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FINAL ORDER

Gurtej Singh,
352, Krishna Enclave,
Dhakauli, Zirakpur,
Mohali.

Versus

Public Information Officer,
o/o Chief Engineer (Drainage),
Irrigation Works, Punjab,
Madhya Marg, Sector 18 B,
Chandigarh.

Complaint Case No. 129 of 2022 (Video Conference Proceedings)

DATE OF HEARING: 25.5.2022

PRESENT:

(Complainant) Absent

Vijay Singh, Senior Assistant (for the Respondent) 94631-88785

ORDER:

1. The complainant, **Gurtej Singh**, filed this RTI application dated **21.12.2021** and sought information regarding the status of his 'stepping up' case, sent by Chief Engineer Irrigation Works, Shahpur Kandi Project vide No. 6701-02/PF-286 dated 25.9.2020, from the **PIO o/o Chief Engineer (Drainage), Irrigation Works, Pb., Chandigarh**. When no information was received, the Complainant filed a complaint under Section 18 of the RTI Act, 2005 to the Commission on **8.3.2022**. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **25.5.2022**.

2. The appellant is absent but has informed the Commission that he has received the information and wishes to withdraw this Complaint Case. The respondent PIO, represented by Vijay Singh, Senior Assistant, also informed the Commission that the information was conveyed to the complainant vide Letter No. 844-46 Dated 16.3.2022. The respondent PIO explained the delay in addressing this RTI application to the fact, it had to be transferred (11.1.2022) to the Deputy Director, Finance & Accounts, who subsequently informed the complainant regarding the status of his case as cited in the Complaint Case.

3. There is no further cause for action and this Complaint Case is herewith **CLOSED**.

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

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REGISTERED **FINAL ORDER**

Nareshjit Singh Anand,
3200, G.F., Sector-44 D,
Chandigarh.

Versus

Public Information officer,
o/o Registrar,
Water Resources Department,
Punjab, Chandigarh.

Complaint Case No. 896 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

DATE OF HEARING: 25.5.2022

PRESENT:

Nareshjit Singh Anand (Complainant) 80540-32004
Asha Nand, Senior Assistant (for the Respondent)

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 4.3.2022)

1. The complainant, **Nareshjit Singh Anand**, filed this RTI application dated **16.4.2021** and sought information **regarding implementation of the Judgment in CWP 15731 of 1991 decided on 3.7.2014 in letter and spirit**, from the PIO o/o Registrar, Water Resource Department, Pb., Chandigarh. When no information was received, the Complainant filed a complaint under Section 18 of the RTI Act, 2005 to the Commission on **9.7.2021**. The case was last heard on **4.3.2022**.

2. Both parties are present. The complainant is present in person. At the last hearing on 4.3.2022, the respondent PIO was asked to explain the long delay in replying to this RTI application. The respondent PIO has submitted a reply vide Letter No. 758-59 Dated 15.3.2022, wherein he states that said RTI application could not be dealt with since the concerned file had inadvertently been appended to some other file.

3. This RTI application was submitted on 16.4.2021, which was admittedly received by the respondent PIO on 20.4.2021. No reply/information was furnished until 15.12.2021, which constitutes a delay of some Seven months. The respondent PIO has also informed the Commission that a second reply along with information was sent to the complainant vide Letter No. 346 Dated 2.2.2022.

4. This is however, a Complaint Case and there is no doubt that the complainant has been subjected to much harassment and detriment. In view of the above, this Commission deems it fit to award the Complainant Nareshjit Singh Anand a compensation of Rs. 10,000.00 (Rupees Ten Thousand), which is to be paid to the complainant within one month of receipt of this order.

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5. In view of the harassment and detriment caused to the appellant, **Nareshjit Singh Anand**, this Commission deems it appropriate to award a **compensation of Rupees Ten Thousand (Rs. 10,000.00)**. This is to be paid vide a crossed cheque / demand draft, by the Public Authority, in this instance, **Registrar, Water Resources Department, Punjab, Chandigarh**, within One Month of receiving this order. Proof of payment is to be submitted to this Commission.

