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Baljeet Singh,
64-BRS Nagar,
Ludhiana.

Versus

Public Information Officer,
o/o Improvement Trust, Ludhiana.
First Appellate Authority,
o/o Additional Deputy Commissioner (UD),
Ludhiana.

Appeal Case No. 3902 of 2022 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

(Appellant) Absent

Rajiv Kumar, SDO (for the Respondent) 99881-79129

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **12.4.2022** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding SCF 50**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **20.5.2022** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **22.8.2022** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **22.11.2022**.

2. The appellant is absent but has informed the Commission of his inability to attend this hearing. The respondent PIO, represented by Rajiv Kumar, SDO, states that he has brought the requested information to this hearing but the appellant is absent. The respondent PIO also states that some of the information requested in the RTI application pertains to a 3rd party and so has been denied. The Commission notes that the RTI application was submitted on 12.4.2022 and the respondent PIO has failed to intimate the stated 3rd party to obtain consent for disclosure of the requested information, within the stipulated period as per Section 11 of the Act.

3. The respondent PIO is hereby directed to submit a fresh, written, pointwise reply to the RTI application along with duly certified copies of the requested information. Copies must be certified, **“as information supplied under the RTI Act, 2005”**. The above must be submitted to the Commission in duplicate within 10 days of receipt of this Order.

4. **Next hearing on 3.2.2023 at 11.30 am via Video Conference Facility at DC Office, Ludhiana.**

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

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REGISTERED SHOW CAUSE NOTICE

Bhushan Jain,
392, Street No.3,
Nirmal Nagar, Dugri,
Ludhiana.

Versus

Public Information Officer,
o/o License Branch Zone C,
Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana
First Appellate Authority,
Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation,
Ludhiana.

Appeal Case No. 4033 of 2022 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

(Appellant) Absent

(Respondent) Absent

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **20.4.2022** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding license fees received from shops/industries**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **29.6.2022** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **31.8.2022** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **22.11.2022**.
2. Both parties are absent. The Notice of Hearing was incorrectly addressed. It is now been clarified that the RTI application pertains to PIO, License Branch, Zone-C, MC, Ludhiana. Said notice be resent to the aforesaid PIO, who is directed to submit a written pointwise reply to the RTI application before the next hearing.
3. The Commission however, notes that this RTI application was submitted on 20.4.2022, since when the respondent PIO has supplied no information/reply to the appellant. Under the circumstances, the Commission deems it fit to issue this Show Cause Notice to the PIO License Branch Zone C, MC, Ludhiana.
4. The respondent **PIO, License Branch Zone C, MC, Ludhiana**, 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 **20.4.2022**.

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Appeal Case No. 4033 of 2022 (Video Conference Proceedings)

“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. Next hearing on 1.2.2023 at 11.30 am at Punjab State Information Commission, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.

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

Chandigarh
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Cc: 1. Commissioner, MC, Ludhiana, for information and further necessary action.
2. Copy of RTI application to the PIO o/o License Branch, Zone C, MC, Ludhiana, for further necessary action.

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Gurcharan Singh Kanwal,
#142, Sector-39, Chandigarh Road,
Ludhiana.

Versus

Public Information Officer,
o/o Municipal Corporation, Zone-D,
Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,
Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation,
Ludhiana.

Appeal Case No. 4342 of 2022 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

Gurcharan Singh Kanwal (Complainant)
Jasvir Singh, Clerk (for the Respondent) 98778-83798

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **8.10.2021** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding application dated 5.10.2021**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **26.10.2021** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **8.9.2022** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **22.11.2022**.

2. Both parties are present. After perusal of the case file, it is not entirely clear as to what information has been specifically requested by this appellant. The respondent PIO-cum-Superintendent Sh. Rajiv Bhardwaj, is to understand the RTI request from the appellant Sh. Gurcharan Singh and to submit a suitable reply before the next hearing.

3. **Next hearing on 3.2.2023 at 11.30 am via Video Conference Facility at DC Office, Ludhiana.**

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

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Millan,
S/o Sh. Arneet,
Millan Niwas, New Dana Mandi,
Ludhiana.

