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**Satbir Singh S/o Sh. Kartar Singh,**

**Village - Boparai Khurad,**

**Post Office - Nathowal,**

**Tehsil Rai Kot, District - Ludhiana(Punjab) ……. Appellant**

**Vs**

1. **Public Information Officer,**

**O/o The District Education Officer (Sec.),**

**Ludhiana (Punjab)**

1. **Public Information Officer**

**O/o The Director,**

**Public Instructions (Sec.) Pb.,**

**PSEB Complex, Sector 62,**

**S.A.S. Nagar,(Mohali) (Punjab)**

**First Appellate Authority,**

**O/o The District Education Officer (Sec.),**

**Ludhiana (Punjab) ..…Respondents**

**Appeal Case No. 3391 of 2016**

**Present : None on behalf of the applicant.**

**Ms. Paramjit Kaur, Senior Assistant, on behalf of the respondent.**

**ORDER**

**This case was last heard on 04.07.2018.**

**Ms. Paramjit Kaur, Senior Assistant, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in**

**today’s hearing, orally states that copies of the required information has already been supplied to the applicant and the matter has been sorted out and requested to close the instant appeal case. She also submits a reply vide letter dated 18.07.2018, showing that a letter has been sent to Sh. Jaspal Singh(Retired Senior Assistant), who was Dispatch Clerk, to attend the hearing in the Commission, as he was the concerned official during the time period, regarding which, the information has been sought for by the applicant through his RTI request. It is taken on record.**

**The applicant, Sh. Satbir Singh was absent on the last date of hearing, held on**

**04.07.2018 and he is again absent from today’s hearing without any intimation to the Commission. He has also not approached the Commission with any contrary claim. In view of the above, it is assumed that the applicant is satisfied with the information supplied to him and does not wish to pursue her case further.**

**I have also gone over the case-file and of the considered view that no cause of action**

**is required to be taken in this case, hence, the case is disposed of and closed.**

**A copy of this order be sent through registered post to Sh. Jaspal Singh, (Retired**

**Senior Assistant), at his residential address for intimation.**

**Copies of the order be sent to the parties.**

**(A. S. Chanduraian)**

**24th July, 2018 State Information Commissioner**

**(Regd. Post) Sh. Jaspal Singh (Retired Senior Assistant),**

**House No. 250, Phase 3 - A,**

**S. A. S. Nagar (Mohali) (Punjab)**

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**Bhupesh Chauhan,**

**H. No. 170/2, Street No. 9 – E,**

**Ekta Vihar, Anand Nagar (B),**

**Patiala – 147001 (Punjab) …. Appellant**

**Vs**

**Public Information Officer,**

**O/o The Director, Industries & Commerce,**

**Udyog Bhavan Sector-17,**

**Chandigarh (U.T)**

**First Appellate Authority,**

**O/o The Director Industries & Commerce,**

**Udyog Bhavan Sector-17,**

**Chandigarh (U.T) ..…Respondents**

**Appeal Case No. 1077 of 2018**

**Present : None on behalf of the applicant.**

1. **Ms. Raj Kaur, Superintendent ;**
2. **Ms. Harpreet Kaur, Senior Assistant, on behalf of the respondent.**

**ORDER**

**This case was last heard on 04.07.2018 and the respondent-PIO was directed to file a**

**point wise reply to the queries raised by the applicant in his RTI request as per official record.**

**Ms. Raj Kaur, Superintendent and Ms. Harpreet Kaur, Senior Assistant, who appeared**

**on behalf of the respondent PIO in today’s hearing, state that in response to the RTI request, available information has already been given to the applicant, Sh. Bhupesh Chauhan.**

**The applicant, Sh. Bhupesh Chauhan, is not present in today’s hearing.**

**An opportunity is given to the applicant to represent his case in person or through**

**his representative on the next date of hearing.**

**The case is adjourned to 4th September, 2018 (Tuesday) at 11:00 A. M.**

**Copies of the order be sent to the parties.**

**(A. S. Chanduraian)**

**24th July, 2018 State Information Commissioner**

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**Darshan Singh Kang**

**S/o Sh. Niranjan Singh,**

**Incharge R.T.I. Wing**

**Anti Corruption Front,**

**Samrala, District - Ludhiana (Punjab) …….Appellant**

**Vs**

**Public Information Officer,**

**O/o The Financial Commissioner,**

**Rural Development and Panchayat Department, Pb.,**

**Vikas Bhawan, Sector 62, Mohali (Punjab)**

**First Appellate Authority,**

**O/o The Financial Commissioner,**

**Rural Development and Panchayat Department, Pb.,**

**Vikas Bhawan, Sector 62, Mohali (Punjab) ..…Respondents**

**Appeal Case No. 2494 of 2017**

**Present : Sh. Darshan Singh Kang, the applicant in person.**

1. **Ms. Manjit Kaur, Under Secretary ;**
2. **Sh. Jagtar Singh, Senior Assistant, on behalf of the respondent.**

