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REGISTERED SHOW CAUSE NOTICE

Kharati Lal Narang, H.No.B-XXI-12066, Ram Nagar, Main Market, Near Sangeet Cinema, Ludhiana.

Versus

Public Information Officer, o/o Municipal Corporation, B&R, Zone-C, Ludhiana. Public Information Officer, o/o Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana.

Complaint Case No. 1202 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

Kharati Lal Narang (Complainant) 98780-58314 Rashpal Singh, Junior Engineer form Zone C, B&R (for the Respondent) 78883-39061

ORDER:

- 1. The complainant, **Kharati Lal Narang**, filed this RTI application dated **3.8.2021** and sought information <u>regarding speed breakers in a particular street</u>, from the PIO o/o **Municipal Corporation**, **Ludhiana**. When no information was received, the Complainant filed a complaint under Section 18 of the RTI Act, 2005 to the Commission on **6.10.2021**. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **25.3.2022**.
- 2. Both parties are present. The respondent PIO has submitted copy of the pointwise reply sent to the complainant vide Letter No. 1018 Dated 16.3.2022 along with the requested information. The Commission notes that the information provided is not attested and directs the respondent PIO to supply duly attested copies to the complainant.
- 3. The Commission also deems it fit to serve with this Show Cause Notice upon the respondent PIO-cum-XEN, Rakesh Singla, wherein he must explain in writing why this RTI application has been so delayed.
- 4. The respondent <u>PIO-cum-Executive Engineer</u>, <u>B&R Branch</u>, <u>Rakesh Singla</u>, 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 **3.8.2021**.

"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

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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*." Copies of this order be sent to the parties through registered post.

5. Next hearing on 27.7.2022 at 11.00 am via Video Conference Facility at DC Office, Ludhiana.

Sd/(ASIT JOLLY)

State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

Chandigarh 25.3.2022

Cc: Commissioner,

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REGISTERED SHOW CAUSE NOTICE

Lakshman Das Gupta, Advocate, 106, Panchsheel Enclave, Opposite Octroi Post, Ferozepur Road, Lal Bagh, New Rajguru Nagar, Ludhiana.

Versus

Public Information Officer, o/o Executive Officer, Improvement Trust, Ludhiana.

Complaint Case No. 1142 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

(Complainant) Absent Vishal Sharma, Clerk (for the Respondent) 75298-20222

ORDER:

- 1. The complainant, Lakshman Das Gupta, filed this RTI application dated 22.10.2020 and sought information <u>regarding resolutions adopted by the Ludhiana Improvement Trust from 1.1.2018 to 22.10.2020 in four points,</u> from the PIO o/o Improvement Trust, Ludhiana. When no information was received, the Complainant filed a complaint under Section 18 of the RTI Act, 2005 to the Commission on 9.9.2021. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on 25.3.2022.
- 2. The complainant is absent but has made a written submission to the Commission. The respondent PIO, represented by Vishal Sharma, Clerk, has in a reply to the complainant vide Letter No. 1110 Dated 22.3.2022 denied the requested information as "personal to the Ludhiana Improvement Trust".
- 3. This Commission is of the view that the respondent's reply is not only inordinately delayed but also apparently a violation of the RTI Act, 2005. The respondent PIO is herewith directed to cite specific Sections of the RTI Act 2005 if he wishes to seek exemption from disclosure of the requested information. Failing this, the respondent must provide attested copies of the requested information to the complainant without delay.
- 4. The respondent PIO-cum-Executive, Mrs. Kuljit Kaur, is herewith issued a Show Cause Notice and directed to explain the inordinate delay of nearly one and half year in replying this RTI application.

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5. The respondent <u>PIO-cum-Executive</u>, <u>Mrs. Kuljit Kaur</u>, 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 **22.10.2020**.

"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*." Copies of this order be sent to the parties through registered post.

6. 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

7. Next hearing on 27.7.2022 at 11.00 am via Video Conference Facility at DC Office, Ludhiana.

Sd/(ASIT JOLLY)

State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

Chandigarh 25.3.2022

Cc: Additional Deputy Commissioner,

Urban Development,

Ludhiana, for information and further necessary action.

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Usha Arora, # C-85, New Cantt Road, Faridkot.

Versus

Public Information officer, o/o Improvement Trust, Ludhiana. First Appellate Authority, o/o Additional Deputy Commissioner,(UD), Ludhiana.

