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FINAL ORDER

Rajesh Gupta,
S/o Sh. Krishan Chand,
373-C, Street No. 9,
Old Bishan Nagar,
Patiala.

Versus

Public Information Officer,
o/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation,
Patiala.

Complaint Case No. 514 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

(Complainant) Absent
Manpreet Kaur, Building Inspector (for the Respondent) 89689-68144

ORDER:

1. The complainant, **Rajesh Gupta**, filed this RTI application dated **9.3.20** and sought information **regarding construction work near Kohinoor Marriage Palace**, from the PIO o/o **MC, Patiala**. When no information was received, the Complainant filed a complaint under Section 18 of the RTI Act, 2005 to the Commission on **26.4.2021**. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **21.10.2021**.

2. The complainant is absent without intimation. The respondent PIO, represented by Manpreet Kaur, Building Inspector, present via Video Conference from Patiala, submitted that the information requested in this RTI application has already been given to the complainant in RTI Case No. 4763 Dated 23.7.2020, vide Letter No. 645/BLD to 646/BLD Dated 10.12.2020. The respondent PIO has submitted copies of the RTI application submitted by the complainant in said case along with the reply given to him and the order of the First Appellate Authority vide Letter No. 237/FAA Dated 25.11.2020. On enquiry the, respondent states that no separate reply was sent to this RTI application, where after the complainant filed this Complaint Case.

3. While accepting the respondent PIO's contention that the information sought in this RTI application has already been provided to the complainant, he/she is advised to send a written reply to the complainant with a copy to this Commission. The complainant is also advised to refrain from filling the multiple RTI applications seeking the same information.

4. Under the circumstances, there is no other cause for action and this Complaint Case is herewith **CLOSED**.

Sd/-
(ASIT JOLLY)
State Information Commissioner, Punjab.
Chandigarh
21.10.2021

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FINAL ORDER

Rana Bansal,
D/o Sh. Lajpat Rai Bansal,
347-D, Azad Nagar, Near Sarhind Road,
District Patiala – 147 001

Versus

Public Information Officer,
o/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation,
Patiala.
First Appellate Authority,
o/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation,
Patiala.

Appeal Case No. 2294 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

(Appellant) Absent

Ramandeep Singh, Building Inspector (for the Respondent) 98157-04012

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **11.1.2021** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding approval of site plan**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **4.3.2021** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **11.5.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **21.10.2021**.
2. The appellant is absent without intimation. However, in a submission to this Commission received on 14.10.2021, the appellant has contended that the respondent PIO's reply/information vide Letter No. 744/BLD to 745/BLD Dated 1.2.2021, is inadequate. The Commission has examined the said reply wherein the information at point no.1 and 2 has been denied as "Questions" and regarding point No. 3, he was informed that the Remodeling of Town Planning Scheme in Patiala is still under process.
3. This Commission is of the view that the respondent PIO's reply to the appellant adequately addresses this RTI application. Under the circumstances, there is no further cause for action and this Appeal Case is herewith **CLOSED**.

Sd/-
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State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

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FINAL ORDER

Malkit Khan,
S/o Sh. Juma Khan,
Village Balipur,
Post Office Kaliyan,
Tehsil & District Patiala.

Versus

Public Information Officer,
o/o Additional Deputy Commissioner (Development),
Sirhind Road,
District Patiala.

First Appellate Authority,
o/o Additional Deputy Commissioner (Development),
Sirhind Road,
District Patiala.

Appeal Case No. 2072 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

(Appellant) Absent

Vijay Dhir, PIO-cum-Assistant Project Officer (Respondent) 99882-93619

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **2.2.2021** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding action taken on a complaint dated 5.1.2021 against one ex-sarpanch Najar Singh and others etc.,** as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **2.3.2021** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **28.4.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **21.10.2021**.

2. The appellant is absent without intimation. The respondent PIO-cum-Assistant Project Officer, Vijay Dhir, present via Video Conference from Patiala, submitted that this RTI application was addressed vide Letter No. 867 Dated 3.3.2021, wherein the appellant was informed about the action taken on the complaint cited in the RTI application. Despite this the appellant has gone on to file First Appeal and this Second Appeal.

3. This Commission is of the view that this RTI application has been adequately addressed. The respondent PIO's decision is herewith upheld.

4. Under the circumstances, there is no further cause for action and this Appeal Case is herewith **CLOSED.**

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FINAL ORDER

Rajinder Kumar Sharma,
S/o Sh. Harbans Lal,
VPO Raisar,
Tehsil & District Barnala-148101

Versus

Public Information Officer,
o/o Divisional Forest Officer,
District Sangrur.
First Appellate Authority,
o/o Conservator of Forest,
South Circle,
District Patiala.

Appeal Case No. 2207 of 2021 (Cisco Webex Proceedings)

PRESENT:

Rajinder Kumar Sharma (Appellant) 83605-89644
Karamjit Kaur, Superintendent (for the Respondent) 98147-09045

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **5.12.2020** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding Vikramjit Singh, Clerk in-charge of RTI by way of his appointment, medical certificate, character certificate etc.,** as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **9.3.2021** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **7.5.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **21.10.2021**.
2. Both parties are present via Cisco Webex. As per the respondent PIO, represented by Karamjit Kaur, Superintendent, a reply was sent to the appellant vide Letter No. 374 Dated 4.1.2021, wherein the appellant was informed that the information sought by him pertains to a third party who has refused disclosure of the requested information.
3. On examination of the RTI application, the Commission concurs with the respondent PIO that most of the information requested is personal to the third party. However, the information regarding the salary of the employee cited in the RTI application is not third party information and must be disclosed as per Section 4 of the RTI Act 2005.
4. The respondent PIO is directed to provide the details of salary currently being paid to Sh. Vikramjit Singh, Clerk. The said information must be attested, as information supplied under the RTI Act 2005. The respondent PIO is also to send another copy of reply (No. 374 Dated 4.1.2021) to the appellant, who says that he has still not received the said reply.

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Appeal Case No. 2207 of 2021 (Cisco Webex Proceedings)

5. Under the circumstances, there is no further cause for action and this Appeal Case is herewith **CLOSED**.

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FINAL ORDER

Baldev Singh,
S/o Sh. Budh Ram,
161, Bharat Nagar,
District Bathinda-151001

Versus

Public Information Officer,
o/o Department of Forests & Wildlife Preservation,
Sector-68, Punjab,
District Mohali.

First Appellate Authority,
o/o Department of Forests & Wildlife Preservation,
Sector-68, Punjab,
District Mohali.

Appeal Case No. 2208 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

Baldev Singh (Appellant) 98770-44016
Parveen Rani, Superintendent (for the Respondent) 99880-99536

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **5.2.2021** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding a sexual harassment complaint against himself (Baldev Singh Managing Officer, Forest Department)z**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **1.3.2021** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **7.5.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **21.10.2021**.

2. Both parties are present via Video Conference Facility from Patiala. As per submission by the respondent PIO vide Letter No. 5801 Dated 1.10.2021, the information sought in this RTI application was denied as per the Section 8(1)(h) of the RTI Act 2005. On enquiry, the appellant has also confirmed that the complaint cited in the RTI application pertains to sexual harassment charges against himself and that the enquiry is still pending before the committee for sexual harassment complaints in the office of Chief Conservator of Forests, Punjab, SAS Nagar, Mohali.

3. The Commission concurs with the respondent PIO and sees no further cause for action and this Appeal Case and this Appeal Case is herewith **CLOSED**.

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

Chandigarh
21.10.2021