**ORDER**

**This case was last heard on 04.07.2018.**

**Ms. Manjit Kaur, Under Secretary and Sh. Jagtar Singh, Senior Assistant, who**

**appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today’s hearing, state that in response to the RTI request, the requisite information has already been supplied to the applicant, Sh. Darshan Singh Kang vide letter no. 3449 dated 17.07.2018 as per official record through registered post. They also hand over a copy of the same to the applicant during the hearing in the Commission today.**

**Ms. Manjit Kaur also submits a reply vide letter no. 3549 dated 24.07.2018 signed by**

**herself in reply to the show cause issued vide orders dated 24.04.2018. It is taken on record.**

**The applicant, Sh. Darshan Singh Kang, who appeared in person in today’s hearing,**

**expresses his dissatisfaction over the same.**

**The respondent-PIO concerned is directed to supply the certified copies of the**

**required information to the applicant as per his queries raised by him in his RTI request by or on the next date of hearing as per official record.**

**A decision on the reply filed by Ms. Manjit Kaur in connection with the show cause**

**issued, will be taken later on.**

**The case is adjourned to 8th August, 2018 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M.**

**Copies of the order be sent to the parties.**

**(A. S. Chanduraian)**

**24th July, 2018 State Information Commissioner**

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**H. S. Hundal, Advocate,**

**Chamber No. 82,**

**District Courts,**

**Sector 71, S. A. S. Nagar - 160071 (Punjab) …. Appellant**

**Vs**

**Public Information Officer,**

**O/o The Principal Secretary**

**to Government of Punjab,**

**Deptt. of Finance,**

**Pb. Civil Sectt. -1, Chandigarh**

**First Appellate Authority,**

**O/o The Principal Secretary**

**to Government of Punjab,**

**Deptt. of Finance,**

**Pb. Civil Sectt. -1, Chandigarh ..…Respondents**

**Appeal Case No. 3100 of 2017**

**Present : Sh. H. S. Hundal, the applicant in person.**

**None on behalf of the respondent.**

**ORDER**

**This case was last heard on 09.07.2018.**

**The applicant, Sh. H. S. Hundal, who appeared in person in today’s hearing.**

**Neither the respondent PIO nor his representative is present in today’s hearing.**

**Another opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to appear in person**

**before the Commission to represent this case alongwith relevant official record on the next date of hearing positively.**

**After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that on the hearing,**

**held on 08.05.2018, Ms. Madhurjeet, Under Secretary-cum-PIO, Agriculture – 2 Branch, has submitted a reply vide letter no. 9976 dated 08.05.2018 signed by herself, to the show cause issued to her vide orders dated 09.04.2018.**

**A decision on the reply filed by Ms. Madhurjeet in connection with the show cause**

**issued to her, will be taken later on.**

**The case is adjourned to 8th August, 2018 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M.**

**Copies of the order be sent to the parties.**

**(A. S. Chanduraian)**

**24th July, 2018 State Information Commissioner**

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**Baldev Singh,**

**S/o Sh. Teja Singh,**

**Village – Jaggo Chack Tanda,**

**Post Office - Jhabkara,**

**Tehsil & District – Gurdaspur (Punjab) …. Complainant**

**Vs**

**Public Information Officer,**

**O/o The Deputy Commissioner,**

**Pathankot (Punjab) ..…Respondent**

**Complaint Case No. 784 of 2017**

**Present : None on behalf of the applicant.**

**None on behalf of the respondent.**

**ORDER**

**This case was last heard on 10.07.2018 and Both the parties mutually agreed for**

**inspection of the relevant official record on 16.07.2018 during working hours so that the information could be identified to take certified copies of the same.**

