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Akash Verma,

S/o Ashok Kumar Verma,

80, New Officers Colony,

Stadium Road,

District Patiala – 147 001

Versus

Public Information Officer,

o/o Senior Superintendent of Police,

District Patiala – 147 001

First Appellate Authority,

o/o Inspector General of Police,

Baradari Gardens,

District Patiala – 147 001

Appeal Case No. 3663 of 2020 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

Akash Verma (Appellant) 83604-01417

ASI Hakam Singh (for the Respondent) 94643-92733

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **3.7.2020** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding Complaint No. 179/GC-3/DGP/20 dated 14.4.2020, Complaint No. UID 1609813, 371MFR dated 18.9.2019, exemption orders from National Crime Records Bureau, CCTNS HQ Punjab etc.,** as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **31.8.2020** and second appeal was filed in the Commission on **25.11.2020** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **24.3.2021**.

2. Both parties are present through Video Conference Facility from Patiala. The respondent PIO, represented by ASI Hakam Singh, stated that a reply vide letter No.572 dated 19.3.2021, has been handed over to the appellant. The appellant however, says that he has still not received a point-wise reply of his RTI application which contains seven points and the information supplied to him is incomplete. On examining the case file, this Commission is of the view that the respondent PIO has unnecessarily delayed replying to this RTI application which is more than 6 months old. The respondent PIO is given 15 days time to submit a written, point-wise reply to all the 7 points of the RTI application along with the requested information duly attested in the format stipulated by this Commission. A copy of the same is to be submitted to this Commission. Failure to comply will invite penal action under the RTI Act.2005.

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3. 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

4. **Next hearing on 28.7.2021 at 11.00 am through Video Conference Facility in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Patiala.**

Sd/-

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Block-B, Mini Secretariat,

District Patiala – 147 001

First Appellate Authority,

o/o Inspector General of Police,

Baradari Gardens,

District Patiala – 147 001

Appeal Case No. 3695 of 2020 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

Akash Verma (Appellant) 83604-01417

ASI Hakam Singh (for the Respondent) 94643-92733

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **8.7.2020** vide which the appellant has sought information **about his emailed complaint regarding a false affidavit by Ex-DSP (R) GS Dhaliwal and ASI Kamaljit Sharma in FIR No. 75/2016 PS Sanour dated 28.12.2016 and the alleged inaction by the Police Department against the DSP and ASI etc.,** as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **11.9.2020** and second appeal was filed in the Commission on **26.11.2020** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **24.3.2021**.

2. Both parties are present through Video Conference Facility from Patiala. The respondent PIO, represented by ASI Hakam Singh, has handed over 14 pages by way of information to the appellant along with a reply vide letter No. 556 dated 19.3.2021. The appellant says that the information supplied to him not related to queries in his RTI application.

3. This Commission directs the respondent PIO to submit a point-wise reply to each point listed in this RTI application giving number of pages supplied pertaining to each point, along with the information. A copy of the above is to be submitted to this Commission as well as the appellant within the next 15 days. The appellant is meanwhile requested to list deficiencies/discrepancies in the information furnished/handed over to him today.

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Appeal Case No. 3695 of 2020 (Video Conference Proceedings)

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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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Jasbir Singh,
S/o Harbans Singh
Jalal Khera,
Post Office Sullar,
District Patiala.

Versus

Public Information Officer-cum-SHO

Police Station Pasiana

District Patiala

Public Information Officer,

o/o Senior Superintendent of Police,

Mini Secretariat, Block-B,

District Patiala.

First Appellate Authority,

o/o Senior Superintendent of Police,

Mini Secretariat, Block-B,

District Patiala.

Appeal Case No. 3776 of 2020 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

Jasbir Singh (Appellant) 98153-97246

ASI Hakam Singh (for the Respondent) 94643-92733

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **28.8.2020** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding application to the SSP dated 7.8.2020**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **30.9.2020** and second appeal was filed in the Commission on **2.12.2020** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **24.3.2021**.

2. Both parties are present through Video Conference from Patiala. The respondent PIO, represented by ASI Hakam Singh, has submitted a reply vide letter No. 217 dated 20.1.2021, wherein it is contended that the matter cited in the RTI application is still under investigation at Police Station Pasiana. The Commission notes that the subject matter cited in the RTI application of 28.8.2020 pertains to simple complaint made to SSP Patiala on 7.8.2020. It is surprising that the investigation of a rather simple complaint remains pending after so many months.

