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Sh. Niranjana Singh
1681, Street Guruanwali,
Jandiala Guru,
District Amritsar

..Complainant

Vs

Public Information Officer
o/o Director,
Rural Development and Panchayat Deptt., Punjab
Vikas Bhawan, Sector 62,
Mohali.

..Respondent

Complaint Case No. 265 of 2020
(Video Conference Proceedings)

Present:- Sh. Niranjana Singh, appellant.
Sh. Rajwant Singh, Sr. Asstt o/o Director, Rural Development & Panchayat Deptt.,
Punjab on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 15.1.2020 vide which the complainant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. Complaint was filed in the Commission on 19.3.2020 under Section 18 of the right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter called RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. 22.6.2020.

2. The appellant states no information is being provided by the respondent-Public Information Officer. Whereas, the representative of the respondents submits the letter written to the appellant bearing memo no. 692 dated 8.6.2020 along with copies of challan, which is taken on record. He further states that an amount of Rs.54000/- was deducted as TDS but due to non availability of PAN number, it was not updated against the PAN number. In addition to it, the representative of the respondents further states that now the PAN no. has been provided by the appellant and the form-16 will be issued to him after 30th June, 2020 and will be sent to the appellant. The appellant agrees with the submissions of the representative of the respondents.

3. After hearing both the parties, the copy of attested letters along with challan is sent to the appellant and the representative of the respondents is directed to supply the form 16 to the appellant in this regard before the next date of hearing, as per the assurance given by him.

4. To come up on 9.7.2020 at 11.30 AM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Amritsar.

Dated:22.6.2020

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Vikas Bhawan, Sector 62,
Mohali.

..Respondent

Complaint Case No. 254 of 2020
(Video Conference Proceedings)

Present:- Sh. Niranjana Singh, appellant.
Sh. Kuldeep Singh, Sr. Asstt o/o Director, Rural Development & Panchayat Deptt.,
Punjab on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 30.11.2019 vide which the complainant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. Complaint was filed in the Commission on 17.3.2020 under Section 18 of the right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter called RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. 22.6.2020.

2. The appellant states no information is being provided by the respondent-Public Information Officer. Whereas, the representative of the respondents submits the letter written to the appellant bearing memo no. 2393 dated 22.6.2020 along with the details/noting of Gratuity amount Rs.768240/-, which is taken on record. He further states that an amount of Rs.768240/- has been paid to the appellant as Gratuity after counting his suspension period as duty period. He also submits the order no. 4257 dated 28.11.2019 vide which his suspension period from 30.6.2011 to 25.12.2011 has been counted as duty period for all intents and purposes.

3. After hearing both the parties, the copy of attested letters along with orders is attached herewith this order to the appellant with an advice to go through the same and point out deficiency, if any, to the respondent-Public Information Officer before the next date of hearing and the respondent-Public Information Officer is directed to remove the same in case any deficiency is pointed out by the appellant.

4. To come up on 9.7.2020 at 11.30 AM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Amritsar.

Dated:22.6.2020

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..Complainant

Vs

Public Information Officer
o/o Director,
Rural Development and Panchayat Deptt., Punjab
Vikas Bhawan, Sector 62,
Mohali.

..Respondent

Complaint Case No. 264 of 2020
(Video Conference Proceedings)

Present:- Sh. Niranjana Singh, appellant.
Sh. Rajwant Singh, Sr. Asstt o/o Director, Rural Development & Panchayat Deptt.,
Punjab on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 15.1.2020 vide which the complainant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. Complaint was filed in the Commission on 19.3.2020 under Section 18 of the right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter called RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. 22.6.2020.

2. The appellant states no information is being provided by the respondent-Public Information Officer. Whereas, the representative of the respondents submits the letter bearing No. 2252 dated 22.6.20 along with the order dated 4257 dated 28.11.2019 vide which his suspension period from 30.6.2011 to 25.12.2011 has been counted as duty period for all intents and purposes. The representative of the respondents further states that the copy of the same has also been sent to the appellant at his whatsapp number. The appellant shows his complete satisfaction over the provided information.

