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Satnam Singh Dhawan, S/o Subhash Sharma,

B-23, H.No.7, G.K. Vihar, Manakwal, Ludhiana.

Versus

Public Information officer, o/o Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana.

Complaint Case No. 1281 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

(Complainant) Absent Deepak Gupta, Senior Engineer from Zone D (for the Respondent)8264318197.

ORDER:

- 1. The complainant, **Satnam Singh Dhawan**, filed this RTI application dated **16.2.2021** and sought information regarding construction of bathrooms under the Ludhiana Smart City Project, from the PIO o/o Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana. When no information was received, the Complainant filed a complaint under Section 18 of the RTI Act, 2005 to the Commission on **15.11.2021**. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **22.4.2022**.
- 2. The complainant is absent. The respondent PIO, represented by Deepak Gupta, Senior Engineer from the Smart City Project Zone D, Ludhiana, reiterated the reply sent to the complainant vide Letter No. 1690 Dated 2.3.2021, wherein he had been informed that no "bathrooms" have been constructed under the Smart City city project, Ludhiana.
- 3. The respondent PIO is evidentially trying to evade the information sought in this RTI application by insisting that the complainant has used an "incorrect" term. However, the complainant in using the term "bathroom" very clearly means to ask about public toilets constructed under the Ludhiana Smart City Project.
- 4. The Commission takes a very serious view of the PIO's conduct and directs him to provide the requested details by way of the total number of public toilets / conveniences constructed as part of the Smart City Project since its inception. This information must be submitted to the Commission within ten days of receipt of this Order.
- 5. IMPORTANT! All documents / information supplied to appellants / complainants must mandatorily be attested as under:

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Complaint Case No. 1281 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

6. Next hearing on 27.7.2022 at 11.00 am via Video Conference Facility at DC Office, Ludhiana.

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Yogesh Maini,

S/o Late Kapil Bhushan Maini, H.No.678/1, Prem Nagar, Shiv Mandir Road, Civil Lines, Ludhiana.

Versus

Public Information officer,

o/o Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Ludhiana.

Public Information officer,

o/o Municipal Corporation, Zone-A, Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,

o/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana

Appeal Case No. 4817 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

(Appellant) Absent

Ravinder Singh, Clerk from Zone D (for the Respondent) 9779097200.

ORDER:

- 1. The RTI application is dated **16.7.2021** vide which the appellant has sought <u>regarding Indu Raj Thapar, Councillor Ward No.83, MC,Ludhiana</u>, information as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **25.8.2021** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **22.10.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **22.4.2022**.
- 2. The appellant is absent without intimation. The respondent has submitted a copy of a letter addressed to the Commissioner, MC, Zone-D and Secretary RTA, Ludhiana, transferring this RTI application to them. The PIO from Zone D vide Letter No. 12 Dated 21.4.2021, has provided information pertaining to point 8 by way of a list of development works carried out in ward no. 83. The APIO, Agenda Branch MC, Ludhiana, vide Letter No. 101 Dated 25.1.2022 has provided information pertaining to points 2 and 3 and states that there is no information available with regard to points 4, 5, 6, and 7. The information pertaining to point no. 1 of this RTI application is to be provided by the Secretary, RTA, Ludhiana.
- 3. The PIO office of Secretary, RTA, Ludhiana, is herewith directed to provide the requested information pertaining to point no. 1 by way of duly attested copies to the appellant with a copy to this Commission at the earliest.

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Appeal Case No. 4817 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

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. <u>Next hearing on 25.8.2022 at 11.00 am via Video Conference Facility at DC Office, Ludhiana.</u>

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Er. Darshan Singh Dhaliwal, # 1732/6, Mohalla Sujapuria, Jagraon, Ludhiana.

Versus

Public Information officer,
o/o Senior Superintendent of Police (Rural),
Jagraon, Ludhiana
Public Information officer,
o/o District Attorney (Legal),
Ludhiana.
First Appellate Authority,
o/o Director Prosecution & Litigation, Punjab,
Chandigarh.

Appeal Case No. 4870 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

Darshan Singh (Appellant) 94631-01101 Nisha Garg (for the Respondent) 9915200671. Amandeep Singh (for the Respondent) 9915050172.

