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FINAL ORDER

Tejinder Singh (Advocate), Civil Court, Tehsil Complex, Backside Sanjh Kender, Phillaur-144410

Versus

Public Information officer, o/o Superintendent, House Tax, Zone-B, Municipal Corporation, District Ludhiana. First Appellate Authority-cumo/o Municipal Corporation, District Ludhiana.

Appeal Case No. 2371 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

(Appellant) Absent Rajiv Bhardwaj, PIO-cum-Superintendent from Zone B (Respondent) 96460-08499

ORDER:

- 1. The RTI application is dated **21.20.2020** vide which the appellant has sought information regarding complaint dated **22.10.2020** with respect to shamlat land etc., as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **28.12.2020** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **18.5.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **24.11.2021**.
- 2. The appellant is absent without intimation. The respondent PIO-cum-Superintendent from Zone B, Rajiv Bhardwaj, submitted that a reply vide Letter No. 206/Superintendent/RTI/Z-B/D Dated 12.11.2021, was sent to the appellant along with a pointwise reply to the RTI application and information by way of the action taken on the complaint cited in the RTI application. A copy of the said letter has also been submitted to this Commission.
- 3. The respondent PIO is herewith directed to provide attested copies of the Property Tax Notices issued in connection with complaint cited in the RTI application to the appellant with. It is also notable here that the respondent PIO had first sent a reply to the appellant vide Letter No. 127/Superintendent/RTI/Z-B/D Dated 21.12.2020, which was well within the stipulated period of 30 days.
- 4. In view of the above, this Commission sees no further cause for action and this Appeal Case is herewith **CLOSED**.

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Chandigarh
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FINAL ORDER

Balwinder Singh Ladi, S/o Sh. Sukhchain Singh, # 418, Street No.5, Nanaksar, Tehdi Road, Simlapuri, District Ludhiana-141003

Versus

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

Appeal Case No. 2141 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

Gurmej Lal (for the Appellant) Kashish Garg, APIO-cum-Building Inspector from Zone C (for the Respondent) 96533-57060

ORDER:

- 1. The RTI application is dated **21.1.2021** vide which the appellant has sought information regarding a complaint to the ATP, Zone-C Dated 3.1.2021, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **27.2.2021** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **4.5.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **24.11.2021**.
- 2. Both parties are present. The respondent PIO, represented by Kashish Garg, APIO-cum-Building Inspector from Zone-C, states that a reply along with the requested information was sent to the appellant vide Letter No. 427/DRG-C/D/PIO Dated 1.2.2021. The appellant also confirms that he has received the information.
- 3. The Commission notes with distress that despite having received the information within the stipulated period of 30 days, the appellant went on to a file First Appeal as well as this Second Appeal to the Commission. This is contrary to the spirit of RTI Act 2005. The appellant is advised to be cautioned in future.
- 4. There is no further cause for action and this Appeal Case is herewith **CLOSED**.

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FINAL ORDER

Balwinder Singh Ladi, S/o Sh. Sukhchain Singh, # 418, Street No.5, Nanaksar, Tehdi Road, Simlapuri, District Ludhiana-141003

Versus

Public Information officer, o/o Chairman, Improvement Trust, Ludhiana. First Appellate Authority-cumo/o Chairman, Improvement Trust, Ludhiana.

Appeal Case No. 2349 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:
Gurmej Lal (for the Appellant)
Yadwinder Singh, Accountant (for the Respondent) 79730-54756

ORDER:

- 1. The RTI application is dated **18.2.2021** vide which the appellant has sought information regarding appointment of Satish Malhotra ATP, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **22.3.2021** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **17.5.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **24.11.2021**.
- 2. Both parties are present. The appellant is represented by Gurmej Lal. The respondent PIO, represented by Yadwinder Singh, Accountant, has submitted a reply to this Commissions Notice of Hearing vide No. 6050 dated 15.11.2021, wherein, in addition to giving the facts about Sh. Satish Malhotra's appointment, he has also sought exemption from disclosing the information at point 2 of this RTI application citing Civil Appeal No. 10044 of 2010 wherein the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India defined 'Personal Information'.
- 3. The Commission concurs with respondent PIO's decision and this Appeal Case is herewith **CLOSED**.

Sd/-(ASIT JOLLY) State Information Commissioner, Punjab. Chandigarh 24.11.2021

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FINAL ORDER

Baljeet Singh, S/o Sh. Bachan Singh, # 64-H, B.R.S. Nagar, District Ludhiana-141012

Versus

Public Information officer, o/o Improvement Trust, Ludhiana. First Appellate Authority-cumo/o Improvement Trust, Ludhiana.

