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Karamjeet Singh,
S/o Maghar Singh,
1169, Ward No. 12,
Khanna Nagar, Road Bye Pass,
Lehra Gaga,
District Sangrur – 148 031

Versus

Public Information Officer,
o/o Senior Executive Engineer,
Punjab State Power Corporation Limited (PSPCL),
Division Budhlada,
District Mansa.

First Appellate Authority,
o/o Chief Engineer Distribution (West Zone),
Punjab State Power Corporation Limited (PSPCL),
District Bathinda.

Appeal Case No. 1843 of 2020 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

Karamjeet Singh (Appellant) 94639-62995
Utam Bansal, APIO-cum-Senior XEN (for the Respondent) 96461-14513
Davinder Singh, SDO (for the Respondent) 96461-15577
Naveen Jindal, Upper Division Clerk (for the Respondent) 75895-35009

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **5.12.2019** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding JE Mohan Lal and a complaint against him etc.** as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **22.1.2020** and second appeal was filed in the Commission on **8.7.2020** 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 Sangrur. The respondent PIO is represented by Uttam Bansal, APIO-cum-Senior XEN and Davinder Singh, SDO. The respondents have stated that partial information was supplied to the appellant vide letter No. 1527/28 dated 2.3.2020. However, information pertaining to points 1,2,3,6,7 and 8 of the RTI application is not available in the official record, since it pertains to the year 1998 and currently not traceable. The appellant however, contested this and requested that he be allowed to inspect the record to satisfy himself.

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3. The Commission directs the respondent PIO, represented by Uttam Chand, APIO-cum-Senior XEN and Davinder Singh, SDO to personally arrange an inspection of the concerned record by the appellant at 11.30 AM on Tuesday i.e. 6.4.2021. In the event that the record is found, duly attested copies as per the format directed by this Commission, are to be supplied to the appellant along with a set of copies to this Commission. If the record is not found, the respondent PIO is directed to submit a duly notarised affidavit clearly stating that the record is not available and the reasons thereof. The original affidavit is to be given to the appellant and a copy is to be sent to this Commission. A copy of the earlier reply and information sent to the appellant vide letter No 1527/28 dated 2.3.2021, is also to be sent to this Commission at the earliest.

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 29.7.2021 at 11.00 am through Video Conference Facility in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Sangrur.

Sd/-

(ASIT JOLLY)

State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

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

Versus

Public Information Officer,
o/o Sub Divisional Officer,
Sub Division, Chorwala,
Punjab State Power Corporation Limited (PSPCL),
District Fatehgarh Sahib.

First Appellate Authority,
o/o Executive Engineer,
Punjab State Power Corporation Limited (PSPCL),
Sirhind, District Fatehgarh Sahib.

Appeal Case No. 3108 of 2020 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

(Appellant) Absent

Jatinder Singh, SDO (for the Respondent) 96461-22556

Surinder Singh, XEN (for the Respondent) 96461-11515

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **25.7.2020** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding lineman posted in Ucha Reuna and Nica Reuna of Chorwala Sub Division**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **26.8.2020** and second appeal was filed in the Commission on **19.10.2020** 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 but has informed the Commission of his inability to attend this hearing. The respondent PIO, represented by Surinder Singh, Executive Engineer and Jatinder Singh, SDO, present through Video Conference from Fatehgarh Sahib, stated that a reply with Eight pages by way of information was sent to the appellant vide letter No.1387 dated 24.8.2020. However, the letter was returned as "recipient not available". This Commission has examined the PIO's reply to the appellant and is of the view that reply is adequate and exemption from disclosure for Seven points is wrongly claimed.

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3. The respondent PIO is directed to examine the RTI application and file a written, point-wise reply to each point along-with the information where available. The information must be attested as per the format given as under. The above said reply/information is to be sent to this Commission(2 copies) by Registered Post. The appellant will have the option to collect the information from the Commission or request for it to be sent by Registered Post.