6. The respondent PIO to intimate compliance with a copy of cheque/demand draft whereby said compensation is paid to the complainant. There is no cause for intervention by this Commission and this Complaint Case is herewith **CLOSED**. File be sent to the Registry Branch for follow up on compliance.

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

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Cc: Deputy Registrar, Punjab State Information Commission, along with case file.

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FINAL ORDER

Ashok Kumar,
1299, Morni Wala, Khuh,
VPO Dera Bassi, Mohali.

Versus

Public Information Officer,
o/o Water Resources Department,
Irrigation, Personnel-1 Branch,
Mini Secretariat, Sector 9, Chandigarh.

Complaint Case No. 1185 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

DATE OF HEARING: 25.5.2022

PRESENT:

Ashok Kumar (Complainant)
Harinder, Senior Assistant (for the Respondent) 98885-70053

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 4.3.2022)

1. The complainant, **Ashok Kumar**, filed this RTI application dated **1.7.2021** and sought information **in three points regarding the action taken on a letter cited in the application,** from the PIO o/o **Water Resources Department, Irrigation, Pb., Chandigarh**. When no information was received, the Complainant filed a complaint under Section 18 of the RTI Act, 2005 to the Commission on **29.9.2021**. The case was last heard on **4.3.2022**.

2. Both parties are present. As per the respondent PIO, the RTI application Dated 30.6.2021, was received on 2.7.2021. Some of the information (Point No. 1) pertains to a third party and letter was written to the said third party on 22.7.2021. Points 2 and 3 were denied under Section 8(1)(h) of the RTI Act, 2005, since the enquiry cited in the RTI application was under process. Further, a letter dated 2.8.2021, was received on 25.8.2021, whereby the cited third party stated that he did not wish to share his personal information. The respondent PIO accordingly informed the complainant on 7.9.2021, denying the requested information as per Section 11 of the RTI Act 2005, as well as an instruction from the Department of Governance of Reforms citing the Hon'ble Supreme Court's decision dated 13.11.2019 in Civil Appeal No. 10044 of 2010 titled "CPIO, Supreme Court of India V/s Subhash Chander Aggarwal."

3. After due consideration of the afore cited facts, this Commission is of the view that there was no attempt by the respondent PIO to malafidely deny the requested information. There is no further cause for intervention by the Commission and this Complaint Case is herewith **CLOSED**.

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

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FINAL ORDER

Parveen Kumar,
St. No.1, Patwari Colony,
Talwandi Sabo, District Bathinda – 151 302.

Versus

Public Information Officer,
o/o New Mandi Township,
Punjab Mandi Board,
Sector 65 A, Phase 11, SAS Nagar (Mohali).
First Appellate Authority,
o/o General Manager,
(Enforcement), General Wing,
Punjab Mandi Board, SAS Nagar (Mohali).

Appeal Case No. 3395 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

DATE OF HEARING: 25.5.2022

PRESENT:

(Appellant) Absent

Manjit Singh, Superintendent (for the Respondent) 94177-54588

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 11.3.2022)

1. The RTI application is dated **11.1.2021** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding the Grain Market at Talwandi Sabo**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **1.3.2021** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **28.7.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **11.3.2021**.

2. The appellant is absent but has informed the Commission vide his email of 23.5.2022 that he has received the requested information, as was directed by the Commission, vide Letter No. 688 Dated 18.4.2022.

3. There is no further cause for intervention by the Commission and this Appeal Case is herewith **CLOSED**.

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

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FINAL ORDER

Prem Singh Dhillon,
S/o Sh. Wassan Singh,
73, Phase 11,
Sector-65, SAS Nagar (Mohali) – 160 062

Versus

Public Information officer,
o/o Executive Engineer,
Water Resources Investigation Division Punjab,
Water Resources Bhawan, Sector-68
SAS Nagar (Mohali)

First Appellate Authority,
o/o Director, Water Resources and Environment Directorate,
Punjab, Sector-68, SAS Nagar (Mohali)

Appeal Case No. 3675 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

DATE OF HEARING: 25.5.2022

PRESENT:

(Appellant) Absent

Bhupinder Singh, Superintendent (for the Respondent) 98888-80252

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 2.3.2022)

1. The RTI application is dated **24.12.2020** vide which the appellant has sought **information regarding details of expenditure incurred on Government vehicles for the period 2018-19 and 2019-20**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **1.3.2021**, and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **16.8.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **2.3.2022**.