Versus

Public Information Officer,
o/o DMO, Punjab Mandi Board,
Ludhiana.
First Appellate Authority,
Additional Deputy Commissioner,
Ludhiana.

Appeal Case No. 4217 of 2022 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:
(Appellant) Absent
Avtar Singh, SA (for the Respondent) 98154-45855

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **23.6.2022** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding complaint no. 20220110243 and 20220110318 Dated 8.6.2022**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **5.9.2022** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **9.9.2022** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **22.11.2022**.
2. The appellant is absent without intimation. The respondent PIO-cum-DMO, Mandi Board, Ludhiana, represented by Sh. Avtar Singh, SA, has submitted a copy of Letter No. 3278 Dated 18.11.2022, wherein the appellant was informed that a pointwise reply had already been sent vide Letter No. 3150 Dated 12.9.2022. A copy of said reply and appended information has also been submitted to the Commission.
3. The appellant is given one final opportunity to examine the furnished information for any deficiency. This must be listed in writing to the PIO along with copy to this Commission. The PIO is thereafter to furnish reply to said deficiencies before the next hearing.
4. **Next hearing on 3.2.2023 at 11.30 am via Video Conference Facility at DC Office, Ludhiana.**

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

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Inderjeet Verma,
Ward No. 27, Bhattia Khanna,
Tehsil Khanna, District Ludhiana.

Versus

Public Information Officer,
o/o EO, Municipal Council,
Khanna, District Ludhiana.
First Appellate Authority,
Additional Deputy Commissioner(UD),
Ludhiana.

Appeal Case No. 4309 of 2022 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

Inderjeet Verma (Appellant)
Amarjeet Singh, JE (for the Respondent) 94634-76839

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **21.2.2022** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding application dated 17.12.2021 and 31.12.2021, bearing diary no. 1252 and 1341,** as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **29.3.2022** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **15.9.2022** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **22.11.2022**.

2. Both parties are present. As per the respondent PIO, a reply was sent to the appellant vide Letter No. 45 Dated 19.5.2022. The appellant is however, not satisfied with said reply. The Commission has examined the RTI application point by point and is of the view that a reply as well as information pertaining to point no. 1 and 2 must be provided as per provisions of the RTI Act, 2005. As regards to point no. 3, 4, and 5, it is the Commission's view that these are questions and not permissible as per provisions of the RTI Act, 2005 and are so denied.

3. The respondent PIO is hereby directed to furnish a fresh written reply to point nos. 1 and 2 of the RTI application with all the requested information by way of the original application submitted by the appellant, the House resolution regarding installation of street lights from GT Road to Shamshan Ghat, a map of streetlight installation, if available in the record, etc. This must be done within 10 days of receipt of this Order. A copy of the reply and information sent to the appellant must also be submitted to this Commission. Failure to comply will invite penalties as per the RTI Act, 2005.

4. **Next hearing on 3.2.2023 at 11.30 am via Video Conference Facility at DC Office, Ludhiana.**

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

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REGISTERED SHOW CAUSE NOTICE

James,
S/o Sh. Raj Kumar,
94, St.No.1, Peeru Banda,
Salem Tabri, Ludhiana.

Versus

Public Information Officer,
o/o Superintendent Headquarters,
Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana.
Public Information Officer,
o/o Health Branch,
Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana.
First Appellate Authority,
Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation,
Ludhiana.

Appeal Case No. 4239 of 2022 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:
(Appellant) Absent
(Respondent) Absent

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **20.6.2022** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding workers suspended from 17.7.2011 to 1.2.2012 and action against absentee workers etc.,** as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **18.7.2022** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **13.9.2022** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **22.11.2022**.
2. Both parties are absent. This RTI application was submitted on 20.6.2022 and since then there has been no reply/information furnished by the respondent PIO. The Commission deems it fit to issue the Show Cause Notice to the respondent PIO.
3. The respondent **PIO o/o Superintendent Headquarters, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana. And Health Branch, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana,** 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 **20.6.2022**.

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Appeal Case No. 4239 of 2022 (Video Conference Proceedings)

“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.

