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Dr Kuldip Singh, S/o S. Harnek Singh,
#4319, Ward No.13, G.T Road, Bara, Sirhind
Distt. Fatehgarh Sahib-140406 (94173-55095)

.....Appellant

..Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o Sri Guru Ram Dass University of Health Science,
Amritsar

First Appellate Authority

O/o Registrar, O/o Shri Guru Ram Dass University of Health Science, AmritsarRespondent

AC No. 1505 of 2020
Through CISCO-WEBEX

Present: (i) Dr. Kuldip Singh the appellant
(ii) None is present on behalf of the respondent

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 09.09.2020 vide which respondent o/o Sri Guru Ram Dass University of Health Science stated that their University is not covered under the RTI Act 2005.

2. Dr. Kuldip Singh the appellant states that no information has been given to him so far.
3. The respondent is absent today.
4. During the last hearing, the respondent had sought some time. But today neither the respondent is present nor he has filed his reply. Taking a lenient view, one last opportunity is given to the respondent to appear before the Commission and state his case.
5. To come up on **21.01.2021 at 11.00 AM** for further proceedings through CISCO webex. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Sd/-

Dated: 24.11.2020

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Sh Atul Goyal, Partner (M-9815233099)
M/s SRG Infotech,
House No 2161, Sector 21C, Chandigarh.

.....Appellant

..Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o Punjab Small industries and Export Corporation Ltd,
Udyog Bhawan, Sector-17, Chandigarh

First Appellate Authority-cum-Director,
O/o Punjab Small industries and Export Corporation Ltd,
Udyog Bhawan, Sector-17, Chandigarh

.....Respondent

AC No. 1980 of 2020

Through CISCO WEBEX

Present: (i) Sh. Atul Goyal the appellant
(ii) For the Respondent: Sh. Ankur Chowdhary, (9988812336)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 05.10.2020.

2. Today, the respondent Sh. Ankur Chowdhary states that the information, as available, in the record has already been sent to the appellant.

3. The appellant Sh. Atul Goyal states that incomplete information has been given to him so far. He further states that he has not been provided the information within the time as prescribed under the RTI Act 2005. He has, therefore, suffered mental harassment and financial loss in attending the hearings in the Commission

4. After hearing both the parties and examining the case file, it is observed that the appellant is not satisfied with the information provided by the respondent. The appellant is directed to point out deficiencies in the information to the respondent within 15 days with a copy to the Commission. The respondent is directed that whatever deficiencies remain in the matter of information demanded by the Applicant should be made good before the next date of hearing.

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AC No. 1980 of 2020

5. To come up on **21.01.2021 at 11.00 AM** for further proceedings through CISCO webex. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Distt. Fatehgarh Sahib-140406 (94173-55095)

.....Appellant

..Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o Director Research and Medical Education, Punjab
Medical Education Bhawan, 1st Floor,
Phase-69, SAS Nagar, Mohali

First Appellate Authority
O/o Director Research and Medical Education, Punjab
Medical Education Bhawan, 1st Floor,
Phase-69, SAS Nagar, Mohali

.....Respondent

AC No. 1504 of 2020
Through CISCO Webex

Present: (i) Sh. Kuldip Singh the appellant
(ii) For the Respondent: Smt. Nirlesh Kaur, Suptd. (9417212255)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 09.09.2020.

2. The respondent states that the information, as exists, in the record has been provided to the appellant.
3. The appellant Sh. Kuldip Singh states that incomplete information has been given to him so far.
4. After hearing both the parties and examining the case file, it is observed that the appellant is not satisfied with the information provided. Hence, the respondent is directed to provide complete information to the appellant otherwise, he has to file an affidavit stating that there is no other information which is pending in the office record of the respondent and there is nothing left to be furnished to him.
5. To come up on **21.01.2021 at 11.00 AM** for further proceedings through CISCO webex. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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REGISTERED POST

Sh Satbir Singh (9878875184)
S/o Sh. Kulwant Singh,
5, Ghanupur Road, Chehratta, Amritsar

.....Appellant

..Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar

First Appellate Authority,
GM, Vice Chanceloor, Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar

.....Respondent

AC No.2722 of 2020
Through CISCO-WEBEX

Present: (i) Sh. Satbir Singh alongwith Smt. Avneet Kaur
(ii) For the Respondent: Sh. Manjit Singh, Assistant Registrar (9417032936)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 09.09.2020.