2. The appellant is absent. The respondent PIO, represented by Bhupinder Singh, Superintendent, states that the information was sent to the appellant vide Letter No. 838 Dated 28.3.2022. A copy of the same has also been submitted to the Commission.

3. There is no further cause for action and this Appeal Case is herewith **CLOSED**.

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

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FINAL ORDER

Jagtar Singh Sandhu,
S/o Sh. Ajaib Singh,
1676, Phase-5, Sector-59,
SAS Nagar (Mohali) – 160 059

Versus

Public Information Officer,
o/o Executive Engineer,
Water Resources Investigation Division Punjab,
Water Resources Bhawan, Sector-68
SAS Nagar (Mohali)

First Appellate Authority,
o/o Director,
Water Resources and Environment Directorate,
Punjab, Sector-68, SAS Nagar (Mohali).

Appeal Case No. 3676 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

DATE OF HEARING: 25.5.2022

PRESENT:

Jagtar Singh Sandhu (Appellant) 98789-35676
Bhupinder Singh, Superintendent (for the Respondent) 98888-80252

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 2.3.2022)

1. The RTI application is dated **30.12.2020** vide which the appellant has sought **information regarding Government vehicles in 2018-19 and 2019-20**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **5.3.2021**, and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **16.8.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **2.3.2022**.

2. The appellant is absent. The respondent PIO, represented by Bhupinder Singh, Superintendent, state that the information was sent to the appellant vide Letter No. 838 Dated 28.3.2022. A copy of the same has also been submitted to the Commission.

3. There is no further cause for action and this Appeal Case is herewith **CLOSED**.

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

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REGISTERED FINAL ORDER

Sat Narain Bansal,
127, Phulkian Enclave,
Patiala.

Versus

Public Information Officer,
o/o Superintendent Engineer Headquarters,
Water Resources Department, Punjab,
Sector-18, Chandigarh.

Public Information Officer,
o/o Principal Secretary,
Department of water resources, Punjab,
Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,
o/o Director, Water Cell,
Water Resources Department, Punjab,
Sector-17 E, Chandigarh.

Appeal Case No. 4123 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

DATE OF HEARING: 25.5.2022

PRESENT:

(Appellant) Absent

Manoj Bansal, PIO-cum-SE (Respondent)

Navraj Singh, Senior Assistant (for the Respondent) 98784-30854

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 11.3.2022)

1. The RTI application is dated **26.11.2020** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding the reappointment of retired Superintending Engineers and Executive Engineers on contract**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **30.12.2020** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **9.9.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **11.3.2021**.

2. The appellant is absent but has emailed the Commission on 23.3.2022, that he has received the requested information. He has also pointed out that PIO not only failed to implement the FAA's Order of 15.1.2021, but also subsequently delayed furnishing the information for more than a year.

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3. The respondent PIO, who was issued a Show Cause Notice at the last Hearing on 11.3.2022, has submitted a written reply to said Show Cause Notice and has also appeared at this hearing in person. While the Commission is inclined to accept the PIO's reply to said Show Cause Notice, the harassment and detriment faced by the appellant cannot be denied.

4. In view of this, the Commission deems it fit to award the appellant a compensation as under.

5. In view of the harassment and detriment caused to the appellant, **Sat Narain Bansal**, this Commission deems it appropriate to award a **Compensation of Rupees Ten Thousand (Rs. 10,000.00)**. This is to be paid vide a crossed cheque / demand draft, by the Public Authority, in this instance, **Superintendent Engineer Headquarters, Water Resources Department, Punjab, Sector-18, Chandigarh**, within 21 days of receiving this order. Proof of payment is to be submitted to this Commission.

