



Smt. Asha Rani,
130, Maharaja Yadwindra Enclave,
Nabha, Patiala.

... Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Treasury Officer,
Nabha, Distt Patiala.

...Respondent

Complaint case No.258 of 2020

Present: Sh.Ram Lal Garg Husband of Mrs.Asha Rani for the Appellant
Sh.Jatinder Singh, Treasury Officer, Nabha for the Respondent

ORDER:

The complainant through RTI application dated 18.12.2019 has sought details of month-wise budget from 31.08.2019 onwards – receipt of various bills alongwith amount from different departments –payment released – approval of higher authority for release of payment and other information concerning the office of Treasury Officer, Nabha. The appellant did not send the ID proof as asked by the PIO vide letter dated 15.01.2020 and requisite fee of Rs.785/- vide letter dated 06.02.2020, the information was provided by the PIO after which the complainant filed complaint in the Commission on 18.03.2020.

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Patiala. The respondent present pleaded that the information is 3rd party and also the appellant has not deposited the requisite fee. The appellant informed that the fee was not raised within the time prescribed under the RTI Act.

Having gone through the RTI application and hearing both the parties, I am of the view that the PIO has not applied his mind while stating that the information is third party. The appellant has asked for public record of the public authority i.e. receipt of various bills alongwith amount received from different departments –payment released – approval of higher authority for release of payment etc.

Since this information clearly does not come under 3rd party, I hereby direct the PIO to provide the information to the complainant.

The PIO has claimed that the department had asked the appellant to deposit a fee which, he had not deposited. The appellant has denied having received any such letter, and has also claimed that the First Appellate Authority took no notice of his appeal for which there is nothing on record to establish the appellant's claim

Given the two different stances of the PIO, one to deny the information claiming that it is 3rd party and secondly asking for money to release the information, there is clearly miscarriage of the justice. The PIO is directed to provide the information to the appellant within 15 days free of cost.

The case is adjourned. To come up for further hearing on **26.10.2020 at 11.00 AM** through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Patiala.

Chandigarh
Dated 26.08.2020

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Sh.Mangat Ram, S/o Sh.Balvir chand,
R/o Village Sonemajra, Sub Tehsil Ghanaur,
Tehsil Rajpura, Distt Patiala..

... Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o DC,
Patiala.

...Respondent

Complaint case No.217 of 2020

Present: None for the Complainant
Sh.Karan Khanna, Computer Operator O/o DDPO Patiala for the Respondent

ORDER:

The complainant through RTI application dated 27.11.2019 has sought information regarding action taken on the complaint dated 20.03.2018 and action taken on RTI dated 22.10.2019 by the BDO office Ghanaur and other information concerning the office of DC Patiala. The complainant was not provided the information after which the complainant filed a complaint in the Commission on 04.03.2020.

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Patiala. The respondent present pleaded that since the enquiry was pending, the information was not provided and the reply was sent to the complainant vide letter dated 06.02.2020. Now the enquiry has been completed and the enquiry report has been supplied to the complainant on 17.08.2020.

The complainant is absent. Having gone through the reply, the Commission finds that the contention of the PIO is not malafide and the RTI has been sufficiently replied. The information on point-1 stands provided. The point-2 is not clear and holds no merit.

No further course of action is required. The case is **disposed off and closed.**

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Sh.Milandeep Singh,
H No-48, Street No-1, Gurbaksh Colony,
Patiala.

... Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o MC,
Patiala.

...Respondent

Complaint case No.216 of 2020

Present: Sh.Milandeep Singh as the complainant
Sh.Davinder Singh, Xen-cum-PIO, MC Patiala for the Respondent

ORDER:

The complainant through RTI application dated 22.11.2019 has sought information regarding incomplete construction of road from old Bishan Nagar bridge to Gurbaksh Colony Bridge - map of road, allotment letter, details of payment and other information concerning the office of MC Patiala. The appellant was not provided the information after which the complainant filed complaint in the Commission on 03.03.2020.

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Patiala. The respondent present pleaded that the information has been provided to the appellant and the appellant has received the same. The appellant is not satisfied with the information regarding point-5.

Having gone through the RTI application and hearing both the parties, the Commission finds that point-5 holds no merits. Rest of the information stands provided.