3. After hearing both the parties and the satisfaction of the appellant over the provided information related to his RTI application, the case is disposed of and closed. Copy of the order dated 28.11.2019 is attached herewith this order.

Dated:22.6.2020

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Encl: Order dated 28.11.2019

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District Amritsar

..Complainant

Vs

Public Information Officer
o/o Director,
Rural Development and Panchayat Deptt., Punjab
Vikas Bhawan, Sector 62,
Mohali.

..Respondent

Complaint Case No. 252 of 2020
(Video Conference Proceedings)

Present:- Sh. Niranjn Singh, appellant.
Sh. Rajwant Singh, Sr. Asstt o/o Director, Rural Development & Panchayat Deptt.,
Punjab on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 30.11.2019 vide which the complainant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. Complaint was filed in the Commission on 17.3.2020 under Section 18 of the right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter called RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. 22.6.2020.

2. The appellant states no information is being provided by the respondent-Public Information Officer. Whereas, the representative of the respondents states that the information is ready and will be sent to the appellant tomorrow i.e. monthly details of Rs.535210/- deposited in his bank account.

3. As per the assurance given by the representative of the respondents one opportunity is granted to him with the directions to provide the same details before the next date of hearing under intimation to the Commission failing which the punitive action will be initiated.

4. To come up on 9.7.2020 at 11.30 AM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Amritsar.

Dated:22.6.2020

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Sh. Sandeep Kumar Maluja S/o Sh. Om Parkash,
R/o Street No. 2, (96465-46613),
Near shaniDevMandir Patel Nagar,
Malout, District Sri Muktsar Sahib.

.....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o Assistant Programmer Officer, MGNREGA,
Block Development and Panchayats Officer, -Malout,
District Sri Muktsar Sahib.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer,
Block- Malout, District Sri Muktsar Sahib.

..... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 455 of 2020
(Video Conference Proceedings)

Present: Shri Sandeep Kumar, appellant.
None on behalf of the respondents.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 5.3.2020 vide which the appellant was advised to go through the information supplied to him and revert back to the authorities, in case of deficiencies, in the information supplied to him within five days from 5.3.2020. On receipt of deficiencies from the appellant, the respondents were directed to remove the same before the next date of hearing i.e. 20.3.2020. The case was not heard and adjourned to 3.4.2020 and due to Covid -19 Pandemic it was further adjourned to 22.6.2020.

2. The appellant states that the supplied information is incomplete. He has sought the information of 52 villages. He further states that the respondents should be directed to supply the complete information. The Commission observed that information as sought by the appellant is available on the website i.e. www.nrega.nic.in, hence the appellant is advised to download the same from the website.

3. The respondents are absent without intimation to the Commission.

4. After hearing the appellant, the respondents are directed to provide the information pertaining to the Point No. 2 of the RTI application before the next date of hearing failing which the punitive action will be initiated on the next date of hearing.

5. To come up on 20.7.2020 at 11.30 P.M. to be heard through video Conference Facility in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Sri Mukatsar Sahib.

Dated: 22-06-2020

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Sh. KulwinderKaur,
w/o Late ShriKulwant Singh,
c/o Pawan Kumar s/o Shri Shiv Lal,
Village Rupana,
Tehsil & District Sri Muktsar Sahib.

.....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o Punjab & Haryana High Court,
Sector 1,
Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Punjab & Haryana High Court,
Sector 1,
Chandigarh.

..... Respondent

Appeal Case No. 870 of 2020
(Video Conference Proceedings)

Present: Ms.KulwinderKaur,appellant.
Shri Satish Kumar Wig(M8558830996), Joint Registrar and Sh. Charanjit Singh, Senior Assistant (M 8146992019) on behalf of the respondents.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 18.12.2019 vide which the appellant has sought the information of 5 points as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed on 28.1.2020 with the First Appellate Authority and second appeal was filed on 25.2.2020 under section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for 31.3.2020 but the case could not be heard due to Covid-10 Pandemic and the case was adjourned to 22.6.2020.