**Neither the applicant, Sh. Baldev Singh nor the respondent is present in today’s**

**hearing.**

**Nevertheless, another opportunity is given to the parties to represent this case in**

**person or through their representative, on the next date of hearing.**

**The case is adjourned to 8th August, 2018 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M.**

**Copies of the order be sent to the parties.**

**(A. S. Chanduraian)**

**24th July, 2018 State Information Commissioner**

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**Upkar Singh,**

**Village - Chhak Desraj,**

**Post Office - Bada Pind,**

**Block – Phillaur, District - Jalandhar (Punjab) …….Appellant**

**Vs**

**Public Information Officer,**

**O/o The Director,**

**Rural Development and Panchayats, Punjab,**

**Vikas Bhawan, Sector 62, S A S Nagar, Mohali (Punjab)**

**First Appellate Authority,**

**O/o The Director,**

**Rural Development and Panchayats, Punjab,**

**Vikas Bhawan, Sector 62, S A S Nagar, Mohali (Punjab) ..…Respondents**

**Appeal Case No. 2501 of 2017**

**Present : Sh. Upkar Singh, the applicant in person.**

**None on behalf of the respondent.**

**ORDER**

**This case was last heard on 06.06.2018 and Sh. Ishwar Singh Stenographer (Complaint**

**Branch), appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO and stated that the information sought for by the applicant is voluminous in nature, moreover, it is the official record of more than ten years, which despite making of lots of efforts would not be able to trace in the official record and request that if the applicant reduce the time period and also mention the particular district regarding which, he needs information. On this, the applicant stated that he be given the information of Jalandhar District for the last five years.**

**The applicant, Sh. Upkar Singh, who appeared in person in today’s hearing, states that no**

**information has been supplied to him by the respondent PIO so far.**

**Neither the respondent PIO nor his representative is present in today’s hearing.**

**After examining the documents placed on record, it emerges that the requisite information has not been supplied by the respondent PIO to the information seeker even after a period of more than one and half year.**

**In view of the above, a show cause notice under Section 20(1) of the RTI Act is issued to PIO of office of Director, Rural Development and Panchayats, Punjab, as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay/denial in supplying the information to the RTI applicant and why the compensation be not awarded to the information-seeker under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.**

**The PIO is also hereby given an opportunity under Section 20(1) provision, thereto, for a personal hearing before the imposition of such penalty on the next date of hearing. He may note that in case he does not file his submission and does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the next 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. A copy of the RTI request be sent to him alongwith this order through registered post for his ready reference.**

**The case is adjourned to 8th August, 2018 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M.**

**Copies of the order be sent to the parties.**

**(A. S. Chanduraian)**

**24th July, 2018 State Information Commissioner**

**(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer(By Name),**

**O/o The Director,**

**Rural Development and Panchayats, Punjab,**

**Encl : RTI Request Vikas Bhawan, Sector 62, S A S Nagar, Mohali (Punjab)**

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**Amarjeet Singh**

**S/o Sh. Aya Singh,**

**H. No. 4810, Guru Nanak Wara,**

**P. O. – Khalsa College,**

**G T Road, Amritsar - 143002 (Punjab) …. Appellant**

**Vs**

**Public Information Officer,**

**O/o The Block Development and**

**Panchayat Officer,**

**Tarsikka,**

**District - Amritsar (Punjab)**

**First Appellate Authority,**

**O/o The District Development and**

**Panchayat Officer,**

**Amritsar (Punjab) ..…Respondents**

**Appeal Case No. 2468 of 2017**

**Present : None on behalf of the applicant.**

**None on behalf of the respondent.**

**ORDER**

**This case was last heard on 06.06.2018.**

**Neither the applicant, Sh. Amarjeet Singh nor the respondent is present in today’s**

**hearing.**

**After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that the applicant, Sh.**

**Amarjeet Singh was absent on the hearings, held on 02.05.2018 and 06.06.2018. He is again absent from today’s hearing without any intimation to the Commission. He has also not approached the Commission with any contrary claim.**

**In view of the above, it is assumed that the applicant does not wish to pursue his**

**case further and hence the case is disposed of and closed.**

**Copies of the order be sent to the parties.**

**(A. S. Chanduraian)**

**24th July, 2018 State Information Commissioner**

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**Harpal Singh Sodhi**

**S/o Sh. Dasondha Singh Sodhi,**

**House No.15, Kalgidhar Enclave,**

**Baltana, Zirakpur, District Mohali (Punjab) ……. Complainant**

**Vs**

**Public Information Officer,**

**O/o The Principal Secretary**

**to Government of Punjab,**

**Department of Finance,**

**Punjab Civil Secretariat-1, Chandigarh ..…Respondent Complaint Case No. 541 of 2018**

**Present : Sh. Harpal Singh Sodhi, the applicant in person.**

1. **Sh. Munish Gupta, Senior Assistant (Personnel - I Branch);**
2. **Sh. Sandeep Jindal, Senior Assistant (Personnel - I Branch), on behalf of the respondent.**

**ORDER**

**This case was last heard on 16.07.2018 and an opportunity was given to the applicant**

**to represent this case in person or through his representative.**

**Sh. Munish Gupta and Sh. Sandeep Jindal, both Senior Assistants of Personnel - I**

**Branch, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today’s hearing, hand over the requisite information to the applicant, Sh. Harpal Singh Sodhi, during the hearing in the Commission today.**