Appeal Case No. 4143 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

Sham Sunder (for the Appellant) 62392-44597 Vishal Sharma, Clerk (for the Respondent) 75298-20222

ORDER:

- 1. The RTI application is dated **4.12.2020** vide which the appellant has sought information <u>regarding post of Trust Engineer</u>, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **15.1.2021** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **10.9.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **24.3.2022**.
- 2. Both parties are present. The respondent PIO, represented by Vishal Sharma, Clerk, is herewith directed to submit a pointwise reply to this RTI application along with the requested information within 15 days from this hearing.
- 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 27.7.2022 at 11.00 am via Video Conference Facility at DC Office, Ludhiana.

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Harjot Singh Harikay (Advocate), Chamber No.1011, District Court Complex, Ludhiana.

Versus

Public Information Officer, o/o Ludhiana Improvement Trust, Ludhiana. First Appellate Authority, o/o Additional Deputy Commissioner, Urban Development, Ludhiana.

Appeal Case No. 93 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

Harjot Singh Harikay (Appellant) 98150-00231 Vishal Sharma, Clerk (for the Respondent) 75298-20222

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on **9.4.2021**, **12.8.2021**, **17.9.2021**, **and 17.12.2021**)

- 1. The RTI application is dated 13.8.2020 vide which the appellant has sought information regarding his family land that was taken up by the 256 Acre Scheme Maharishi Balmiki Nagar vide an Award dated 27.4.1981, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on 2.9.2020 and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on 24.12.2020 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. This case was last heard on 17.12.2021.
- 2. Both parties are present. The respondent PIO, represented by Vishal Sharma, Clerk, has submitted a reply pertaining to point no.1 of the RTI application as was requested by the appellant at the hearing on 17.9.2021. The appellant is however, not completely satisfied and suggests that he can personally apprise the respondent of the specific information he requires. Following this, the respondent PIO is directed to search out said information and provide it to the appellant with a copy to this Commission. In case information is not traceable/available, the respondent PIO is to state this in a reply to the appellant with a copy to this Commission.
- 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

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Appeal Case No. 93 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

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Harjot Singh Harikay, (advocate) Chamber No. 1011, District Court Complex, Ludhiana.

Versus

Public Information Officer, o/o Ludhiana Improvement Trust, Ludhiana. First Appellate Authority, o/o Additional Deputy Commissioner, Urban Development, Ludhiana.

Appeal Case No. 96 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

Harjot Singh Harikay (Appellant) 98150-00231 Vishal Sharma, Clerk (for the Respondent) 75298-20222

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on **9.4.2021**, **16.7.2021**, **8.10.2021**, **and 17.12.2021**)

- 1. The RTI application is dated **13.8.2020** vide which the appellant has sought information regarding Orient Cinema in Ludhiana by way of the complete file etc., as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **2.9.2020** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **24.12.2020** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **17.12.2021**.
- 2. Both parties are present. At the last hearing on 17.12.2201, as directed by the Commission, the respondent PIO has submitted a reply to the appellant vide Letter No. 4988 Dated 14.9.2021 along with the requested information. The appellant however, says that the information is incomplete. He is advised to list the deficiencies as per his RTI application in writing to the respondent PIO with a copy to this Commission.
- 3. The respondent PIO is to thereafter reply to the deficiencies listed by the appellant along with the information requested therein.
- 4. Next hearing on 27.7.2022 at 11.00 am via Video Conference Facility at DC Office, Ludhiana.

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REGISTERED SHOW CAUSE NOTICE

Major Lal,

S/o Sh. Sohan Lal, # 2179, Street No.4, New Kuldeep Nagar, Basti Jodhewal, Ludhiana – 141 007

Versus

Public Information officer,

o/o Executive Engineer, B&R Branch Zone-A, Municipal Corporation Ludhiana. **Public Information officer (Headquarters)**o/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana. **First Appellate Authority,**

Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana.

Appeal Case No. 1040 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

Major Lal (Appellant) 85915-74309 Vishal Rampal, Building Inspector from Zone-A (for the Respondent) 83602-48099

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 15.7.2021 and 17.12.2021)

- 1. The RTI application is dated 13.7.2020 vide which the appellant has sought <u>information</u> regarding his complaint No. 345/PS/R dated: 3.6.2020, 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 22.2.2021 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on 17.12.2021.
- 2. Both parties are present. At the last hearing on 17.12.2021, the Commission had directed the PIO B&R to file a written, pointwise reply before today's hearing. He has failed to comply. The Commission deems it fit to serve the respondent PIO-cum-XEN, B&R Zone A, with this Show Cause Notice.
- 3. The respondent <u>PIO-cum-XEN</u>, <u>B&R Zone A</u>, <u>Harwinder Singh</u>, 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 **13.7.2020**.