2. An email dated 20.6.2020 has been received from the appellant, which is taken on the record vide which she has requested for the adjournment of two weeks for preparing her arguments with legal assistance.

3. However, the respondent-PIO states that the information has been supplied to the appellant vide letter no. 86/PIO/HC dated 22.1.2020. He further states that the document relating to the complaint dated 26.2.2020 were not supplied at that time, as at that time, her complaint file containing the documents in question, was put up before the authorities along with her another complaint/reminder dated 29.11.2019. He also states that even the First Appellate Authority has disposed of the first appeal of the appellant and speaking orders were passed on dated 11.2.2020. An email dated 19.3.2020 received from the respondent in this regard, is taken on the record.

4. After hearing both the parties, the request of the appellant for the adjournment of the case has been accepted and the case is adjourned to 20.7.2020 at 12.30 P.M. to be heard through Cisco Webex.

Dated: 22-06-2020

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Sh. Ranjit Singh S/o Sampruran Singh 9872281018
r/o Gurhi Sanghar,
District Sri Muktsar Sahib.

Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
o/o Block Development and Panchyat Officer,
Block Gidharbaha,
District Sri Mukatsar Sahib.

First Appellate Authority,
o/o Block Development and Panchyat Officer,
Gidharbaha, District Sri Mukatsar Sahib.

Respondents

Appeal Case No. 995 of 2020
(Video Conference Proceedings)

Present: Shri RanjitSingh, appellant.
Shri Sukhwant Singh Panchayat Secretary(M 9814803010) on the behalf of the respondents.

Order

The RTI application is dated 5.9.2019 vide which the appellant has sought 3 points information related to the Village Panchayat Village Guri Shangar from 15 August 2013 to 15 July 2018 as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed on 8.11.2019 with the First Appellate Authority and second appeal was filed on 4.3.2020 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for 22.6.2020.

2. A letter dated 15.6.2020 has been received from the appellant in which deficiencies in the information so provided by the appellant has been pointed out, which is taken on record. The appellant states that the information pertaining to point no. 2 and 3 of the RTI application has been supplied but nothing has been supplied regarding point no. 1 of the RTI application. The appellant has requested the Commission to direct the respondents to provide the information.

3. The representative of the respondent states that he has supplied the information to the appellant record of which is in his custody. As far as information regarding point no. 1 of the RTI is concerned his predecessor Sh. Dalip Singh Panchayat Secretary has not handed over the complete record of the sought information. In addition to it, the representative of the respondents further states that he has written the letters to the Block Development and Panchayats Officer in this regard, but till date he has not received the complete record.

4. After hearing both the parties, the representative of the respondents is hereby, directed to put up the today's proceedings to his senior officers and non receipt of the Panchayat record i.e. proceeding book pertaining to 15.8.2013 to 15.7.2018 etc. from his predecessor Sh. Dalip Singh Panchayat Secretary under intimation to the Commission with a copy to the appellant.

5. To come up on 20.7.2020 at 12.30 P.M. to be heard through Video Conference Facility in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Sri Muktsar Sahib.

Dated: 22-06-2020

(Suresh Arora)
Chief Information Commissioner,
Punjab

cc

District Development and Panchayats Officer,
Mini Secretariat, Sri Mukatsar Sahib.

Block Development and Panchyat Officer,
Block GidharBaha, Distt. Sri Mukatsar Sahib.

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Sh. Amrit Pal Singh (7710294404)
Village Hothian, Tehsil Kadhoor Sahib,
District TaranTaran.

..Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
o/o Director, Rural Development and Panchayat Deptt., Pb.
Punjab, Vikas Bhawan,
Sector 62, Mohali

Public Information Officer,
Cum-Panchayat Secretary, Hothian
c/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer,
Block Khadoor Sahib,
Distt. TaranTaran.