3. The SHO, Police Station Pasiana is, herewith, impleaded as the PIO in this appeal case and directed to submit a status report on the complaint/application cited in this RTI application.

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Appeal Case No. 3776 of 2020 (Video Conference Proceedings)

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Signature of the PIO

Name of the PIO

Name of the Public Authority

Date

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Baldev Singh,
S/o Kabal Singh,
Village Majra Manna Singh Wala,
Tehsil Amloh,
District Fatehgarh Sahib-147203

Versus

Public Information Officer,
o/o Senior Superintendent of Police,
District Patiala.

First Appellate Authority,
o/o Senior Superintendent of Police,
District Patiala.

Appeal Case No. 774 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

Baldev Singh (Appellant) 94171-23019

ASI Hakam Singh (for the Respondent) 94643-92733

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **9.11.2020** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding ASI Kamaljit Singh posted with Maharani Parneet Kaur**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **15.12.2020** and second appeal was filed in the Commission on **3.2.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **24.3.2021**.

2. Both parties are present through Video Conference from Patiala. The respondent PIO, represented by ASI Hakam Singh, has sent a reply vide letter No. 598 dated 19.3.2021, wherein the appellant was informed that he has not provided any specific details regarding the police official cited in the RTI application. During this hearing, the appellant Baldev Singh, was asked whether he could provide further details about the said ASI Kamaljit Singh, cited in his RTI application, by way of his Belt Number etc. The appellant offered to provide further details to the respondent PIO.

3. The respondent PIO is directed to submit a written reply within the provisions of the RTI Act, after the appellant provides details like ASI Kamaljit Singh's Belt Number etc.

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Appeal Case No. 774 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

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

5. **Next hearing on 28.7.2021 at 11.00 am through Video Conference Facility in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Patiala.**

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Taranjit Sharma,

S/o Late Raj Krishan,

111, Punjab Bhakra Canal Colony,

District Patiala – 147 001

Versus

Public Information Officer,

o/o Executive Engineer,

Devigarh Mandal (I.B.), Jail Road,

District Patiala.

First Appellate Authority,

o/o Superintendent Engineer,

Bhakra Main Line Circle,

District Patiala.

Appeal Case No. 3639 of 2020 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

Taranjit Sharma (Appellant) 95920-65129

Pankaj Verma, J.E. (Respondent) 70098-27895

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **12.10.2019** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding Earth Work mistris who retired between 1.1.2010 and 31.12.2015**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **23.10.2020** and second appeal was filed in the Commission on **23.11.2020** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **24.3.2021**.

2. Both parties are present through Video Conference from Patiala. The respondent PIO, represented by Pankaj Verma, JE, has submitted a detailed reply to the RTI application. The appellant in a submission to this Commission, contended that he filed this RTI application to expose the “fact” that the Public Authority in question applied different rules regarding age of retirement to him and his other colleagues, namely: Sampooran Singh, Gurcharan Singh, and Surinder Singh. The respondent however stated that the post of Earth Work Mistri was categorized earlier as a Class IV post, it was subsequently elevated to Class III which is when the appellant retired.

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3. The respondent PIO is directed to submit a duly notarised affidavit stating the date from which the post of Earth Work Mistri was changed from Class IV to Class III. The respondent is also directed to state in this affidavit the post/designation of the above mentioned Sampooran Singh, Gurcharan Singh, and Surinder Singh, along with their respective ages and dates of retirement. The designation, employee category, age and date of retirement of the appellant Taranjit Sharma must also be mentioned in this affidavit. The original affidavit is to be delivered by hand/sent by registered post to the appellant and a copy of the same is to be sent to this Commission.

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

5. Next hearing on 28.7.2021 at 11.00 am through Video Conference Facility in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Patiala.

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Lashker Singh,
S/o Jagir Singh,
69, New SBS Colony,
Rajpura,
District Patiala – 140 40

Versus

Public Information Officer,
o/o Sub Divisional Magistrate,
Rajpura,
District Patiala.

First Appellate Authority,
o/o Sub Divisional Magistrate,
Rajpura,
District Patiala.