ORDER:

- 1. The RTI application is dated 10.8.2021 vide which the appellant has sought information regarding the ADA's letter No. 35/ADA(Legal) dated 8.9.2020, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on 14.7.2021 and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on 25.10.2021 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on 22.4.2022.
- 2. Both parties are present. The appellant is present in person. Following prolonged deliberations with the appellant this Commission is of the considered view that the requested record pertains to the office of SSP Rural (Jagraon) Ludhiana. The respondent PIO, office of ADA (Legal), Ludhiana, is herewith directed to transfer this Appeal Case along with this Commission's Notice and other relevant documents to the PIO, office of SSP Rural (Jagraon) Ludhiana, forthwith.
- 3. The PIO office of SSP Rural (Jagraon) Ludhiana, is to subsequently arrange an inspection of the complete file pertaining to the matter cited in the RTI application, by the appellant on a mutually acceptable date and time. This must be conducted under intimation to this Commission.
- 4. IMPORTANT! All documents / information supplied to appellants / complainants must mandatorily be attested as under:

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Appeal Case No. 4870 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

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5. <u>Next hearing on 27.7.2022 at 11.00 am via Video Conference Facility at DC Office, Ludhiana.</u>

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Baljeet Singh, # 64-H, BRS Nagar, Ludhiana. 141012.

Public Information officer, o/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana. First Appellate Authority, o/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana.

Appeal Case No. 4893 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

(Appellant) Absent

Dr. Harbans Singh, Veterinary Branch from Zone A (for the Respondent) 8568000088.

ORDER:

- 1. The RTI application is dated **9.8.2021** vide which the appellant has sought <u>regarding stray dogs in 15 points</u>, information as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **8.9.2021** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **27.10.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **22.4.2022**.
- 2. The appellant is absent without intimation. As per the respondent PIO, represented by Dr. Harbans Singh from the Veterinary Branch Zone A, a reply along with information was sent to the appellant vide Letter No. 1056/SVO dated 12.11.2021.
- 3. The PIO is directed to send a copy of said information to the Commission. The appellant who is absent today is given one final opportunity to be heard 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

5. <u>Next hearing on 27.7.2022 at 11.00 am via Video Conference Facility at DC Office, Ludhiana.</u>

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Balbir Aggarwal,

1525/1, St.No.33, Preet Nagar, Shimlapuri, Ludhiana.

Versus

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

Appeal Case No. 5141 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

Ludhiana.

Balbir Aggarwal (Appellant) Ghan Sham, Clerk(for the Respondent)9888637630.

ORDER:

- 1. The RTI application is dated **10.8.2021** vide which the appellant has sought <u>regarding encroachment by vendors etc.</u>, information as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **20.9.2021** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **15.11.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **22.4.2022**.
- 2. Both parties are present. The respondent PIO, represented by Ghansham, Clerk from Zone D, Tehbazari Branch, has submitted a copy of reply/information sent to the appellant vide Letter No. 45 Dated 13.9.2021 pertaining to point no. 2 of the RTI application. The information sought at point no. 1 of the RTI application pertains to the office of Tehbazari Branch Zone C to whom this RTI application has already been transferred.
- 3. The PIO Tehbazari Branch Zone C is herewith directed to submit a reply/information with regard to point no. 1 of the RTI application forthwith.
- 4. IMPORTANT! All documents / information supplied to appellants / complainants must mandatorily be attested as under:

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Appeal Case No. 5141 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

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5. Next hearing on 4.8.2022 at 11.00 am via Video Conference Facility at DC Office, Ludhiana.

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REGISTERED SHOW CAUSE NOTICE

Saurab Sharma, S/o Subhash Sharma, B-23, H.No.6163, St.No.4, Hargobind Nagar, Nr. Hanuman Mandir, Ludhiana.

Versus

Public Information officer, o/o Improvement Trust, Ludhiana. First Appellate Authority, o/o Additional Deputy Commissioner, (Urban Development), Ludhiana.