Appeal Case No. 2251 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT: (Appellant) Absent Yadwinder Singh, Accountant (for the Respondent) 79730-54756

ORDER:

- 1. The RTI application is dated 17.2.2021 vide which the appellant has sought information regarding Aviation Club / Lodhi Club, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on 23.3.2021 and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on 11.5.2021 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on 24.11.2021.
- 2. The appellant is absent without intimation. The respondent PIO, represented by Yadwinder Singh, Accountant, states that the information has already been provided to the appellant vide Letter No. 6019 Dated 12.11.2021. He also submitted a copy of receipt signed by the appellant. Meanwhile, the appellant has also emailed the Commission to state that he has received the requested information.
- 3. There is no further cause for action and this Appeal Case is herewith **CLOSED**.

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FINAL ORDER

Saurab Sharma, S/o Sh. Subhash Sharma, # 6163, B-23, Street No. 4, Hargobind Nagar, Near Hanuman Mandir, Ludhiana-141008

Versus

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

Appeal Case No. 2033 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

Saurab Sharma (Appellant) 98721-64341 Rajiv Bhardwaj, PIO-cum-Superintendent from Zone B (Respondent) 96460-08499

ORDER:

- 1. The RTI application is dated **4.1.2021** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding complaint no. 3193/PS/R Dated 1.12.2020**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **16.2.2021** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **26.4.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **24.11.2021**.
- 2. Both parties are present. The respondent PIO-cum-Superintendent from Zone B, Rajiv Bhardwaj, has submitted a reply to this Commission's Notice of hearing vide Letter No. 185/Superintendent/RTI/2-C/D Dated 16.9.2021, wherein he has informed the Commission that the reply to the RTI application was sent to the appellant vide Letter No. 139/Superintended/RTI/2-B/D Dated 23.3.2021, wherein information pertaining to point no.1 and 2 of the RTI application was provided to the appellant and exemption from disclosure was claimed for point no. 3 citing Civil Appeal No. 10044 of 2010 wherein the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India has defined 'Personal Information'. Another reply was sent to the appellant following his appeal to this Commission vide Letter No. 142 Dated 29.4.2021.
- 3. The respondent PIO's decision is herewith upheld. There is no further cause for action and this Appeal Case is herewith **CLOSED**.

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FINAL ORDER

Bitu.

S/o Sh. Om Kumar, Village Bholapur Jhabewal, Post Office Ramgarh, District Ludhiana-141123

Versus

Public Information officer,

o/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, District Ludhiana.

Complaint Case No. 563 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

(Complainant) Absent Gurpreet Kaur, Building Inspector from Zone-A (for the Respondent)

ORDER:

- 1. The complainant, **Bittu**, filed this RTI application dated **25.3.2021** and sought information regarding commercial show room being constructed near Arora Nursing Home, Than Singh Chowk, Ludhiana, from the PIO o/o Commissioner, MC, Ludhiana. When no information was received, the Complainant filed a complaint under Section 18 of the RTI Act, 2005 to the Commission on **4.5.2021**. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **24.11.2021**.
- 2. The complainant is absent witout intimation. The respondent PIO, represented by Gurpreet Kaur, Building Inspector from Zone-A, has submitted a copy of the reply sent to the complainant vide Letter No. 777/ATP/A/RTI/D Dated 17.11.2021 with a pointwise reply to the RTI application. The Commission has examined said reply. The respondent PIO has also explained the delay in addresing the RTI application due to the fact that the complainant has incorrectly addressed his RTI application to Zone-B, whereas the complaint cited in the RTI application was related to Zone-A.
- 3. In view of the above there is no further cause for action and this Complaint Case is herewith **CLOSED**.

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FINAL ORDER

Bitu.

S/o Sh. Om Kumar, Village Bholapur Jhabewal, Post Office Ramgarh, District Ludhiana-141123

Versus

Public Information officer,

o/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, District Ludhiana.