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Appeal Case No. 1040 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

"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*." Copies of this order be sent to the parties through 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. <u>Next hearing on 27.7.2022 at 11.00 am via Video Conference Facility at DC Office, Ludhiana.</u>

Sd/-(ASIT JOLLY)

State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

Chandigarh 25.3.2022

Cc: Commissioner,

Municipal Corporation,

Ludhiana, for information and further necessary action.

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Milan Niwas, New Dana Mandi, Salem Tabri, Ludhiana.

Versus

Public Information officer, o/o Market Committee, Salem Tabri, Ludhiana. First Appellate Authority, o/o District Mandi Officer, Ludhiana.

Appeal Case No. 4019 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

Milan (Appellant) 98144-44018 Kamaldeep Singh, Mandi Supervisor (for the Respondent) 99880-05210

ORDER:

- 1. The RTI application is dated **23.2.2021** vide which the appellant has sought <u>information</u> <u>regarding a news item published on 30.1.2021</u>, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **2.9.2021**, and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **3.9.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **25.3.2022**.
- 2. Both parties are present. The respondent PIO has submitted a copy of the reply sent to the appellant vide Letter No. 1169 Dated 10.6.2021 with a pointwise reply to the RTI application wherein he has refuted the contention made by the appellant regarding the termination/dismissal of any Market Committee employee.
- 3. The PIO-cum-District Mandi Officer, Davinder Singh is herewith directed to submit a notarized affidavit stating whether any employee of the Market Committee, Salem Tabri, Ludhiana was terminated/dismissed as reported in various newspapers including Punjab Kesri of 30.1.2021. This must be done within 15 days of this hearing.
- 4. Next hearing on 25.8.2022 at 11.00 am via Video Conference Facility at DC Office, Ludhiana.

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Bharat Bhushan Mattu,

H.No.153, Akash Nagar, Near Green Land School, Central Post Office, Ludhiana.

Versus

Public Information officer, o/o Secretary, Market Committee, Ludhiana. First Appellate Authority, o/o General Manager,(Marketing), Punjab Mandi Board, Ludhiana.

Appeal Case No. 4114 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

Bharat Bhushan Mattu (Appellant) 97799-28472 Kamaldeep Singh, Mandi Supervisor (for the Respondent) 99880-05210

ORDER:

- 1. The RTI application is dated **15.6.2021** vide which the appellant has sought <u>information regarding illegal charges by contractors</u>, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **19.7.2021**, and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **9.9.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **25.3.2022**.
- 2. Both parties are present. The respondent PIO, represented by Kamaldeep Singh, Mandi Supervisor, states that a reply vide Letter No. 1611 Dated 27.7.2021 was sent to the appellant. The appellant however, claims that the information provided is deficient. He is advised to list the deficiencies in writing to respondent PIO with a copy to this Commission.
- 3. On receiving the list of deficiencies, the respondent PIO is to submit a written reply along with the requested information to the appellant. The respondent PIO must cite specific provisions of the RIT Act 2005 if he claims exemption from disclosure of any of the requested information. The respondent PIO is also to provide a certified copy of the original complaint as cited in the RTI application, with a copy to this Commission.
- 4. IMPORTANT! All documents / information supplied to appellants / complainants must mandatorily be attested as under:

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Appeal Case No. 4114 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

5. Next hearing on 27.7.2022 at 11.00 am via Video Conference Facility at DC Office, Ludhiana.

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Rajesh Kumar Garg, #150, Balaji Estate, Adjoining Kumal Colony, 33 Feet Road, Bhamian khurd, Mundian Kalan.

Ludhiana.

Versus

Public Information officer, o/o Municipal Council, Jagraon, Ludhiana. First Appellate Authority, o/o Additional Deputy Commissioner, Urban Development, Ludhiana.

Appeal Case No. 4063 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

Rajesh Kumar Garg (Appellant) 94171-33054 Heera Singh, Clerk (for the Respondent) 98774-12158

ORDER:

- 1. The RTI application is dated **24.3.2021** vide which the appellant has sought <u>information</u> <u>regarding action taken on a complaint to the EO dated 17.9.2020</u>, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **1.5.2021**, and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **7.9.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **25.3.2022**.
- 2. Both parties are present. The respondent PIO, represented at this Hearing by Heera Singh, Clerk, has submitted a reply vide Letter No. 549 Dated 24.3.2022, enumerating the action taken on the complaint cited in the RTI application. However, this RTI application was submitted on 24.3.2021 and the PIO has submitted his reply after one full year. This is in violation of the RTI Act.
- 3. In view of the above, the PIO-cum-Executive Officer, Ashok Kumar, is herewith issued this Show Cause Notice to explain inordinate delay in addressing this RTI application.
- 4. The respondent <u>PIO-cum-Executive Officer</u>, <u>Ashok Kumar</u>, 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 **24.3.2021**.