Appeal Case No. 3664 of 2020 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

Lashker Singh (Appellant) 93161-18248

Harvinder Kaur, PIO-cum-Superintendent (Respondent) 98143-95325

Kulbir Singh, Junior Assistant (for the Respondent)

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **11.9.2020** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding land acquired for M/s SIEL Chemicals Ltd. Rajpura in points 'a' to 'i (a,b,c,d)'**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **1.10.2020** and second appeal was filed in the Commission on **25.11.2020** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **24.3.2021**.

2. Both parties are present through Video Conference from Patiala. The respondent PIO-cum-Superintendent, Harvinder Kaur, accompanied by Kulbir Singh, Junior Assistant, stated that a reply was sent to the appellant vide letter No. 1531 dated 10.2.2021 along with 55 pages by way of information. The appellant however, contended that the information supplied to him is deficient. The appellant is requested to list deficiencies in writing to the respondent PIO under intimation to this Commission.

3. The respondents in this appeal case have stated that the information requested in this RTI application pertains to the office of Land Acquisition Collector, Industries Department Punjab and that the said application was transferred to that office.

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Appeal Case No. 3664 of 2020 (Video Conference Proceedings)

4. This Commission directs the respondent PIO to submit a copy of her reply vide No. 1531 of 10.2.2021 along with duly attested copies of the 55 pages. The respondent PIO is also directed to make a set of copies of all the correspondence since the filing of this RTI application. The correspondence must be arranged date-wise and sent to this Commission along with a covering letter and index within the next 10 days. The appellant has requested an early hearing in this case. It was however, explained to him that due to ongoing pandemic, this bench holding all hearings virtually, through Video Conference. Consequent to the frequent unavailability of video conferencing facilities in the districts, the roster is near full, and early hearing are restricted to appeals involving 'life and liberty' concerns.

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 28.7.2021 at 11.00 am through Video Conference Facility in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Patiala.**

Sd/-

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Mahinder Kumar Arora,

S/o Baldev Raj,

12, Street No. 3, Guru Nanak Nagar,

Tripuri Town,

Patiala – 140 401

Versus

Public Information Officer,

o/o Municipal Corporation,

Patiala.

First Appellate Authority,

o/o Commissioner,

Municipal Corporation,

Patiala.

Appeal Case No. 3924 of 2020 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

(Appellant) Absent

Sukhmanmeet, Building Inspector (for the Respondent) 85590-00151

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **24.4.2020** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding the site plan No. 1070 dated 26.10.2018 and action taken on applications dated 22.2.29, 31.10.19 and 27.12.19 etc.,** as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **30.10.2020** and second appeal was filed in the Commission on **8.12.2020** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **24.3.2021**.

2. The appellant is absent without intimation. The respondent PIO, represented by Sukhmanmeet, Building Inspector, is present through Video Conference from Patiala, stated that a reply along with the requested information was sent to the appellant vide letter No. 848/BLD dated 23.3.2021.

3. The respondent PIO is directed to submit a hard copy of the reply sent to the appellant, to this Commission at the earliest. The Commission also notes that this RTI application has been pending since 24.4.2020 which is almost one year. The respondent PIO is directed to explain in writing why the reply/information was so delayed. The respondent's failure to comply this direction will invite penalties as per the RTI Act 2005.

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Appeal Case No. 3924 of 2020 (Video Conference Proceedings)

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

5. **Next hearing on 28.7.2021 at 11.00 am through Video Conference Facility in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Patiala.**

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Bhupinder Singh (Secretary District Congress),

S/o Gurjail Singh,

VPO Bahmna,

Tehsil Samana, District Patiala.

Versus

Public Information Officer,

o/o Sub Divisional Magistrate,

Samana,

District Patiala.

First Appellate Authority,

o/o Deputy Commissioner,

District Patiala.