2. Today, the appellant states that incomplete information has been given to him on 18.11.2020. He further states that he has not been provided the information within the time as prescribed under the RTI Act 2005. He has, therefore, suffered mental harassment and financial loss in attending the hearings in the Commission

3. The respondent Sh. Manjit Singh states that the information, as exists, in the record has already been sent to the appellant.

4. After hearing both the parties and examining the case file, it is observed that incomplete information has been given to the appellant so far. Hence, the appellant is directed to visit the office of the respondent on **26.11.2020 at 11.00 AM, inspect** the record and obtain the information.

5. The perusal of the file shows that appellant has filed his RTI on 09.06.2020, but till today after lapse of more than five months, he has not been provided complete information by the respondents. This shows that the respondent-PIO has no regard for the orders issued by the Commission. This is indeed a serious matter.



AC No.2722 of 2020

6. In view of the foregoing, PIO is directed to show cause why action should not be taken against him for not attending the hearing inspite of order of the Commission. He should file a written reply in response to the show cause notice as to why the Appellant should not be compensated for the mental harassment suffered by him in getting the information. In addition to the written reply PIO is hereby given an opportunity u/s 20(1) proviso thereto 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.

7. To come up on **10.12.2020 at 11.00 AM** for further proceedings through CISCO webex. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Sh Tejinder Singh (Advocate)
Civil Court Complex, Backside Sanjh Kender,
Tehsil Complex, Phillaur – 144410 (9041004313)

.....Appellant

..Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o Punjab State Pharmacy Council,
Medical Education Bhawan, Sector 69,
Sahibzada Ajit Singh Nagar, Near Mayo Hospital,
Sahibzada Ajit Singh Nagar, Punjab - 140308

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Punjab State Pharmacy Council,
Medical Education Bhawan, Sector 69,
Sahibzada Ajit Singh Nagar, Near Mayo Hospital,
Sahibzada Ajit Singh Nagar, Punjab - 140308

.....Respondent

AC No.2326 of 2020
Through CISCO-WEBEX

Present: (i) Sh. Tejinder Singh the appellant
(ii) None is present on behalf of the respondent

ORDER

1. The RTI application is dated 18.04.2020 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 01.06.2020 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 27.08.2020 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 24.11.2020 in the Commission.
3. Sh. Tejinder Singh stated that no response whatsoever has been received from the respondents till date. No one has put in appearance on behalf of the respondents nor has any communication been received from them. In the interest of justice, Respondent PIO is afforded one more opportunity to provide the appellant point-wise complete specific information, duly attested, free of cost, by registered post, in accordance with his RTI application and present a photocopy of the relevant postal receipt along with a copy of the information provided, before the Commission on the next date fixed, for its perusal and records. Respondents to note that in case no one comes present on their behalf on the next date fixed, punitive provisions of the RTI Act, 2005 may be invoked against the erring officer(s).

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AC No.2326 of 2020

4. To come up on **15.02.2021 at 11.00 AM** through CISCO WEBEX. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Sd/-

Dated: 24.11.2020

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Sh George Subh, S/o Sh. Rustam Masih,
R/o Begowal, Ward No. 12, Tehsil Bholath
Distt. Kapurthala – 144621 (9814100191)

.....Appellant

..Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o Subordinate Service Selection Board, Punjab
Forest Complex , Sector 68, SAS Nagar Mohali

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Subordinate Service Selection Board, Punjab
Forest Complex , Sector 68, SAS Nagar Mohali

.....Respondent

AC No.2308 of 2020
Through CISCO-WEBEX

Present: (i) Sh George Subh the appellant
(ii) None is present on behalf of the respondent

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 31.03.2020 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 26.08.2020 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 24.11.2020 in the Commission.
3. Sh. George Subh stated that no response whatsoever has been received from the respondents till date. No one has put in appearance on behalf of the respondents nor has any communication been received from them. In the interest of justice, Respondent PIO is afforded one more opportunity to provide the appellant point-wise complete specific information, duly attested, free of cost, by registered post, in accordance with his RTI application and present a photocopy of the relevant postal receipt along with a copy of the information provided, before the Commission on the next date fixed, for its perusal and records. Respondents to note that in case no one comes present on their behalf on the next date fixed, punitive provisions of the RTI Act, 2005 may be invoked against the erring officer(s).

