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**Jatinder Kumar,**

C/o Sachkhand Mishthan Bhandar,

Nehru Gate, Nawanshehar.

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**

o/o Principal Secretary Local Government, Punjab

Plot No. 3, Sector-35 A, Dakshin Marg, Chandigarh.

**First Appellate Authority,**

o/o Principal Secretary Local Government, Punjab

Plot No. 3, Sector-35 A, Dakshin Marg, Chandigarh.

## **Appeal Case No. 543 of 2020 (Video Conference Proceedings)**

PRESENT:

Jatinder Kumar (Appellant) 98723-24111

(Respondent) Absent

ORDER:

*(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 28.8.2020, 10.12.2020, and 10.2.2021)*

1. The RTI application is dated **22.8.19** vide which the appellant has sought information regarding **two complaints to the Regional Director Local Bodies Nawanshahar in 2016 regarding purchase of stationery and material for streetlights**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **27.11.19** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **29.1.2020** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **10.2.2021**.

2. The appellant attended the hearing via Cisco Webex. At the last hearing on 10.2.2021, the respondent PIO, represented by Harpreet Singh, Senior Assistant, was directed to submit a written pointwise reply to each point of the RTI application within 20 days in a tabulated form. This was after a Show Cause Notice was issued to the respondent PIO vide this Commission's Order of 10.12.2020. The respondent PIO has failed to comply with this Commission's directions and merely submitted a reply to the appellant vide Letter No. 08/35/2021 Dated 28.5.2021, stating that the information requested by him is denied as per Section 8(1)(h) of the RTI Act 2005.

3. The Commission takes a very serious view of the respondent PIO's conduct and directs him/her to appear in person at the next hearing of this Appeal Case, failing which the Commission will be compelled to initiate penal action as per the RTI Act 2005.

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**

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## Appeal Case No. 543 of 2020 (Video Conference Proceedings)

5. Next hearing on 9.12.2021 at 11.00 am through Video Conference Facility at DC Office, Mohali.

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**Kanwal Nain Singh,**  
S/o Raghbir Singh Wadhawan,  
# 62, Model Town,  
Ambala City – 134 003

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**  
o/o Greater Mohali Area Development Authority (GMADA),  
Sector-62, PUDA Bhawan, Mohali.  
**First Appellate Authority,**  
o/o Estate Officer,  
Greater Mohali Area Development Authority (GMADA),  
Sector-62, PUDA Bhawan, Mohali.

## **Appeal Case No. 1294 of 2020 (Video Conference Proceedings)**

PRESENT:

Kanwal Nain Singh (Appellant) 98120-51827

Gurwinder Singh, PIO-cum-AEO (Respondent) 98786-02071

ORDER:

*(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 28.8.2020, 10.12.2020, and 10.2.2021)*

1. The RTI application is dated **11.2.2020** vide which the appellant has sought information regarding, **allotment of sites to religious bodies/institutions from 1999 to 2001, Mohali**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **20.3.2020** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **15.5.2020** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **10.2.2021**.

2. Both parties are present via Video Conference from Mohali. The respondent PIO-cum-AEO, Gurwinder Singh, states that part of the information has already been given to the appellant on a pen-drive in reply to Appeal Case No. 2293 of 2019 also pending before this Bench. He has assured the Commission that the remaining information which relates to different branches of GMADA will be supplied to the appellant by inviting him to inspect the record in the office of GMADA within 1 week of this Hearing. The appellant, also present at this hearing, states that he is prepared to visit the offices of GMADA for the inspection.

3. The respondent PIO is directed to inform the Commission as and when a mutually agreed date for inspection is finalized.

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. 1294 of 2020 (Video Conference Proceedings)**

5. **Next hearing on 15.12.2021 at 11.00 am through Video Conference Facility at DC Office, Mohali.**

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**Ashish Kapur,**  
S/o Late Arun Kapur,  
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Versus

**Public Information Officer,**  
o/o Greater Mohali Area Development Authority (GMADA),  
PUDA Bhawan, Sector-62, Mohali.  
**First Appellate Authority,**  
o/o Estate Officer,  
Greater Mohali Area Development Authority (GMADA),  
PUDA Bhawan, Sector-62, Mohali.

