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Sh Mandeep Singh, Bahi Maha Singh Nagar, Street No-7, Daba Lohara Road, Ludhiana.

... Appellant

Information Officer,

O/o Punjab Pollution Control Board, E-648, Phase-5, Focal Point, Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Punjab Pollution Control Board, E-648, Phase-5, Focal Point, Ludhiana.

...Respondent

#### Appeal Case No. 746 of 2019

Versus

PRESENT: Sh.Mandeep Singh as the Appellant

Sh. Ashok Kumar Garg, Xen, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Ludhiana for

the Respondent

#### ORDER:

The appellant through RTI application dated 21.02.2018 has sought information regarding action taken report on the letter No.2665 dated 17.04.2018 and other information concerning the office of Punjab Pollution Control Board, Ludhiana. The appellant was not provided the information after which the appellant filed a first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 31.05.2018, which took no decision on the appeal.

The respondent present pleaded that the information has been provided to the appellant. The appellant has received the information and is satisfied.

Since the information has been provided, no further course of action is required. The case is disposed off and closed.

Sd/-

Chandigarh
Dated 25.06.2019

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Sh Jasbir Singh, Village Bolapur, Jhabewal, P.O Ramgarh, Distt Ludhiana.

... Appellant

**Public Information Officer,** 

O/o Civil Surgeon, Fazilka.

First Appellate Authority,

Civil Surgeon, Fazilka.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 790 of 2019

Versus

PRESENT: Sh.Jasbir Singh as the Appellant

None for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant through RTI application dated 19.11.2018 has sought information regarding food processing units in District Fazilka and licenses issued to them and other information concerning the office of Civil Surgeon, Fazilka. The appellant was not provided the information after which the appellant filed first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 29.12.2018 which took no decision on the appeal.

The appellant claims that the PIO has not provided the information even after a period of seven months. The respondent is absent and vide email has sought adjournment.

The case is adjourned. The PIO is directed to provide the information to the appellant within 15 days and be present on the next date of hearing alongwith the explanation for not attending to the RTI application within the time prescribed under the RTI Act.

The Commission also directs the First Appellate Authority to appear on the next date of hearing and explain the reasons for not taking decision on the appeal of the appellant under section 19(6) of the RTI Act.

To come up for further hearing on 16.10.2019 at 11.00 AM.

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Sh Jasbir Singh, Village Bolapur, Jhabewal, P.O Ramgarh, Distt Ludhiana.

Versus

... Appellant

Public Information Officer, O/o Civil Surgeon, Moga.

**First Appellate Authority,** Civil Surgeon, Moga.

...Respondent

#### Appeal Case No. 791 of 2019

PRESENT: Sh.Jasbir Singh as the Appellant

None for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant through RTI application dated 19.11.2018 has sought information regarding food processing units in District Moga and licenses issued to them and other information concerning the office of Civil Surgeon, Moga. The appellant was not provided the information after which the appellant filed first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 29.12.2018 which took no decision on the appeal.

The appellant claims that the PIO has not provided the information even after a period of seven months. The respondent is absent and vide email has sought adjournment.

The case is adjourned. The PIO is directed to provide the information to the appellant within 15 days and be present on the next date of hearing alongwith the explanation for not attending to the RTI application within the time prescribed under the RTI Act.

The Commission also directs the First Appellate Authority to appear on the next date of hearing and explain the reasons for not taking decision on the appeal of the appellant under section 19(6) of the RTI Act.

To come up for further hearing on 16.10.2019 at 11.00 AM.

Sd/-

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Sh Jasbir Singh, Village Bolapur, Jhabewal, P.O Ramgarh, Distt Ludhiana.

... Appellant

**Public Information Officer,** 

O/o Civil Surgeon, Sangrur.

First Appellate Authority,

Civil Surgeon, Sangrur.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 792 of 2019

Versus

PRESENT: Sh.Jasbir Singh as the Appellant

None for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant through RTI application dated 19.11.2018 has sought information regarding food processing units in District Sangrur and licenses issued to them and other information concerning the office of Civil Surgeon, Sangrur. The appellant was not provided the information after which the appellant filed first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 29.12.2018 which took no decision on the appeal.

The respondent is absent. The Commission has received an email from the PIO stating that the information has been provided to the appellant vide letter dated 14.06.2019 and a copy of the same is submitted to the Commission.