4. The respondent PIO is further directed to submit a pointwise reply/information to the appellant before the next hearing.

5. **Next hearing on 3.2.2023 at 11.30 am via Video Conference Facility at DC Office, Ludhiana.**

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

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Cc: Commissioner, MC, Ludhiana, for information and necessary action.

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Suresh Sood,
S/o Shri Dev Dutt,
329-220, Street Soodan,
Mohalla Sodhian, Moga.

Versus

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

Appeal Case No. 854 of 2022 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

Suresh Sood (Appellant) 94171-27482
Ekjot Singh, PIO-cum-XEN (Respondent) 97800-13004

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 8.6.2022, 2.8.2022, and 6.10.2022)

1. The RTI application is dated **24.11.2021** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding Civil Branch of MC, Moga**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **23.12.2021** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **15.2.2022** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **6.10.2022**.

2. Both parties are present. As directed by the Commission on 6.10.2022, the respondent PIO-cum-XEN, Sh. Ekjot Singh, has submitted a pointwise reply to the RTI application, wherein he has contended that the information pertaining to point no. 1 is voluminous and has therefore invited the appellant for inspection on 3.11.2022. The appellant says that he went to the office of MC for said inspection, but the **Data Entry Operator, Sh. Sajan Singh**, did not permit him to inspect the record with regard to point nos. 2, 3, and 4 of the RTI application.

3. The Commission requested the appellant to inspect the record on any working day as per his convenience, but the appellant very clearly states that he is now not ready to undertake any inspection at MC, Moga.

4. The respondent PIO-cum-XEN, Sh. Ekjot Singh, is directed to be present in person at the next hearing of this Appeal Case at the Commission along with all 33 files (original record). The appellant will be given an opportunity to inspect the files.

5. Next hearing on 7.2.2023 at 11.30 am at Punjab State Information Commission, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.

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

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Shambu Nath Sood,
S/o Bal Krishan Sood,
515, Rama Street, (Near Arya Girls School),
Arya School Road, Moga.

Versus

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

First Appellate Authority,
o/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation,
Moga.

Third Party,
o/o R.K.S. Sen. Secondary Public School,
Anand Nagar, Shivala Soodan,
Main Bazar, Moga – 142 001

Appeal Case No. 4337 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

Shambu Nath Sood (Appellant) 94637-88711
Dalip Soni, BI (for the Respondent) 98883-78693

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 20.5.2022, 29.7.2022, and 6.10.2022)

1. The RTI application is dated **1.4.2021** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding a temple property that has allegedly been usurped by certain individuals**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **21.5.2021** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **23.9.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **6.10.2022**.

2. Both parties are present. At the last hearing on 6.10.2022, the respondent PIO had submitted a reply as per this Commission's direction along with attested copies of the information in a sealed cover. The Commission was to issue an appropriate Order before today's hearing however, said file has still not been read. All parties shall be informed following during course of time.

3. Order **Reserved**.

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

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Mohalla Sodhian, Moga.

Versus

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

Appeal Case No. 856 of 2022 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

Suresh Sood (Appellant) 94171-27482
Ekjot Singh, PIO-cum-XEN (Respondent) 97800-13004

ORDER:

*(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on **8.6.2022, 2.8.2022, and 6.10.2022**)*

1. The RTI application is dated **6.12.2021** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding Civil Branch of MC, Moga**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **23.12.2021** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **15.2.2022** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **6.10.2022**.

2. Both parties are present. As directed at the last hearing on 6.10.2022, the respondent PIO-cum-XEN, had submitted a pointwise reply to the RTI application vide Letter No. 422/C Dated 27.10.2022, wherein the appellant was requested to inspect the record with respect to point no. 1 and 2 on 3.11.2022. As per the respondent PIO, the stated record amounts to some 50 files. The information regarding point no. 3 has been sent along with said reply.

3. This case is adjourned and an appropriate Order shall be issued following the inspection of the record (33) files in Appeal Case No. 854 of 2022 in the Commission at the next date of hearing.

4. **Next hearing on 7.2.2023 at 11.30 am at Punjab State Information Commission, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.**

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

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