facility at DC Office, Pathankot.

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Versus

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o/o XEN, Personnel Division 2,
RSD, Shahpurkandi Township, Pathankot.
First Appellate Authority,
o/o SE, Admin & Dam Security Division,
RSD, Shahpurkandi Township, Pathankot.

Appeal Case No. 498 of 2022 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

Mahinder Singh (Appellant) 96461-41428
Arvind Kumar, PIO-cum-XEN (Respondent) 96460-03035

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **22.9.2021** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding revision of pay scales etc.**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **28.10.2021** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **21.1.2022** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **21.7.2022**.

2. Both parties are present. The respondent PIO-cum-XEN, Arvind Kumar, has submitted a reply to this Commission's Notice of Hearing vide Letter No. 1146 Dated 11.7.2022, with a pointwise reply to the RTI application. The appellant has also received a copy of the same and states that he has received reply/information pertaining to points 1 and 2, but that sought at points 3 and 4, is still pending.

3. The respondent PIO is hereby directed to supply the information with respect to point no. 3 and determine the status of point no. 4 and either supply the requested information or state in writing that said information is not available in the record.

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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RS, Shahpurkandi Township, Pathankot.
First Appellate Authority,
o/o SE, Admin & Dam Security Division,
RS, Shahpurkandi Township, Pathankot.

Appeal Case No. 499 of 2022 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

Mahinder Singh (Appellant) 96461-41428
Arvind Kumar, PIO-cum-XEN (Respondent) 96460-03035

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **22.9.2021** vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **28.10.2021** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **21.1.2022** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **21.7.2022**.
2. Both parties are present. The respondent PIO-cum-XEN, Arvind Kumar, has submitted a detailed written submission vide Letter No. 1168 Dated 11.7.2022. The appellant states that while he has received information requested at point no. 2, that sought at point no. 1 is incomplete and information regarding points 3 and 4 has not been received.
3. The respondent PIO is directed to handover copy of his submission to the Commission, to appellant. The appellant is to go through the appended information and list deficiencies, if any, to the respondent PIO with a copy to this Commission. The PIO is thereafter to address the deficiencies in writing.
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
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