## **Appeal Case No. 2331 and 2332 of 2020 (Heard together via Video Conference Proceedings)**

PRESENT:

Ashish Kapur (Appellant) 79862-82041

Gurwinder Singh, PIO-cum-AEO (Respondent) 98786-02071

ORDER:

*(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 13.1.2021)*

1. The RTI applications are dated **19.2.2020** and **22.2.2020** vide which the appellant has sought **information regarding Letter No. 7/2/2019-2G-PRB-1639 dated 13.3.2019 from the office of Hon'ble Governor Punjab, which was forwarded to Chief Administrator PUDA, by the Department of Housing & Urban Development,** as enumerated in these two RTI applications. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **6.6.2020**, and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **27.8.2020** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **13.1.2021**.

2. Both parties are present. The appellant attended the hearing via Cisco Webex. The respondent PIO-cum-AEO Gurwinder Singh, is present via Video Conference from Mohali, states that he is unable to trace the letter cited in the RTI application. The PIO has requested that the appellant be asked to provide copy of the aforesaid letter to assist in determining what action was taken on the same. The appellant is requested to provide a copy of the said letter to the respondent.

3. **Next hearing on 9.12.2021 at 11.00 am through Video Conference Facility at DC Office, Mohali and the appellant will attend via CISCO WEBEX-Join Meeting No. 918076792**

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**Bharat Bhushan Mattu,**

# 153, Akash Nagar (Near Green Land School),

P.O: Netaji Nagar, Salem Tabri,

District Ludhiana.

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**

o/o District Revenue Officer,

S.A.S. Nagar, Punjab.

**Public Information Officer,**

o/o Tehsildar,

District Administrative Complex,

Sector-76, Ground Floor,

Mohali.

**First Appellate Authority,**

o/o Deputy Commissioner,

S.A.S. Nagar, Punjab.

## **Appeal Case No. 4259 of 2019 (Video Conference Proceedings)**

PRESENT:

(Appellant) Absent

(Respondent) Absent

ORDER:

*(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 29.1.2020, 28.8.2020, 10.12.2020, and 10.2.2021)*

1. The RTI application is dated 25.7.19 vide which the appellant has sought **information pertaining to the attendance registers, daily diary (roznamcha) of patwaris; the appointment letter issued to Jagtar Singh as patwari on compassionate grounds; all appointment letters of all patwaris appointed on compassionate grounds; and the log book, fuel receipts; pollution certificates and registration certificate for the official vehicle of the Tehsildar Mohali. The information was sought for the period – 1.1.18 to 20.7.19,** as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on 3.9.19 and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on 15.11.19 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on 10.2.2021.

2. Both parties are absent. As directed by this Commission at the last hearing on 10.2.2021, the respondent PIO has submitted a reply with respect to Point No. 2 of the RTI application along with information concerning Jagtar Singh Patwari. Meanwhile, the appellant has written to this Commission restating his contention during the hearing on 10.12.2020, that he has not received the information with respect to Point No. 1. However, an examination of the case file shows that during the hearing on 29.1.2020 the appellant represented by Jaswinder Kaur (Advocate), on being informed that the information requested at Point No. 1 was far too voluminous, had agreed to whittle down the requested information to a specific Patwari i.e. Jagtar Singh, who was appointed as Patwari at Banur, SAS Nagar as per the respondent PIO.

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## **Appeal Case No. 4259 of 2019 (Video Conference Proceedings)**

3. In this Commission's view, the respondent PIO has supplied the requested information with respect to Jagtar Singh Patwari vide Letter No. 952-53/SK/BK Dated 28.7.2021, whereby adequately addressing this RTI application.

4. The respondent PIO, office of District Revenue Officer, SAS Nagar, is herewith directed to also submit copies of information provided to the appellant, to the Commission at the earliest.

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. **Next hearing on 5.1.2022 at 11.00 am through Video Conference Facility at DC Office, Mohali.**

**Sd/-  
(ASIT JOLLY)**

State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

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**Ashok Kumar**, S/o Sh. Rajinder Nath,  
# 1299, Morni Wala Khu,  
VPO-Dera Bassi,  
District Mohali.  
Versus

**Public Information officer**,  
o/o Superintendent (Budget),  
Water Resources Department,  
Punjab, Chandigarh.  
**First Appellate Authority**,  
o/o Director Water Cell,  
Water Resources Department,  
Punjab, Chandigarh.