Appeal Case No. 3931 of 2020 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

Bhupinder Singh (Appellant) 99151-02773

Hakam Singh, Senior Assistant (for the Respondent) 98769-48485

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **10.7.2020** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding his complaint regarding Integral No. 4245**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **17.8.2020** and second appeal was filed in the Commission on **8.12.2020** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **24.3.2021**.
2. Both parties are present through Video Conference from Patiala. The respondent PIO, represented by Hakam Singh, Senior Assistant, from Tehsil Office Sunam, submitted that a reply vide Letter No. 35/Complaints dated 19.3.2021 was sent to the appellant along with a report based on the complaint cited in this RTI application. The appellant is however, not satisfied with the information given to him.
3. This Commission directs the respondent PIO to submit duly attested copies of the said report to this Commission at the earliest. The respondent PIO is also to submit a duly notarised affidavit by way of a reply to this RTI application, clearly stating that all the documents/record pertaining to the RTI application have been supplied to the appellant and that nothing has been held back. The original affidavit to be handed over to the appellant with a copy to this Commission. This must be done within the next 15 days.

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Appeal Case No. 3931 of 2020 (Video Conference Proceedings)

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

5. **Next hearing on 28.7.2021 at 11.00 am through Video Conference Facility in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Patiala.**

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VPO Bahmna,

Tehsil Samana, District Patiala.

Versus

Public Information Officer,

o/o Tehsildar, Samana,

District Patiala.

First Appellate Authority,

o/o Sub Divisional Magistrate,

Samana,

District Patiala.

Appeal Case No. 3932 of 2020 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

Bhupinder Singh (Appellant) 99151-02773

Hakam Singh, Senior Assistant (for the Respondent) 98769-48485

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **20.8.2020** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding action on letter No. 348/DA dated 11.2.2020 and a certified copy of a nishandehi**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **28.9.2020** and second appeal was filed in the Commission on **8.12.2020** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **24.3.2021**.

2. Both parties are present through Video Conference from Patiala. The respondent PIO, represented by Hakam Singh, Senior Assistant, from Tehsil Office Sunam, stated that a reply was sent to the appellant directing him to deposit the requisite fee and procure a copy of *Nishandehi*/Demarcation that he has requested. It is now by established case law that a citizen is free to choose any of the avenues available to him in procuring documents / information. In this instance, the appellant has lawfully sought a copy of the aforesaid *nishandehi* via the RTI Act.

3. This Commission directs the respondent PIO to procure a copy of the said document and supply it to the appellant after duly attesting as under. It must be noted that the appellant can not be charged any additional fees for supply of the requested information.

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Information supplied under the RTI Act, 2005

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Name of the PIO

Name of the Public Authority

Date

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Versus

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o/o Deputy Commissioner,

District Patiala.

First Appellate Authority,

o/o Commissioner,

Patiala Division,

District Patiala.

Appeal Case No. 3933 of 2020 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

Bhupinder Singh (Appellant) 99151-02773

Rajni Khattar, Senior Assistant (for the Respondent) 98555-59107

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **10.9.2020** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding application No. 715618/P dated 4.2.2020, copy of the enquiry report and a certified copy of a fard issued on 30.11.19 along with a copy of Mutation No. 7220,** as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **12.10.2020** and second appeal was filed in the Commission on **8.12.2020** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **24.3.2021**.

2. Both parties are present through Video Conference from Patiala. The respondent PIO, represented by Rajni Khattar, Senior Assistant, HRA Branch, stated that a reply was sent to the appellant vide letter No. 308 dated 9.2.2021 with a copy of the report from the enquiry conducted by the SDM. The appellant, who had not received the said reply, was given a copy at this hearing.

3. This Commission directs the respondent PIO to submit copies of all reply/information sent to the appellant, to this Commission. The respondent is also directed to submit a point-wise reply to this RTI application along with copies of the requested information which must be duly attested as under. This must be sent within the next 5 days. Failure to comply, will invite penalty as per RTI Act 2005.

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REGISTERED **SHOW CAUSE NOTICE**

Vijay Kumar Jain,
S/o Telu Ram Jain,
67, Street No. 2,
Modi Mill Colony, Nabha,
District Patiala.

Versus

Public Information Officer,
o/o Executive Officer,
Nagar Council, Nabha,
District Patiala.

First Appellate Authority,
o/o Deputy Director Local Government, Punjab,
Patiala.

Appeal Case No. 3640 of 2020 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

Vijay Kumar Jain (Appellant) 98252-83906
(Respondent) Absent

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **19.2.2020** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding the information given to his father Telu Ram Jain in response to two RTI applications, on 20.8.2018,** 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 **23.11.2020** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **24.3.2021**.