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AC No.2308 of 2020

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Sh Gursewak Singh, Assistant Professor,
ECE, R/o MCB Z-2 06852, Street No. 11/3,
Power House Road, Bathinda - 151001

.....Appellant

..Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o Registrar Punjabi University
Patiala
First Appellate Authority,
O/o Registrar Punjabi University
Patiala

.....Respondent

AC No.2399 of 2020
Through CISCO-WEBEX

Present: (i) None is present on behalf of the appellant
(ii) For the respondent : Sh. Vikrant Sharma, Counsel (981405515)

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 31.12.2019 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 20.06.2020 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 01.09.2020 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 24.11.2020 in the Commission.
3. The appellant is absent today.
4. Sh. Vikrant Sharma is appearing on behalf of the respondent and states that the reply has already been sent to the appellant.
5. Since, the appellant is absent today and this is the first date of hearing, hence one more opportunity is given to him to appear before the Commission and state his case.
6. To come up on **15.02.2021 at 11.00 AM** through CISCO WEBEX. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Sh Kamaljit Singh Anand, (M-9815033415)

S/o Sh Jaipal Singh,
Chamber No. 5014, 5th Floor,
District courts, Ludhiana

-----Appellant

Vs.

Public Information Officer,
O/o Registrar, Society Registration Act,
17 Bays Building, Room no.325, 3rd Floor, Sector 17B, Chd
First Appellate Authority,
O/o Registrar, Society Registration Act,
17 Bays Building, Room no.325, 3rd Floor, Sector 17B, Chd

-----Respondent

Appeal Case No. 1628 of 2020

Through CISCO webex

Present: None for the parties.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 08.09.2020 vide which the appellant was directed to visit the office of the respondent on 16.09.2020 at 11.00 AM.

2. Today neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. A letter has been received from the respondent vide Commission diary no. 15208 dated 29.10.2020.

3. Since, none for the parties are present and this is the first date of hearing, therefore, one more opportunity is given to both the parties to appear before the Commission and state their case.

4. To come up on **15.02.2021 at 11.00 AM** through CISCO WEBEX. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Sh Sarvjeet Singh, (M: 9416160422)

S/o Sardar Jagir Singh, Jagdish Nagar Colony, Hansi,
Distt Hissar, Haryana

.....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o SMO, Patti, Distt Tarn Taran

First Appellate Authority,
Civil Surgeon, Tarn Taran

.....Respondent

AC.No. 4152 of 2019

ORDER

The judgment in this case was reserved on 28.10.2020.

2. The brief of the appeal is that the Appellant Sh. Sarvjeet Singh filed his RTI application on 27.04.2019 to the Respondent. Later on, he filed first appeal under Section 19(1) of the RTI Act 2005 on 18.06.2019 before the First Appellate Authority (FAA). His second appeal with the Commission is dated 06.11.2019 and the first appeal was fixed for hearing on 20.01.2020.

3. I have gone through the case file and observed that the appellant has not received information so far after lapse of more than nine months. During the hearing dated 28.10.2020, the respondent Sh. Sudarshan was directed to provide complete information to the appellant. But the appellant Sh. Sarvjit Singh informed on phone that the respondent has not sent him any information so far. He further states that he has received compensation amount i.e. Rs. 5000/-.

4. Irresponsible attitude of the respondent has proved that the respondent- PIO has not performed his duty as mandated by the RTI regime. Such kind of behavior of a Government servant needs to be condemned and such employees need to be taught a good lesson so that rest of the employees have a right kind of message to wake up and perform their duties under the RTI Act for ensuring complete transparency and due accountability in the governance affairs of the public authorities.

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AC.No. 4152 of 2019

He may take note that Act was enacted to promote transparency and accountability in the working of every public authority in order to strengthen the core constitutional values of a democratic republic. It is clear that the Parliament enacted the said Act keeping in mind the rights of an informed citizenry in which transparency of information is vital in curbing corruption and making the Government and its instrumentalities accountable. The Act is meant to harmonise the conflicting interests of Government to preserve the confidentiality of sensitive information with the right of citizens to know the functioning of the governmental process in such a way as to preserve the paramountcy of the democratic ideal. The preamble would obviously show that the Act is based on the concept of an open society.

5. However, considering the prevailing situations arising due to Covid-19, one last opportunity is given to the respondent-PIO to provide complete information to the appellant. Reply of the show cause notice sent by Dr Birinder Kaur is, hereby, dropped.

6. To come up on **08.12.2020 at 11.00 AM** through CISCO WEBEX for further proceedings. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Chandigarh
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