Appeal Case No. 4513 of 2021 and 4900 of 2021 (Heard together via Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT: Saurab Sharma (Appellant) 98721-64341 (Respondent) Absent

ORDER:

- 1. The RTI applications are dated 11.1.2021 and 24.5.2021 vide which the appellant has sought regarding land acquired from one Mrs. Amravati, information as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeals were filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on 23.2.2021 and 24.8.2021 and Second Appeals were filed in the Commission on 5.10.2021 and 27.10.2021 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on 22.4.2022.
- 2. The respondent PIO is absent without intimation. As per a reply sent to the appellant vide Letter No. 1498 Dated 19.3.2021, the requested information was denied as third party information. Said decision of the respondent PIO was upheld by the First Appellate Authority vide his Order No. 606-07 Dated 4.5.2021.
- 3. The Commission however, notes that the respondent PIO did not follow the prescribed procedure as per the Section 11 of the RTI Act 2005 in case of third party information. In view of this, this Commission deems it fit to serve the respondent PIO, office of Ludhiana Improvement Trust, with this Show Cause Notice.
- 4. The respondent <u>PIO-cum-EO, Jasbir Singh</u>, 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 **9.3.2021**.

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"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. 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

6. <u>Next hearing on 4.8.2022 at 11.00 am via Video Conference Facility at DC Office, Ludhiana.</u>

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Cc: Additional Deputy Commission(UD), Ludhiana, for information and further necessary action.

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Bhushan Jain, S/o Rajinder Kumar Jain, H.No.392, St.No.3, Nirmal Nagar,

Dugri, Ludhiana.

Versus

Public Information officer, o/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana. First Appellate Authority, o/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana.

Appeal Case No.4771 of 2021 (Video conference proceedings)

PRESENT: (Appellant) Absent Harbans Singh, General Manager (for the Respondent) 98550-23555

ORDER:

- 1. The RTI applications are dated **14.6.2021** vide which the appellant has sought information <u>regarding City Buses</u>, <u>routes</u>, <u>time-tables</u>, <u>registration and insurance certificates etc.</u>, information as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeals were filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **17.8.2021** and Second Appeals were filed in the Commission on **21.10.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **22.4.2022**.
- 2. The appellant is absent. As per the respondent PIO, represented by Harbans Singh, General Manager, City Bus Service, Zone-A, the information pertaining to point No. 4 of the RTI application, by way of the insurance certificates of the City Busses operating in Ludhiana, the the matter is pending litigation before an Arbitrator appointed by the hon'ble High Court of Punjab & Haryana. The respondent PIO is herewith directed to submit a reply in writing pertaining to point No. 4 of this RTI application, to the appellant with a copy to this Commission.
- 3. <u>Next hearing on 4.8.2022 at 11.00 am via Video Conference Facility at DC Office, Ludhiana.</u>

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S/o Rajinder Kumar Jain, H.No.392, St.No.3, Nirmal Nagar, Dugri, Ludhiana.

Versus

Public Information officer, o/o Municipal Corporation, Zone-C, Ludhiana. First Appellate Authority, o/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana.

Appeal Case No.4774 of 2021 (Video conference proceedings)

PRESENT: (Appellant) Absent (Respondent) Absent

ORDER:

- 1. The RTI applications are dated **17.7.2021** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding Challans etc.**, information as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeals were filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **17.8.2021** and Second Appeals were filed in the Commission on **21.10.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **22.4.2022**.
- 2. Both parties are absent. The respondent PIO, in a reply to this Commission vide letter No.1040 dated 7.1.2020, states that a reply was sent to the appellant vide letter No. 801 dated 2.9.2020. However, in the absence of the appellant, this hearing cannot be taken further. The appellant is herewith granted one final opportunity to be heard in person.
- 3. Next hearing on 4.8.2022 at 11.00 am via Video Conference Facility at DC Office, Ludhiana.

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Tejinder Singh, Advocate, Civil Court, Tehsil Complex, Backside Sanih Kender,

Phillaur.

Versus

Public Information Officer,
Tebzari Branch, Municipal Corporation,
Ludhiana.
Public Information officer,
o/o Municipal Corporation,
Ludhiana.
First Appellate Authority,
o/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation,
Ludhiana.