2. The respondent PIO is absent without intimation. This RTI application was submitted on 19.2.2020 which is more than one year ago. Since then the respondent PIO has neither provided the requested information to the appellant nor has he/she bothered to send any reply. In view of this the Commission deems it fit to serve the respondent PIO with a show cause notice.

3. The respondent PIO is herewith ordered to **SHOW CAUSE** as to why a penalty should not be imposed upon him under Section 20 (1) of RTI Act, 2005, for causing willful delay/denial of the information requested by the appellant as far back as on **19.2.2020**.

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“In addition to the written reply, the respondent PIO is also given an opportunity under Section 20 (1) provision there to, 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*.”

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

5. **Next hearing on 28.7.2021 at 11.00 am through Video Conference Facility in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Patiala.**

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

Chandigarh
24.3.2021

Cc: Deputy Director,
Local Government of Punjab,
District Patiala, for information and further necessary action.

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REGISTERED SHOW CAUSE NOTICE

Harinder Pal Singh,

S/o Dalbir Singh,

278 (Near Old Talab) Hira Mahal Colony,

Nabha,

District Patiala – 147 201

Versus

Public Information Officer,

o/o Executive Officer,

Municipal Council, Nabha,

District Patiala.

Complaint Case No. 884 of 2020 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

(Complainant) Absent

(Respondent) Absent

ORDER:

1. The complainant, **Harinder Pal Singh**, filed this RTI application dated **28.9.2020** and sought information **regarding official vehicles; drivers; officials allocated the vehicles etc. in the Municipal Council, Nabha,** from the PIO o/o **E.O., Nagar Council, Nabha, Patiala**. When no information was received, the Complainant filed a complaint under Section 18 of the RTI Act, 2005 to the Commission on **25.11.2020**. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **24.3.2021**.

2. The respondent PIO is absent without intimation. Neither has he / she deemed it fit to reply to the RTI application or this Commission's Notice for Hearing. The Commission takes a very serious view of such conduct.

3. The respondent PIO is herewith ordered to **SHOW CAUSE** as to why a penalty should not be imposed upon him under Section 20 (1) of RTI Act, 2005, for causing willful delay/denial of the information requested by the appellant as far back as on **28.9.2020**.

“In addition to the written reply, the respondent PIO is also given an opportunity under Section 20 (1) provision there to, 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*.”

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Complaint Case No. 884 of 2020 (Video Conference Proceedings)

4. The appellant has also sought adjournment owing to his inability to attend this hearing due to accident. This case will now be heard on 28.7.2021.

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 28.7.2021 at 11.00 am through Video Conference Facility in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Patiala.**

Sd/-

(ASIT JOLLY)

State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

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278 (Near Old Talab), Hira Mahal Colony,

Nabha,

District Patiala – 147 201

Versus

Public Information Officer,

o/o Additional Deputy Commissioner

District Patiala.

Complaint Case No. 929 of 2020 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

(Complainant) Absent

(Respondent) Absent

ORDER:

1. The complainant, **Harinder Pal Singh**, filed this RTI application dated **6.10.2020** and sought information regarding the Punjab Regulation of Fees of un-aided educational institutions Act-2016 and the Punjab Regulation of fees of un-aided educational institution (amendment) Act-2019, from the PIO o/o **Additional D.C., Patiala**. When no information was received, the Complainant filed a complaint under Section 18 of the RTI Act, 2005 to the Commission on **8.12.2020**. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **24.3.2021**.

2. The respondent PIO is absent without intimation and neither has he / she bothered to reply to the RTI application or this Commission's Notice of Hearing. The Commission takes a very serious view of such conduct.

3. The respondent PIO is herewith ordered to **SHOW CAUSE** as to why a penalty should not be imposed upon him under Section 20 (1) of RTI Act, 2005, for causing willful delay/denial of the information requested by the appellant as far back as on **6.10.2020**.

“In addition to the written reply, the respondent PIO is also given an opportunity under Section 20 (1) provision there to, 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*.”

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Complaint Case No. 929 of 2020 (Video Conference Proceedings)

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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 28.7.2021 at 11.00 am through Video Conference Facility in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Patiala.**

Sd/-

(ASIT JOLLY)

State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

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Cc: Deputy Commissioner,
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