The appellant has received the information and is satisfied.

Since the information has been provided, no further course of action is required. The case is disposed off and closed.

Sd/-

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Sh Kawalpal Singh, S/o Sh Babu Ram, H NO-683, Urban State, Phase-1, Tehsil & Distt Patiala.

Versus

... Appellant

**Public Information Officer,** O/o DPI (E.E), Mohali.

First Appellate Authority, O/o Secretary, Education, Punjab, Chandigarh.

...Respondent

#### Appeal Case No. 853 of 2019

PRESENT: Sh.Kawalpal Singh as the Appellant

Mrs. Jagjit Kaur, Sr. Assistnt O/o DPI(EE) Mohali for the Respondent

#### ORDER:

The appellant through RTI application dated 05.07.2017 has sought information regarding procedure for getting transfer by an Head Teacher and other information concerning the office of DPI(EE) Mohali. The appellant was not provided the information after which the appellant filed a first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 12.10.2018, which took no decision on the appeal.

The appellant claims that the PIO has not provided the information. The respondent present has brought nothing.

I have seen the record and observe that the RTI application was filed by the appellant on 05.07.2017 but the first appeal was filed on 12.10.2018 which is time barred. However, in the interest of justice, the appeal is accepted and the PIO is directed to look at the RTI application and provide the information to the appellant within one week.

The case is adjourned. To come up for further hearing on 24.07.2019 at 11.00 AM.

Sd/-

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Sh Jasbir Singh, Village Bolapur, Jhabewal, P.O Ramgarh, Distt Ludhiana.

... Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer,** O/o Punjab Pollution Control Board, Patiala.

**First Appellate Authority,**O/o Punjab Pollution Control Board,
Patiala.

...Respondent

#### Appeal Case No. 857 of 2019

PRESENT: Sh.Jasbir Singh as the Appellant

Sh. Jangir Singh, JE Pollution Control Board Ludhiana for the Respondent

#### ORDER:

The appellant through RTI application dated 10.12.2018 has sought information regarding the fulfillment of guidelines of Pollution Control Board by M/s Simran Honda Agency, Chandigarh Road, near Petrol Pump, Vir Palace, Jamalpur and other information concerning the office of Punjab Pollution Control Board, Patiala. The appellant was not provided the information after which the appellant filed a first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 10.01.2019, which took no decision on the appeal.

The appellant claims that the PIO has not provided the information. The respondent present pleaded that the information has been provided to the appellant vide letter dated 10.05.2019 and a copy of the same is submitted to the Commission. The respondent further informed that the appellant had filed RTI application to the office of Pollution Control Board, Patiala, which forwarded it to them on 02.04.2019 and the information was sent to the appellant on 10.05.2019.

I have seen the reply of the PIO and observe that the respondent in his reply has mentioned that no NOC was issued to M/s Simran Honda Agency. The respondent has also mentioned that M/s Simran Honda Agency has not applied for NOC.

The Commission further observes the following-

- -The PIO, Pollution Board Patiala took enormous time in transferring application to the PIO Pollution Board Ludhiana.
- -The Fist appellate Pollution board, Patiala did not intimate the appellant of transferring his appeal to Ludhiana, which the appellant filed after not receiving the sought information within the prescribed 30 days.
  - -The Fist appellant, Pollution Board Ludhiana took no decision on the appeal.

#### Appeal Case No. 857 of 2019

The Commission has taken a serious view of this gross negligence and directs the Patiala and Ludhiana PIOs, as well as first appellant authorities of both the places to file an explanation for the delay and gross negligence in tending to the RTI Application.

The PIO, Punjab Pollution Control, Ludhiana is also directed to inform the commission that whether a NOC is mandatory to run a car dealership, and if yes what steps have been taken to implement the rule since the said dealership is deemed to be running without a NOC till now.

To come up for further hearing on 31.07.2019 at 11.00 AM.

Sd/-

Chandigarh Dated 25.06.2019

(Khushwant Singh)
State Information Commissioner

CC to PIO-Punjab Pollution Control Board, Ludhiana

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Sh Jasbir Singh, Village Bolapur, Jhabewal, P.O Ramgarh, Distt Ludhiana.

... Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer,** 

O/o Licensing & Registration Authority, -Cum- SDM, Abohar, Distt Fazilka.