Appeal Case No.4596 of 2021 (Video conference proceedings)

PRESENT: (Appellant) Absent

Navneet Khokhar(for the Respondent) 98150-65656

ORDER:

- 1. The RTI applications are dated **17.5.2021** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding Mukesh Sweet Shop, Jamalpur,** information as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeals were filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **2.7.2021** and Second Appeals were filed in the Commission on **8.10.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **22.4.2022**.
- 2. The appellant is absent. The respondent PIO, represented by Navneet Khokhar, Building Inspector from Zone-B, states that the matter in this RTI application pertains to the Tehbjari Branch, which has already sent a reply to the appellant. The PIO, Tehbjari Branch, Zone-B is herewith directed to send a copy of the reply sent to the appellant, to this Commission forthwith.
- 3. Next hearing on 14.9.2022 at 11.00 am via Video Conference Facility at DC Office, Ludhiana.

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Versus

Public Information officer, o/o Municipal Council, Doraha. First Appellate Authority, o/o Additional Deputy Commissioner, Urban Development, Ludhiana.

Appeal Case No.4681 of 2021 (Video conference proceedings)

PRESENT:

(Appellant) Absent (Respondent) Absent

ORDER:

- 1. The RTI applications are dated **12.5.2021** vide which the appellant has sought information <u>regarding Rajwant and Sidhu Hospiral, Doraha</u>, information as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeals were filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **15.6.2021** and Second Appeals were filed in the Commission on **12.10.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **22.4.2022**.
- 2. Both parties are absent. This appeal case is adjourned to its next hearing.
- 3. Next hearing on 14.9.2022 at 11.00 am via Video Conference Facility at DC Office, Ludhiana.

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Tejinder Singh, Advocate, Civil Court, Tehsil Complex, Backside Sanjh Kender, Phillaur.

Versus

Public Information officer, o/o Divisional Fire Officer, Ludhiana. First Appellate Authority, o/o Divisional Fire Officer, Ludhiana.

Appeal Case No.4690 of 2021 (Video conference proceedings)

PRESENT: (Appellant) Absent (Respondent) Absent

ORDER:

- 1. The RTI applications are dated **7.6.2021** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding Fire Department**, information as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeals were filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **14.7.2021** and Second Appeals were filed in the Commission on **12.10.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **22.4.2022**.
- 2. Both parties are absent. This appeal case is adjourned to its next hearing.
- 3. Next hearing on 14.9.2022 at 11.00 am via Video Conference Facility at DC Office, Ludhiana.

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Mohit Garu,

S/o Dalip Kumar, R/o H.No.B-2, 698/6-E, Chabni Mhohalla, Ludhiana.

Versus

Public Information officer, o/o Municipal Corporation, Zone-A, Ludhiana. First Appellate Authority, o/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana.

Appeal Case No.4814 of 2021 (Video conference proceedings)

PRESENT: (Appellant) Absent (Respondent) Absent

ORDER:

- 1. The RTI applications are dated **28.6.2021** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding Sewermen in ward No.88 working on DC rate**, information as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeals were filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **2.8.2021** and Second Appeals were filed in the Commission on **22.10.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **22.4.2022**.
- 2. Both parties are absent. This appeal case is adjourned to its next hearing.
- 3. Next hearing on 4.8.2022 at 11.00 am via Video Conference Facility at DC Office, Ludhiana.

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Versus

Public Information officer, o/o Municipal Corporation, Zone-A, Ludhiana. First Appellate Authority, o/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana.

Appeal Case of 4813 of 2021 (Video conference proceedings)

PRESENT: (Appellant) Absent (Respondent) Absent

ORDER:

- 1. The RTI applications are dated **21.6.2021** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding Sukhdeep Singh, SDO, O&M Cell,** information as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeals were filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **2.8.2021** and Second Appeals were filed in the Commission on **22.10.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **22.4.2022**.
- 2. Both parties are absent. This appeal case is adjourned to its next hearing.
- 3. Next hearing on 4.8.2022 at 11.00 am via Video Conference Facility at DC Office, Ludhiana.

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