Complaint Case No. 578 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

(Complainant) Absent Navrang Singh, Safety Fire Officer (for the Respondent) 98159-90678

ORDER:

- 1. The complainant, **Bittu**, filed this RTI application dated **3.4.2021** and sought information regarding Education Centers, Schools, Colleges, Universities, ILET Centers, Coaching Centers, Study Centers etc., from the PIO o/o Commissioner, MC, Ludhiana. When no information was received, the Complainant filed a complaint under Section 18 of the RTI Act, 2005 to the Commission on **11.5.2021**. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **24.11.2021**.
- 2. The complainant is absent witout intimation. The respondent PIO, represented by Navrang Singh, Saftey Fire Officer, has submitted copy of reply sent to the complainant vide Letter No. 452/FB/D Dated 11.10.2021 alongwith duly attested copies of the information. This RTI application was filed on 3.4.2021. The respondent PIO explained the delay in addressing the RTI application due to the fact that it was filed to the office of Municipal Corporation and was received by the PIO Fire Department only on 2.8.2021.
- 3. The Commission is of the view that the consequent delay in addressing the application can be condoned in view of the ongoing restrictions due to the ongoing pendamic.
- 4. There is no further cause for action and this Complaint Case is herewith CLOSED.

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FINAL ORDER

Bitu,

S/o Sh. Om Kumar, Village Bholapur Jhabewal, Post Office Ramgarh, District Ludhiana-141123

Versus

Public Information officer,

o/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, District Ludhiana.

Complaint Case No. 600 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

(Complainant) Absent Ravinder Singh Walia, Draftsman from Zone-B (for the Respondent) 98551-99191

ORDER:

- 1. The complainant, **Bittu**, filed this RTI application dated **3.4.2021** and sought information **regarding approval for construction of Fortis Hospital Chandigarh Road, Ludhiana.** from the PIO o/o **Commissioner, MC, Ludhiana**. When no information was received, the Complainant filed a complaint under Section 18 of the RTI Act, 2005 to the Commission on **11.5.2021**. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **24.11.2021**.
- 2. The complainant is absent witout intimation. The respondent PIO represented by Ravinder Singh Walia, Draftsman from Zone-B, made a submission regarding the delay in providing the information. This is a complaint case and the Commission is under no obligation to provide the information in this RTI application.
- 3. The Commission herewith directs the respondent PIO Zone-B to submit a written reply explaining the delay in addressing this RTI application. A copy of said reply must also be sent to the complainant.
- 4. There is no further cause for action and this Complaint Case is herewith **CLOSED**.

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FINAL ORDER

Bitu,

S/o Sh. Om Kumar, Village Bholapur Jhabewal, Post Office Ramgarh, District Ludhiana-141123

Versus

Public Information officer,

o/o Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Khanna, District Ludhiana.

Complaint Case No. 625 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

(Complainant) Absent Ajay Kumar, Clerk (for the Respondent) 70091-57708

ORDER:

- 1. The complainant, **Bittu**, filed this RTI application dated **16.4.2021** and sought information <u>regarding employees on deputation</u>, from the PIO o/o **EO**, **Nagar Council**, **Khanna**, **Ludhiana**. When no information was received, the Complainant filed a complaint under Section 18 of the RTI Act, 2005 to the Commission on **24.5.2021**. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **24.11.2021**.
- 2. The complainant is absent witout intimation. The respondent PIO, represented by Ajay Kumar, Clerk, states that a reply was sent to the complainant vide Letter No. 58-59 Dated 22.7.2021 informing that no employee of the Nagar Council Khanna has been sent on deputation. The respondent PIO explained the delay in this RTI application, which was filed on 16.4.2021, due to the ongoing Municipal Elections in Punjab. He atributes the delay due to the large pendency of applications following elections.
- 3. In view of the respondent PIO's explaination, as well as the fact that information has been provided, the Commission is of the view that this RTI application has been adequatly addressed.
- 4. There is no further cause for action and this Complaint Case is herewith **CLOSED**.

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FINAL ORDER

Bitu,

S/o Sh. Om Kumar, Village Bholapur Jhabewal, Post Office Ramgarh, District Ludhiana-141123

Versus

Public Information officer,

o/o Chairman, Market Committee, Khanna, District Ludhiana.

Complaint Case No. 776 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

(Complainant) Absent Fateh Singh, Accountant (for the Respondent) 98772-05007

ORDER:

- 1. The complainant, **Bittu**, filed this RTI application dated **16.4.2021** and sought information regarding employees on deputation, from the PIO o/o Chairman, Market Committee, Khanna, Ludhiana. When no information was received, the Complainant filed a complaint under Section 18 of the RTI Act, 2005 to the Commission on **17.6.2021**. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **24.11.2021**.
- 2. The respondent PIO represented by Fateh Singh, Accountant, stated that the requested information has already been supplied to the complainant. The complainant is absent without intimation but has emailed to the Commission informing that he has received the information supplied to him and is satisfied with it.
- 3. There is no further cause for action and this Complaint Case is herewith **CLOSED**.

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State Information Commissioner, Punjab.