First Appellate Authority, O/o SDM, Abohar, Distt Fazilka

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 986 of 2019

PRESENT: Sh.Jasbir Singh as the Appellant

Sh.Supreet Singh, Clerk O/o SDM Abohar for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant through RTI application dated 19.12.2018 has sought information regarding action taken on the implementation of Section 4(a, b, c & d) of the RTI Act and other information concerning the office of Licensing & Registration Authority, -Cum- SDM, Abohar, Distt Fazilka.. The appellant was not provided the information after which the appellant filed a first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 21.01.2019, which took no decision on the appeal.

The appellant claims that the PIO has not provided the information. The respondent present pleaded that since the sought information is not clear, the appellant was asked vide letter dated 03.01.2019 and again on 26.02.2019 to clarify the information as well as the period of information but the appellant has not clarified the same.

I have gone through the RTI application and observe that the appellant has tried to seek information on the steps taken towards implementation of Section 4 of the RTI Act, 2005. It maybe stated that section 4 and its subsections pertain to the obligations of the Public Authorities, whereby, the public authorities create a system to maintain records, as well disseminate them suo-motto in easily accessible form, preferably electronic and the Internet, so that the public have minimum resort to use this Act to obtain information.

The requirement of the public authority to widely publish the information about the rules, regulations and manual on the website is an issue in public interest, thus the head Transport Commissioner Punjab is made a party to this and directed to inform that what steps have been taken at the District level to implement this section. The reply be sent within 15 days.

The case is adjourned. To come up for further hearing on 07.08.2019 at 11.00 AM.

Chandigarh Dated 25.06.2019 Sd/(Khushwant Singh)
State Information Commissioner

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Sh Goldi Kumar, S/o Sh Jagdish Rai Grover, R/o Street NO-10-11, Choti Pauri, Abohar, Tehsil Fazilka.

... Appellant

Public Information Officer,

O/o EO, MC, Abohar.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Joint Deputy Director, Local Govt, Ferozepur.

...Respondent

**Appeal Case No. 1014 of 2019** 

Versus

PRESENT: None for the appellant

None for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant through RTI application dated 20.11.2018 has sought information regarding action taken report on the application dated 07.11.2017 as per RTI application and other information concerning the office of EO, MC Abohar. The appellant was not provided the information after which the appellant filed a first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 22.12.2018, which disposed off the appeal with the directions to the PIO to provide the information.

A representative appeared on behalf of the appellant did not know about the information and was without authority letter. The RTI application is also not legible. The appellant is directed to provide legible copy of the RTI application.

The respondent is also absent. The PIO is directed to look at the RTI application and provide the information to the appellant as per the RTI Act.

To come up for further hearing on 16.10.2019 at 11.00 AM.

Sd/-

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Sh Vinod Kumar, S/osh Parmanand, R/o village Khuiya Server, Tehsil Abohar, Distt Fazilka.

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o Employment Officer,

Hanumangarh Road, Tehsil Abohar, Distt Fazilka.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Employment Officer, V.G Division, Branch No-1, Ferozepur Cantt.

...Respondent

#### Appeal Case No. 1017 of 2019

**PRESENT:** None for the Appellant

Sh.Shinder Singh, Sr.Assistant O/o Employment Officer, Abohar for the

Respondent

#### ORDER:

The appellant through RTI application dated 11.10.2018 has sought information regarding rules, regulations and guidelines for providing unemployment allowance to the employed by the employment office and other information concerning the office of Employment Officer, Abohar. The appellant was not provided the information after which the appellant filed a first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 11.01.2019 which disposed off the appeal on 22.02.2019 stating that the information regarding points 3,5 & 6 has been provided by the Town Employment Office and the information regarding 1 & 2 is being sent with this letter and information regarding point 4 will be directly provided by Town Employment Officer, Abohar.

The respondent present pleaded that he has brought the information regarding point-3 and remaining information has been sent to the appellant vide letter dated 06.11.2018 and 06.03.2019 and a copy of the same is submitted to the Commission.

I have seen the information and find that the information has been provided to the best possible extent. A copy of the information regarding point-3 is being enclosed with the order for the appellant.

Since the information has been provided, no further course of action is required. The case is disposed off and closed.

Sd/-

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Sh Gagan Deep Singh, Village Tura, P.O Kumbh, Tehsil Amloh, Distt Fatehgarh Sahib.