## **Appeal Case No. 1846 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)**

### PRESENT:

Ashok Kumar (Appellant)

Anand Pun, Senior Assistant (for the Respondent) 73070-88668

### ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **712.2020** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding copies of notings of dealing assistant, comments given by Superintendent, remarks by Director Finance and Accounts and orders from Chief Engineer in respect of Letter No. 206/AK Dated 18.11.2020**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **20.1.2021** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **9.4.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **10.2.2021**.

2. Both parties are present via Video Conference from Mohali. The respondent PIO, represented by Anand Pun, Senior Assistant, stated that the appellant was requested to deposit the cost of copying the information vide Letter No. 670-72 Dated 16.6.2021. However, since the PIO did not raise the demand for copying costs within the stipulated period of 30 days, the same is in violation of the RTI Act.

3. The respondent PIO is herewith directed to supply the information after duly attesting it in the format given below, along with a covering letter signed by the PIO. A copy of the above must also be submitted to this Commission within Five days of receipt of this order.

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. 1846 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)**

**5. Next hearing on 5.1.2022 at 11.00 am through Video Conference Facility at DC Office, Mohali.**

**Sd/-**

**(ASIT JOLLY)**

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**Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia,**

Ward No. 18, Street No. 2,

Kartar Nagar, Amloh Road,

Khanna – 141 401

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**

o/o Municipal Engineer, o/o Municipal Council,

Mandi Gobindgarh.

**First Appellate Authority,**

o/o Regional Deputy Director, Urban Local Government,

1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Mini Secretariat, Ferozepur Road,

District Ludhiana.

## **Appeal Case No. 3067 of 2019 (Video Conference Proceedings)**

PRESENT:

Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia (Appellant) 94645-00405

Gurjant Singh, Junior Engineer (for the Respondent) 94641-56944

ORDER:

*(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 1.11.19, 20.12.19, 13.2.2020, 1.7.2020, 28.8.2020, 10.12.2020, and 10.2.2021)*

1. The RTI application is dated **4.4.19** vide which the appellant has sought **information by way of certified copies of MB No. 452 to 460**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **19.5.19** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **22.8.19** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **10.2.2021**.

2. Both parties are present via Video Conference Facility from Mohali. At the last hearing on 10.2.2021, the Commission directed the respondent PIO to submit an affidavit clearly stating number of MBs supplied to the appellant giving the number of pages/copies supplied for each MB. The respondent PIO has complied with and submitted an affidavit Dated 15.2.2021. The appellant however contends that there are 29 pages short.

3. The respondent PIO is directed to supply the deficient pages. The appellant is also advised to collect the affidavit submitted by the respondent PIO from this Bench after seeking appointment on telephone on any working day.

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. 3067 of 2019 (Video Conference Proceedings)**

**5. Next hearing on 5.1.2022 at 11.00 am through Video Conference Facility at DC Office, Mohali.**

**Sd/-**

**(ASIT JOLLY)**

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Versus

**Public Information Officer,**

o/o Executive Officer,

Municipal Council, Amloh.

**First Appellate Authority,**

o/o Regional Deputy Director Urban Local Government,

1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Mini Secretariat, Ferozepur Road,

Ludhiana.

## **Appeal Case No. 3608 of 2019 (Video Conference Proceedings)**

PRESENT:

Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia (Appellant) 94645-00405

Baljinder Singh, PIO-cum-EO (Respondent) 98885-18255

ORDER:

*(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 27.11.19, 29.1.2020, 1.7.2020, 28.8.2020, 10.12.2020, and 10.2.2021)*

1. The RTI application is dated **29.4.19** vide which the appellant has sought **information by way of copies of MB No. 206 with work orders of all bills entered in it etc.**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **10.6.19**, and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **26.9.19** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **10.2.2021**.

2. Both parties are present via Video Conference Facility from Mohali. As directed by this Commission, the respondent PIO-cum-EO has submitted a fresh affidavit Dated 23.3.2021. The appellant is also advised to collect the affidavit submitted by the PIO, from the office of this Bench after seeking telephonically appointment on any working day. The Respondent PIO is meanwhile, directed to submit a reply regarding the action taken about the missing record.

3. **Next hearing on 5.1.2022 at 11.00 am through Video Conference Facility at DC Office, Mohali.**

Sd/-

**(ASIT JOLLY)**

State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

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