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Appeal Case No. 4063 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

"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*." Copies of this order be sent to the parties through registered post.

5. Next hearing on 27.7.2022 at 11.00 am via Video Conference Facility at DC Office, Ludhiana.

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

Chandigarh 25.3.2022

Cc: Additional Deputy Commissioner,

(UD), Ludhiana, for information and further necessary action.

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Arvind Sharma,

#114-E, Saheed Bhagat Singh Nagar, Pakhowal Road, Ludhiana.

Versus

Public Information officer,

o/o Municipal Corporation, Zone-D, District Ludhiana. First Appellate Authority, o/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana.

Appeal Case No. 4514 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

Arvind Sharma (Appellant) 99882-51671 Ravinder Singh Walia, Draftsman from Zone D (for the Respondent) 98551-99119

ORDER:

- 1. The RTI application is dated **28.6.2021** vide which the appellant has sought <u>information</u> <u>regarding Jagdeep Singh, Building Inspector</u>, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **9.8.2021**, and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **5.10.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **25.3.2022**.
- 2. Both parties are present. The appellant contends that the PIO's reply (Letter No. 280 dated 9.11.2021) is "vague". After deliberations at this hearing, the respondent PIO is directed to arrange an inspection of the record with respect to points 5, 6, and 7 of the RTI application on Monday 4.4.2022 at 2.00 pm. Sh. Ravinder Singh Walia, Draftsman from Zone D shall be personally present to facilitate the inspection.
- 3. Next hearing on 27.7.2022 at 11.00 am via Video Conference Facility at DC Office, Ludhiana.

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Vinod (Kalu Murtia Wala),

S/o Suresh Kumar, Ward No.94, B-34, Plot No.121,Near Pehalwan Da Dera, Rajori Garden,Jassian Road, Ludhiana.

Versus

Public Information officer,

o/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Zone-D, Ludhiana. First Appellate Authority, Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana.

Appeal Case No. 4566 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

(Appellant) Absent

Ravinder Singh Walia, Draftsman from Zone D (for the Respondent) 98551-99119

ORDER:

- 1. The RTI application is dated **14.6.2021** vide which the appellant has sought <u>information</u> regarding illegal factories running in residential areas, as enumerated in his RTI
- 2. application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **1.10.2021**, and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **6.10.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **25.3.2022**.
- 2. The appellant is absent without intimation. As per the respondent PIO, represented by Ravinder Singh Walia, Draftsman from Zone D, a reply along with requested information was sent to the appellant vide Letter No. 268 dated 9.11.2021.
- 3. The respondent PIO is directed to submit a copy of the aforesaid reply along with attested copies of the appended information, to the Commission forthwith. The appellant is advised to examine the information and list deficiencies, if any.
- 4. Next hearing on 27.7.2022 at 11.00 am via Video Conference Facility at DC Office, Ludhiana.

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REGISTERED SHOW CAUSE NOTICE

Dharam Pal Jindal, S/o Prem Chand, H.No. 100, GT Road, Miller Ganj, Ludhiana.

Versus

Public Information officer, o/o Property/House Tax Branch, Zone A, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana. First Appellate Authority, o/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana.

Appeal Case No. 4567 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

Gagnish Singh Khurna (for the appellant) 98140-29002 (Respondent) Absent

ORDER:

- 1. The RTI application is dated **21.6.2021** vide which the appellant has sought <u>information</u> <u>regarding TS1 No. 648875 for 2019-2020, Register No. 14, Circle No. BX749/750 etc.</u>, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **20.7.2021**, and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **6.10.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **25.3.2022**.
- 2. The respondent PIO is absent without intimation. This RTI application was filed on 21.6.2021 whereafter the respondent PIO has failed to provide the requested information. This despite an Order (dated 20.8.2021) by the First Appellate Authority directing him/her to provide the information requested.
- 3. In view of the above, this Commission deems it fit to issue this Show Cause Notice to the PIO, Property/House Tax Branch Zone A.
- 4. The respondent <u>PIO, Property/House Tax Branch Zone A</u>, 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 **21.6.2021**.