... Appellant

er.

**Public Information Officer,** O/o SDO, PSPCL, Rahon, SBS Nagar.

First Appellate Authority, O/o Senior, XEN, PSPCL, SBS Nagar.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 1020 of 2019

PRESENT: Sh.Gagan Deep as the Appellant

Sh. Talwinder Singh, SDO Rahon for the Respondent

#### ORDER:

The appellant through RTI application dated 07.11.2018 has sought information regarding electric connection in the name of Sh.Karamjit Singh s/o Khajan Singh and other information concerning the office of Senior Xen, PSPCL SBS Nagar. The appellant was not satisfied with the information provided by the PIO vide letter dated 18.12.2018 after which the appellant filed a first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 16.01.2019, which disposed off the appeal on 13.02.2019.

Versus

The respondent present pleaded that the information has been provided to the appellant. The appellant has received the information and is satisfied.

Since the information has been provided, no further course of action is required. The case is disposed off and closed.

Sd/-

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Sh Balwinder Singh, S/o Sh Karm Singh, VPO Nurpur, Tehsil Raikot, Distt Ludhiana.

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o SDO, PSPCL, Sub Division Sudhar, Distt Ludhiana

First Appellate Authority, O/o Addl, SE, Operational Division, PSPCL, Dakha, Distt Ludhiana.

...Respondent

#### Appeal Case No. 1039 of 2019

PRESENT: Sh.Balwinder Singh as the Appellant

Sh.Jasbir Singh, SDO-cum-APIO, PSPCL Sudhar for the Respondent

#### ORDER:

The appellant through RTI application dated 17.10.2018 has sought information regarding copy of memo vide which Rs.1370/- was got deposited for information under RTI Act and other information concerning the office of SDO, PSPCL, Sub Division Sudhar. The appellant was not provided the information after which the appellant filed a first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 06.12.2018. Thereafter, the PIO sent reply to the appellant vide letter dated 28.12.2018 that the amount was got deposited on the office letter No.1883 dated 12.10.2018.

The respondent present pleaded that the information has been provided to the appellant. The respondent further informed that the fee of Rs.1370/- for 1370 pages was taken as cash and no separate memo was issued for the fee but it was mentioned on letter No.1883 dated 12.10.2018, and hence there is no other memo in their record. The appellant states that the PIO had asked to deposit the requisite fee verbally and no formal letter was issued.

It seems to be a case of an outside arrangement where the respondent has asked for a fee without complying the provisions of the RTI Act to raise fee and the appellant agreed to pay that fee since the fee raised by the respondent was Rs.1370/- for 1370 pages (actually as per the RTI Act, the fee to be charged is Rs.2/- per page).

Given the circumstances, the Commission is constrained to ask the appellant to give in writing on an affidavit that why he deposited a sum of Rs.1370/- raised by the respondent without formal letter. The PIO is also directed to explain why the amount was not raised appropriately as per the RTI act which has lead a loss of Rs.1370/- to the exchequer.

The case is adjourned. To come up for further hearing on 16.10.2019 at 11.00 AM.

Sd/-

Chandigarh Dated 25.06.2019

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... Appellant

Sh Simranjit Singh, S/o Sh Jagdish Singh, # 93/2, Adarsh Nagar, Jalandhar.

Versus

**Public Information Officer,** 

O/o JDA, Jalandhar.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o JDA,

Jalandhar ...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 1041 of 2019

PRESENT: None for the Appellant

Sh.Ashok Kumar, Suptd. for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant through RTI application dated 27.12.2018 has sought information regarding complete file of colony No.J1 & J2 dated 30.11.2016 and J3 dated 30.11.2016 and other information concerning the office of JDA Jalandhar. The appellant was not provided the information after which the appellant filed a first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 30.01.2019, which took no decision on the appeal.

The respondent present pleaded that since the information is 3<sup>rd</sup> party information and has no larger public interest, it cannot be provided and the reply has been sent to the appellant vide letter dated 27.02.2019. The respondent further informed that the matter relates the regularization of unauthorized colonies under the State Govt Regularization policy, and the cases of these 3<sup>rd</sup> parties are under process with the Department and that the information will be provided after a final decision is taken in the matter.

The PIO is directed to provide the information to the appellant within 15 days after the due process is over.

With the above order, the case is disposed off and closed.

Chandigarh Dated 25.06.2019