The Commission further observes that there has been an enormous delay in attending to the RTI application. The Commission has taken a serious view of this and hereby directs the PIO to **show cause why penalty be not imposed on him under Section 20 of the RTI Act 2005 for not supplying the information within the statutorily prescribed period of time.** He/she should file an affidavit in this regard. If there are other persons responsible for the delay in providing the information, the PIO is directed to inform such persons of the show cause and direct them to appear before the Commission along with the written replies.

The case is adjourned. To come up for further hearing on **26.10.2020 at 11.00 AM** through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Patiala.

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Sh.Jarnail Singh, S/o Sh. Thakur Singh,
R/o 23/14, Anand Nagar-B,
Tipri Patiala.

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Tehsildar,
Patiala.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o SDM,
Patiala.

...Respondent

Appeal case No.834 of 2020

Present: Sh.Jarnail Singh as the Appellant'
Ms.Anju Rani, Clerk O/o Tehsildar Patiala for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant through RTI application dated 04.10.2019 has sought information regarding khasra number of residential house of Smt. Karamjit Kaur w/o Pargat Singh – name of owner of house constructed on khasra No.16//23/2(2-0)and khasra No.16/23/1(2-15) and other information concerning the office of Tehsildar Patiala. The appellant was not satisfied with the information provided by the PIO vide letter dated 29.10.2019 after which the appellant filed first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 04.11.2019 which took no decision on the appeal.

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Patiala. The respondent present pleaded that the information has been provided to the appellant. The appellant is not satisfied.

Having gone through the RTI application and hearing both the parties, the PIO is directed to provide whatever the document is available on the basis of latest demarcation of the said land.

To come up for further hearing on **26.10.2020 at 11.00 AM** through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Patiala.

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Sh.Surjit Singh, S/o Late Sh.Bishan Singh,
Kothi No-2, Urban Estate,
Phase-2, Patiala.

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o DC,
Patiala.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o DC,
Patiala.

...Respondent

Appeal case No.793 of 2020

Present: Sh.Parminder Kumar for the Appellant
None for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant through RTI application dated 16.10.2019 has sought information regarding action taken report on the application dated 24.06.2019 – statement of both parties and witnesses – decision taken and other information concerning the office of Deputy Commissioner, Patiala. The appellant was not satisfied with the information provided by the PIO vide letter dated 06.12.2019 after which the appellant filed first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 26.12.2019 which took no decision on the appeal.

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Patiala. The appellant claims that the PIO has not provided the information. The respondent is absent.

The PIO is directed to provide the information to the appellant and send a compliance report to the Commission.

The case is adjourned. To come up for further hearing on **26.10.2020 at 11.00 AM** through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Patiala.

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Sh.Brighh Bhan S/o Sh.Saroop Chand,
H N-33, Kahangarh Road,
Pathan, Distt Patiala.

... Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o DC,
Patiala.

...Respondent

Appeal case No.177 of 2020

Present: Sh.Brighh Bhan as the Appellant
None for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant through RTI application dated 14.11.2019 has sought information regarding list of approved IELTS in cities and towns of District Patiala and income generated from these IELTS from the office of Deputy Commissioner, Patiala. The appellant was not provided the information after which the appellant filed first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 13.02.2020 which took no decision on the appeal.

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Patiala. The appellant informed that the PIO has sent reply that the information is available on the website of the department. However, the PIO has not provided the hard copy of the information. The respondent is absent.

Since the information is available on the website of the department, the appellant is directed to download the information online.

No further course of action is required. The case is **disposed off and closed.**

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Sh.Lajpat Rai Garg, S/o Sh.Harbans Lal,
B-3/287, Romana Street, Jaito,
Distt. Faridkot.

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o EO, MC, Jaito,
Distt. Faridkot.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Deputy Director,
Local Bodies, Ferozepur.

...Respondent

Appeal case No.1134 of 2020

Present: Sh.Lajpat Rai Garg as the Appellant
Sh.Gurdas Singh, EO-MC Jaito for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant through RTI application dated 02.12.2019 has sought information regarding copy of receipt books – copy of bills relating to payment of Jain Brothers – payment received from VATS and finance commission – notification relating to exemption on penalty & interest – suspension order of Davinder Kumar earnest money of tree auction – notice u/s 195-A on Balwinder Singh -proceedings done against Ramesh Kumar, Prem Chand and Davinder Kumar and other information concerning the office of EO, MC Jaito. The appellant was not provided the information after which the appellant filed first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 02.12.2019 which took no decision on the appeal.