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 29.7.2021 at 11.00 am through Video Conference Facility in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Fatehgarh Sahib.

Sd/-

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State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

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Jasbir Singh,
S/o Sh. Gurbaksh Singh,
Village Bholapur,
Jhabewal, Post Office Ramgarh,
District Ludhiana – 123 455

Versus

Public Information Officer,
o/o Deputy Commissioner,
District Fatehgarh Sahib.
First Appellate Authority,
o/o Deputy Commissioner,
District Fatehgarh Sahib.

Appeal Case No. 3494 of 2020 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

(Appellant) Absent

Dinesh Kumar, Clerk (for the Respondent) 99889-11696

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **10.8.2020** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding implementation of the Food Safety and Standards Act 2006 from January 2019 to December 2019**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **10.9.2020** and second appeal was filed in the Commission on **11.11.2020** 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 appellant is absent without intimation. The respondent PIO, represented by Dinesh Kumar, Clerk, present through Video Conference from Fatehgarh Sahib, stated that the reply was sent to the appellant on 9.9.2020, whereby he was informed that he can procure the requested information by depositing the requisite fee in local *Sewa Kendar*.

3. It is by now established case law that any citizen is free to choose any of the avenues available to him in procuring information that is not exempt from disclosure as per the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

4. The respondent PIO is directed to send a copy of his reply dated 9.9.2020 to this Commission. The PIO is also directed to re-examine the RTI application in view of the deliberations at this hearing and file a fresh point-wise reply furnishing the requested information or citing specific provisions of RTI Act where he seeks exemption from disclosure.

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Appeal Case No. 3494 of 2020 (Video Conference Proceedings)

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 29.7.2021 at 11.00 am through Video Conference Facility in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Fatehgarh Sahib.**

Sd/-

(ASIT JOLLY)

State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

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Bhupinder Singh Bedi,
S/o Sh. Dhian Singh Bedi,
1-2, Fateh Singh Colony,
Main Bharaiwal Road,
District Amritsar – 143 009

Versus

Public Information Officer,
o/o Assistant Labour Commissioner,
Department of Labour,
New Amritsar,
District Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority,
o/o Labour Commissioner Punjab,
Department of Labour,
Phase-10, Sector-64,
S..A.S. Nagar (Mohali).

Appeal Case No. 3837 of 2020 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

Bhupinder Singh Bedi (Appellant) 90230-27004

Santok Singh, Assistant Labour Commissioner (for the Respondent) 80547-62323

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **29.6.2020** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding NCLP Schools in Amritsar District in Five points**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **7.10.2020** and second appeal was filed in the Commission on **4.12.2020** 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 Amritsar. The respondent PIO, represented by Santok Singh, Assistant Labour Commissioner, submitted that the information was sent to the appellant vide letter No. 15 dated: 22.1.2021. The appellant has however, pointed out that one of the documents supplied is not legible and that the information requested at point 2 has not been given.

3. The respondent PIO is directed to address the deficiencies pointed out by the appellant. The respondents must also note that all information/document supplied must be attested under and must be accompanied by a covering letter signed by PIO.

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Appeal Case No. 3837 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 29.7.2021 at 11.00 am through Video Conference Facility in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Amritsar.**

Sd/-

(ASIT JOLLY)

State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

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Ravinder Singh,
S/o Gulzar Singh,
16, Shaheed Nagar,
Chhehrta, Amritsar – 143 105

Versus

Public Information Officer,
o/o Amritsar Development Authority,
PUDA Bhawan, Green Avenue, Amritsar.
First Appellate Authority,
o/o Chief Administrator,
Amritsar Development Authority, Amritsar.

Appeal Case No. 1204 of 2020 (Video Conference proceedings)

PRESENT:

(Appellant) Absent

(Respondent) Absent

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 17.9.2020 and 6.11.2020)

1. The RTI application is dated **10.1.2020** vide which the appellant has sought **information regarding an application bearing Diary No. 7704 dated 31.12.19 pertaining to the sub-divisional JE's report and notices sent to the promoters of an "illegal" colony,** as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **10.2.2020**, and second appeal was filed in the Commission on **23.3.2020** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **6.11.2020**.