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Appeal Case No. 4567 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

"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*." Copies of this order be sent to the parties through registered post.

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 27.7.2022 at 11.00 am via Video Conference Facility at DC Office, Ludhiana.

Sd/-(ASIT JOLLY)

State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

Chandigarh 25.3.2022

Cc: Commissioner,

Municipal Corporation,

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REGISTERED SHOW CAUSE NOTICE

Naresh Gaba,

S/o Baldev Raj, Street No.0, Vishkarma Colony, Partap Chowk, Ludhiana.

Versus

Public Information officer,

o/o ATP, Zone-B,
Municipal Corporation,
Ludhiana.

Public Information officer,
o/o Commissioner, Zone-B,
Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,
o/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation,
Ludhiana.

Appeal Case No. 4660 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

Vikram Grover (for the appellant) 99888-72400 Harjeet Singh, Building Inspector from Zone B (for the Respondent) 84272-26451

ORDER:

- 1. The RTI application is dated **27.5.2021** vide which the appellant has sought <u>information</u> <u>regarding Silver Sport Convent School in five points</u>, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **23.7.2021**, and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **11.10.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **25.3.2022**.
- 2. Both parties are present. The appellant is represented by Vikram Grover Advocate. As per the respondent PIO, a reply was sent to the appellant vide Letter No. 1265 Dated 21.6.2021. The Commission has examined said reply and is of the view that it is not adequate.
- 3. The respondent PIO is herewith directed to search out details of the site plan/map sought in this RTI application. He is also directed to file a pointwise reply to the RTI application along with the requested information pertaining to each point.
- 4. In view of the long delay in addressing this RTI application, this Commission also deems it fit to serve the respondent PIO with this Show Cause Notice to the respondent PIO-cum-ATP, Zone B, Kuljeet Mangat.

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5. The respondent <u>PIO-cum-ATP</u>, <u>Zone B</u>, <u>Kuljeet Mangat</u>, 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 **27.5.2021**.

"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*." Copies of this order be sent to the parties through registered post.

6. 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

7. Next hearing on 27.7.2022 at 11.00 am via Video Conference Facility at DC Office, Ludhiana.

Sd/-(ASIT JOLLY)

State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

Chandigarh 25.3.2022

Cc: Commissioner,

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Amarjit Singh Dhaliwal, H.No. B-16, Bhai Randhir Singh Nagar, Ludhiana.

Versus

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

Appeal Case No. 4780 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

Amarjit Singh Dhaliwal (Appellant) 81465-99777 Randeep Singh, SDO from O&M Cell Zone D (for the Respondent) 98143-55554 Ravinder Singh, Clerk from Zone D (for the Respondent) 97790-97200

ORDER:

- 1. The RTI application is dated 12.7.2021 vide which the appellant has sought <u>information</u> regarding development/civil works undertaken in Gurdev Nagar, Saraba Nagar, and BRS Nagar between 1.1.2014 to 30.6.2021 etc., as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on 16.8.2021, and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on 21.10.2021 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on 25.3.2022.
- 2. Both parties are present. The respondent PIO, represented by Randeep Singh, SDO, O&M Cell from Zone D and Ravinder Singh, Clerk from Zone D, have submitted a copy of a letter received by the appellant vide No. 89 Dated 24.3.2022, wherein he was informed that the information requested by him is "not specific".
- 3. The Commission has examined the RTI application and is of the view that although the information pertains to significantly long period of time and would be voluminous, the appellant as a citizen, has right to said information. Under the circumstances, the respondent PIO is directed to arrange an inspection of the concerned record by the appellant at 11.00 am on Wednesday, 30.3.2022. Sh. Randeep Singh, SDO, shall be personally present to facilitate the appellant. One hundred pages (copies) are to be provided free of cost and any additional pages requested by the appellant must be paid by him at the usual cost of photocopying.
- 4. IMPORTANT! All documents / information supplied to appellants / complainants must mandatorily be attested as under:

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Appeal Case No. 4780 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

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 27.7.2022 at 11.00 am via Video Conference Facility at DC Office, Ludhiana.

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Ravinder Kataria.