6. There is no cause for any further intervention by the Commission and this Appeal Case is accordingly **Disposed Of**. Case file is to be sent to the Registry Branch for follow up of compliance.

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

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Cc: Deputy Registrar, Punjab State Information Commission, along with case file.

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FINAL ORDER

Manjit Singh alias kuku,
S/o Mahinder Singh,
R/o Mohalla Near Wada Gurudwara,
Sunam, Sangrur.

Versus

Public Information Officer,
o/o Labour Commissioner, Punjab,
Mohali.
First Appellate Authority,
o/o Principal Secretary,
Department of Labour, Government of Punjab
Chandigarh.

Appeal Case No. 3825 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

DATE OF HEARING: 25.5.2022

PRESENT:

(Appellant) Absent

Arshpreet Singh, Assistant (for the Respondent) 90416-83099

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 11.3.2022)

1. The RTI application is dated **27.8.2020** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding the Punjab Building & Other Construction Labour Welfare Board**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **5.10.2020** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **24.8.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **11.3.2021**.
2. The appellant is absent for the second time without any intimation. The respondent PIO, represented by Arshpreet Singh, Assistant, has, as directed by this Commission, submitted a duly attested copies of the information/reply sent to the appellant vide Letter No. 3421 Dated 11.11.2020. A copy of the same has also been re-sent to the appellant.
3. The Commission has examined the reply and appended information and is of the view that this RTI application has been adequately addressed. There is no further cause for action and this Appeal Case is herewith **CLOSED**.

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

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FINAL ORDER

Ashok Kumar,
S/o Sh. Roop Lal,
214, Pine Homes,
Dhakoli, Zirakpur, Mohali.

Versus

Public Information Officer,
o/o Additional Deputy Commissioner (Urban Development),
District Administrative Complex, Room No. 402, 3rd Floor,
Sector 76, SAS Nagar (Mohali).

Public Information Officer,
o/o Additional Deputy Commissioner (Urban Development),
District Patiala.

First Appellate Authority,
o/o Additional Deputy Commissioner (Urban Development),
District Patiala.

Appeal Case No. 2922 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

DATE OF HEARING: 25.5.2022

PRESENT:

Ashok Kumar (Appellant) 88377-87496
Bohar Singh, PIO-cum-Superintendent (Respondent) 80540-15113

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 2.3.2022)

1. The RTI application is dated **4.1.2021** vide which the appellant has sought **information regarding Gulmohar Valley-1, Village Kaulimajra, Tehsil Dera Bassi**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **6.3.2021**, and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **28.6.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **2.3.2022**.

2. Both parties are present. The appellant is present in person. He states that the requested information has been received vide Letter No. 668 Dated 28.2.2022.

3. There is no further cause for intervention by the Commission and this Appeal Case is herewith **CLOSED**.

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

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FINAL ORDER

Ashok Kumar,
S/o Sh. Roop Lal,
214, Pine Homes,
Dhakoli, Zirakpur, Mohali.

Versus

Public Information Officer,
o/o Additional Deputy Commissioner (Urban Development),
District Administrative Complex, Room No. 402, 3rd Floor,
Sector 76, SAS Nagar (Mohali).

Public Information Officer,
o/o Additional Deputy Commissioner (Urban Development),
District Patiala.

First Appellate Authority,
o/o Additional Deputy Commissioner (Urban Development),
District Patiala.

Appeal Case No. 2923 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

DATE OF HEARING: 25.5.2022

PRESENT:

Ashok Kumar (Appellant) 88377-87496
Bohar Singh, PIO-cum-Superintendent (Respondent) 80540-15113

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 2.3.2022)

1. The RTI application is dated **6.1.2021** vide which the appellant has sought **information regarding Gulmohar Valley, Village Kaulimajra, Tehsil Dera Bassi**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **15.3.2021**, and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **28.6.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **2.3.2022**.

2. Both parties are present. The appellant is present in person. He states that the information has been received vide Letter No. 672 Dated 28.2.2022.

3. There is no further cause for intervention and this Appeal Case is herewith **CLOSED**.

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

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