2. Both parties are absent without intimation. At the last hearing on 6.11.2020, the respondent PIO who was absent for the second time in succession was issued a Show Cause notice. The respondent PIO has filed a reply wherein, he has attempted to shift the responsibility for supplying the requested information and attending hearings, onto the APIO-cum-Sub Engineer (B&E) he and she. He has also informed the Commission that he has issued a show cause notice to the said officer vide letter No. 196-63 dated 16.12.2020.

3. This Commission takes a very serious view of the respondent PIOs attitude and gives him one final opportunity to appear in person along with requested information, failing which, penal action will be initiated against him as per the RTI Act 2005. It must be noted that the PIO is given this final opportunity after he was served a Show Cause Notice on 25.3.2021.

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Appeal Case No. 1204 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 29.7.2021 at 11.00 am through Video Conference Facility in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Amritsar.**

Sd/-

(ASIT JOLLY)

State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

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Ram Murti,
S/o Jaswant Rai,
Sood Colony, Jalandhar Road,
Mehta Chowk, Tehsil Baba Bakala Sahib,
District Amritsar.

Versus

Public Information Officer,
o/o Sub Divisional Officer (Operations)
Punjab State Power Corporation Limited (PSPCL),
District Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority,
o/o Chief Engineer, Operation,
Punjab State Power Corporation Limited (PSPCL),
District Amritsar.

Appeal Case No. 1438 of 2020 (Video Conference proceedings)

PRESENT:

(Appellant) Absent

(Respondent) Absent

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 17.9.2020 and 6.11.2020)

1. The RTI application is dated **29.4.2019** vide which the appellant has sought **information regarding the action taken on an application dated 8.3.2019**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **23.9.2019**, and second appeal was filed in the Commission on **23.3.2020** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **6.11.2020**.
2. Both parties are absent. As directed at the last hearing the respondent PIO has submitted a copy of the information/reply sent to the appellant. The case is adjourned to its next hearing.
3. **Next hearing on 29.7.2021 at 11.00 am through Video Conference Facility in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Amritsar.**

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Vishal Joshi,

1697/12, Street Chajju Mishra,

Chowk Farid, Amritsar.

Versus

Public Information Officer,

o/o Deputy Commissioner of Police,

Police Commissionerate (Near Thana Cantonment)

McLeod Road, Amritsar.

Complaint Case No. 75 of 2020 (Video Conference proceedings)

PRESENT:

(Complainant) Absent

Sub Inspector, Sarwan Singh (for the Respondent)

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 17.9.2020 and 6.11.2020)

1. The complainant, **Vishal Joshi**, filed this RTI application dated **11.4.2019** and sought information **regarding complaints bearing Diary No. 735-COP-09.03.2016, 100-COP-11.1.2016, 420-COP-11.02.2016, 863-COP-18.3.2016, 5599-COP-4.10.2018 and 1838-CDI-PC-18.1.2019**, from the PIO o/o **Deputy Commissioner of Police, Amritsar**. When no information was received, the Complainant filed a complaint under Section 18 of the RTI Act, 2005 to the Commission on **15.1.2020**. The case was last heard on **6.11.2020**.

2. The complainant is absent without intimation. As directed at the last hearing on 6.11.2020 the respondent PIO, represented at this hearing by Sub Inspector Sarwan Singh, In-charge RTI Cell, present through Video Conference from Amritsar, has submitted a point-wise and complaint wise reply with status of each complaint.

3. The Commission has examined the said reply and now directs the respondent PIO to make clear photocopies of all the Six reports for the complaints cited in the RTI application. These must be submitted to this Commission in a SEALED COVER after duly attesting each and every page as per the format stipulated below.

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 29.7.2021 at 11.00 am through Video Conference Facility in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Amritsar.

Sd/-

(ASIT JOLLY)

State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

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