64, New Sant Fateh Singh Nagar, Dugri Road, Ludhiana-141002

Versus

Public Information officer, o/o Sub Divisional Magistrate, Baghapurana. First Appellate Authority, o/o Sub Divisional Magistrate, Baghapurana

Appeal Case No. 3746 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

Ravinder Kataria (Appellant) 94631-33590 Naresh Kumar, PIO-cum-Superintendent (for the Respondent) 84377-35423

ORDER:

- 1. The RTI application is dated **1.2.2021** vide which the appellant has sought <u>information</u> <u>regarding registration of noncommercial vehicles</u>, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **9.4.2021**, and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **19.8.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **25.3.2022**.
- 2. Both parties are present. The respondent PIO-cum-Superintendent from the office of SDM Baghapurana, Naresh Kumar, states that a pointwise reply was sent to the appellant vide Letter No. 07/RTI Dated 1.3.2021, wherein the information was denied on the premise that the said Public Authority does not have any means of retrieving the information requested in this RTI application from the centralized computer system. The respondent PIO-cum-Superintendent from office of SDM, Baghapurana, states that the requested information can only be retrieved from Portal in the office of State Transport Commissioner at Chandigarh.
- 3. The respondent PIO is herewith directed to submit his reply sent vide Letter No, 07/RTI Dated 1.3.2021, in the form of duly notarized affidavit. Original affidavit to be sent to the appellant by registered post and copy of the same to be submitted to this Commission.
- 5. <u>Next hearing on 29.7.2022 at 11.00 am via Video Conference Facility at DC Office, Ludhiana.</u>

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Ravinder Kataria, # 64, New Sant Fateh Singh Nagar, Dugri Road, Ludhiana-141002

Versus

Public Information officer, o/o District Mandi Board, Ludiana. First Appellate Authority, o/o District Mandi Board, Ludhiana.

Appeal Case No. 3919 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

Ravinder Kataria (Appellant) 94631-33590 Kamaldeep Singh, Mandi Supervisor (for the Respondent) 99880-05210

ORDER:

- 1. The RTI application is dated **9.2.2021** vide which the appellant has sought <u>information</u> <u>regarding the Dana Mandi on Gill Road from 1.4.2017 to 9.2.2021</u>, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **15.4.2021**, and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **1.9.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **25.3.2022**.
- 2. Both parties are present. After deliberations at this hearing, the Commission finds that the respondent PIO has responded to this RTI application but has done so in a piecemeal manner. The respondent PIO is directed to submit a fresh pointwise reply to this RTI application. This must be done within 15 days from the issue of this order.
- 3. Next hearing on 27.7.2022 at 11.00 am via Video Conference Facility at DC Office, Ludhiana.

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Rohit Sabharwal, #126, Model Gram,

Ludhiana.

Versus

Public Information officer,

o/o Municipal Corporation, Zone-A,

Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,

o/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation,

Ludhiana.

Appeal Case No. 4054 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

(Appellant) Absent

Vikas Sharma, JE from Zone A (for the Respondent) 96462-22900 Rashpal Singh, Junior Engineer form Zone C, B&R (for the Respondent) 78883-39061 Ravinder Singh, Clerk from Zone D (for the Respondent)

ORDER:

- 1. The RTI application is dated **4.6.2021** vide which the appellant has sought <u>information</u> <u>regarding a complaint bearing the number RS/03 dated 15.2.2021</u>, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **12.7.2021**, and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **7.9.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **25.3.2022**.
- 2. The appellant is absent. The respondent PIOs B&R Branch from various Zones have submitted separate replies to this RTI application. The appellant is advised to examine the said replies and apprise the respondents as well as this Commission for any deficiency.
- 3. Next hearing on 27.7.2022 at 11.00 am via Video Conference Facility at DC Office, Ludhiana.

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Rohit Sabharwal, #126, Model Gram, Ludhiana.

Versus

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

Appeal Case No. 4720 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

(Appellant) Absent Vishal Rampal, Building Inspector from Zone-A (for the Respondent) 83602-48099 Harjeet Singh, Building Inspector from Zone B (for the Respondent) Kashish Garg, Building Inspector from Zone C (for the Respondent) Ravinder Singh Walia, Draftsman from Zone D (for the Respondent) 98551-99119

ORDER:

- 1. The RTI application is dated **5.7.2021** vide which the appellant has sought <u>information</u> regarding number of building maps i.e. commercial approved by competent authority of <u>MC, Ludhiana</u>, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **16.8.2021**, and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **13.10.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **25.3.2022**.
- 2. The appellant is absent. The respondent PIOs from all 4 Zones have submitted separate replies along with the requested information. The appellant is advised to examine the same and apprise the respondents as well as this Commission for any deficiency.
- 3. Next hearing on 27.7.2022 at 11.00 am via Video Conference Facility at DC Office, Ludhiana.

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