**The applicant, Sh. Harpal Singh Sodhi, who appeared in person in today’s hearing,**

**seeks an adjournment in this case to go through the supplied information so that deficiencies, if any, could be pointed out.**

**An opportunity is given to the applicant to point out deficiencies in the information**

**supplied to him, in writing, to the respondent PIO and the respondent PIO is directed to remove the same by the next date of hearing.**

**The case is adjourned to 4th September, 2018 (Tuesday) at 11:00 A. M.**

**Copies of the order be sent to the parties.**

**(A. S. Chanduraian)**

**24th July, 2018 State Information Commissioner**

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**Harpal Singh Sodhi**

**S/o Sh. Dasondha Singh Sodhi,**

**House No.15, Kalgidhar Enclave,**

**Baltana, Zirakpur,**

**District – S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali) (Punjab) ……. Complainant**

**Vs**

**Public Information Officer,**

**O/o The Director,**

**Treasury and Accounts,**

**Vit and Yojna Bhawan,,**

**Sector-33A , Chandigarh (U.T.) ..…Respondent**

**Complaint Case No. 615 of 2018**

**Present : Sh. Harpal Singh Sodhi, the applicant in person.**

**Sh. Inderpal Singh, Senior Assistant, on behalf of the respondent.**

**ORDER**

**This case was last heard on 16.07.2018.**

**Sh. Inderpal Singh, Senior Assistant, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO**

**in today’s hearing, orally states that the information sought for by the applicant, Sh. Harpal Singh Sodhi through his RTI request could not supplied to him as it is ‘third party’ information.**

**As a Division Bench comprising of Hon’ble Mr. Justice Sh. Radha Krishnan and**

**Hon’ble Mr. Justice Dipak Misra of Hon’ble Supreme Court of India in a Special Leave Petition no. (Civil) 27734 of 2012 has held that personal information as defined under clause (j) of Section 8 (1) of the RTI Act cannot be given to the information-seeker where the information-seeker failed to establish the fact that information sought for by him is in larger public interest.**

**The applicant, Sh. Harpal Singh Sodhi, who appeared in person in today’s hearing,**

**orally pleads that a ‘larger public interest’ is involved in the disclosure of information, which has been sought for by him through his RTI request.**

**After hearing the parties concerned, I am of the considered view that the respondent-**

**PIO concerned be directed to file a point wise reply to the queries raised by the applicant in his RTI request.**

**Accordingly, the respondent-PIO concerned is directed to file a point wise reply, in**

**writing, to each and every query raised by the applicant in his RTI request by or on the next date of hearing.**

**The case is adjourned to 4th September, 2018 (Tuesday) at 11:00 A. M.**

**Copies of the order be sent to the parties.**

**(A. S. Chanduraian)**

**24th July, 2018 State Information Commissioner**

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**Rajinder Singh Litt,**

**New Abadi Akalgarh,**

**S. B. S. Nagar,**

**Post Office – Halwara A.D.,**

**District – Ludhiana - 141106 (Punjab) …. Appellant**

**Vs**

**Public Information Officer,**

**O/o The Deputy Commissioner,**

**Ludhiana (Punjab)**

**First Appellate Authority,**

**O/o The Deputy Commissioner,**

**Ludhiana (Punjab) ..…Respondents**

**Appeal Case No. 3608 of 2017**

**Present : Sh. Rajinder Singh Litt , the applicant in person.**

**None on behalf of the respondent.**

**ORDER**

**This case was last heard on 19.06.2018 and the respondent PIO was directed to**

**remove the deficiencies, pointed out by the applicant during the hearing.**

**The respondent PIO has sent a reply vide letter no. 530 dated 23.07.2018 signed by**

**Tehsildar-cum-PIO, Raikot, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 25129 dated 04.02.2018, stating that the requisite information has already been supplied to the applicant, Sh. Rajinder Singh Litt vide letter no. 28 dated 12.07.2018. Through that reply, he has also intimated the Commission that he is unable to attend today’s hearing. It is taken on record.**

**The applicant, Sh. Rajinder Singh Litt, who appeared in person in today’s hearing,**

**Orally expresses his dissatisfaction over the information supplied to him as it is not as per his queries raised by him in his RTI request.**

**The respondent-PIO is directed to file a point wise reply to the queries raised by**

**the applicant in his RTI request as per official record by or on the next date of hearing.**

**Another opportunity is given to the respondent PIO to represent this case in person**

**on the next date of hearing so that the facts of this case could be cleared.**

**The case is adjourned to 4th September, 2018 (Tuesday) at 11:00 A. M.**

**Copies of the order be sent to the parties.**

**(A. S. Chanduraian)**

**24th July, 2018 State Information Commissioner**