First Appellate Authority,
o/o District Development and Panchayat Officer,
Mini Secretariat, TaranTaran.

..Respondent

Appeal Case No. 966 of 2020
(Video Conference Proceedings)

Present: Sh. Amrit Pal Singh, appellant.
Sh. Gurminder Singh, Panchayat Secretary M 9872950168, on the behalf of the respondents.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 8.1.2019 vide which the appellant has sought the information of 3 points as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed on 10.7.2019 with the First Appellate Authority and second appeal was filed on 28.2.2020 under section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for 22.6.2020.

1. The appellant states that the respondents have not supplied any information so far. He further requests the Commission to direct the respondents to supply the information without further delay.

2. The respondent states that his predecessor Sh. Gurbinder Singh, Panchayat Secretary (presently posted at Block Tarsika District Amritsar) has not handed over the record to him so far pertaining to the information sought. He further states that the matter has already been brought to the notice of the higher authorities i.e. Block Development and Panchayats Officer and District Development and Panchayats Officer. Furthermore, the representative of the respondents states that even the District Development and Panchayats Officer, TaranTaran has recommended the disciplinary action against Sh. Gurbinder Singh, Panchayat Secretary to the Director, Rural Development and Panchayat Department, Punjab, Mohali vide their letter no. 4956-58 dated 24.12.2019.

3. After hearing both the parties, the Director, Rural and Development and Panchayat Department, Punjab is impleaded as necessary party in this case and is directed to file the action taken on the recommendation of the District Development and Panchayats Officer, Taran Taran to take the disciplinary action against Sh. Gurbinder Singh, Panchayat Secretary now posted at Tarsika

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Appeal Case No. 966 of 2020

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District Amritsar before the next date of hearing. It is further directed that Director, Rural Development and Panchayat should ensure that the concerned record be handed over by Sh. Gurbinder Singh to the present Panchayat Secretary Gurminder Singh so that he can discharge his obligations under the Right to Information Act, 2005.

4. To come up on 20.7.2020 at 11.30 A.M. to be heard through Video Conference Facility in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, TaranTaran.

Dated: 22-06-2020

(Suresh Arora)
Chief Information Commissioner,
Punjab

CC

Director, Rural Development and Panchayat, (By name) (REGD)
Department, Punjab,
Vikas Bhawan, Sector 62,
Mohali

District Development and Panchayat Officer, (Regd)
Mini Secretariat,
TaranTaran

Block Development and Panchayat Officer, (Regd)
Block Khadoor Sahib,
Distt. TaranTaran.

Block Development and Panchayat Officer,, (Regd)
Block Tarsika,
Distt. Amritsar.

Sh. Gurbinder Singh, Panchayat Secretary, (Regd)
Block Tarsika
Distt, Amritsar.

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Sh. Harcharan Singh, 9815353531,
A-426, Opposite Park,
New Amritsar Colony,
Amritsar

..Complainant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
o/o Deputy Commissioner,
Mini Secretariat,
Amritsar.

..Respondent

Complaint Case No. 222 of 2020
(Cisco Webex Proceedings)

Present: None on behalf of the parties
ORDER

The RTI application is dated 29.10.2019 vide which the appellant has sought the information as enumerated in his RTI application. A complaint was filed on 28.2.2020 under section 18 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for today i.e. 22.6.2020.

2. The representative of the respondent Smt. Neelam, Jr. Assistant o/o Deputy Commissioner, Amritsar has requested on telephone that due to unforeseen situation one adjournment may be given. Hence, the appellant was also informed about the request of the respondent. The email(s) sent by the appellant has been taken on record. The respondent-Public Information Officer is directed to submit his response/supply the information and remain present during the next date of hearing i.e. 6.7.2020 at 12.30 P.M. and will be heard through CISCO Webex, meeting ID of which is 913 122 670.

Dated: 22-06-2020

(Suresh Arora)
Chief Information Commissioner,
Punjab