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Faridkot. The respondent present pleaded that the appellant was asked vide letter dated 10.12.2019 to deposit requisite fee and get the information. The appellant informed that no such letter was received.

Having gone through the record and hearing both the parties, the Commission finds that since the respondent has not been able to prove the dispatch of letter dated 10.12.2019 and also the First Appellate Authority has taken no decision on the appeal, I direct the PIO to provide the information to the appellant free of cost.

The case is adjourned. To come up for further hearing on **28.10.2020 at 11.00 AM** through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Faridkot.

Sd/-

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Dated 26.08.2020

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Distt. Faridkot.

... Appellant

Versus

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O/o EO, NC, Jaito,
Distt.Faridkot.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Deputy Director,
Local Bodies, Ferozepur.

...Respondent

Appeal case No.890 of 2020

Present: Sh.Lajpat Rai Garg as the Appellant
Sh.Gurdas Singh, EO-MC Jaito for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant through RTI application dated 26.11.2019 has sought information 14 points regarding posting of Ramesh Kumar, Suresh Kumar, Davinder Kumar who are on bail in court cases and action taken on them for missing record – attendance register – approval granted for construction of property by Naib Singh – action taken on application dated 16.10.2017 and other information as enumerated in the RTI application, concerning the office of EO, MC Jaito. The appellant was not provided the information after which the appellant filed first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 02.12.2019 which took no decision on the appeal.

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Faridkot. The respondent present pleaded that the available information has been provided to the appellant. The appellant is not satisfied and informed that the information has not been provided as per the RTI application.

As per respondent, the RTI application is not specified. Having gone through the RTI application, the Commission observes that the RTI application is not legible.

The appellant is directed to send legible typed application to the PIO with a copy to the Commission. The PIO is directed to relook at the RTI application and provide the information to the appellant as per record.

The case is adjourned. To come up for further hearing on **28.10.2020 at 11.00 AM** through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Faridkot.

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Distt.Faridkot.

... Appellant

Versus

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O/o EO, NC, Jaito,
Distt.Faridkot.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Deputy Director,
Local Bodies, Ferozepur.

...Respondent

Appeal case No.891 of 2020

Present: Sh.Lajpat Rai Garg as the Appellant
Sh.Gurdas Singh, EO-MC Jaito for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant through RTI application dated 27.05.2019 has sought information 08 points regarding correspondence done by Police station Jaito in case of Ramesh Kumar and Suresh Kumar and action taken on those letters from the year 2011 – copy of letters submitted for extension by employees Darshan Singh, Raj Singh, Prem Kumar, Peetambar Kumar, Balwinder Singh, Manak Chand etc. and other information as enumerated in the RTI application, concerning the office of EO, MC Jaito. The appellant was not provided the information after which the appellant filed first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 16.12.2019 which took no decision on the appeal.

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Faridkot. The respondent present pleaded that the available information has been provided to the appellant. The appellant is not satisfied and informed that the information has not been provided as per the RTI application.

As per respondent, the RTI application is not specified. Having gone through the RTI application, the Commission observes that the RTI application is not legible.

The appellant is directed to send legible typed application to the PIO with a copy to the Commission. The PIO is directed to relook at the RTI application and provide the information to the appellant as per record.

The case is adjourned. To come up for further hearing on **28.10.2020 at 11.00 AM** through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Faridkot.

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... Appellant

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O/o EO, NC, Jaito,
Distt.Faridkot.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Deputy Director,
Local Bodies, Ferozepur.

...Respondent

Appeal case No.889 of 2020

Present: Sh.Lajpat Rai Garg as the Appellant
Sh.Gurdas Singh, EO-MC Jaito for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant through RTI application dated 08.12.2019 has sought information 13 points regarding charge sheet issued to Ramesh Kumar , Davinder Kumar by Chief Secretary in Nov.2019 for missing record – leave record of Sh.Ashok Kumar, EO – action taken on the application of the appellant dated 20.09.2018 filed for initiation action of dismissal against Ramesh Kumar and Suresh Kumar and other information as enumerated in the RTI application, concerning the office of EO, MC Jaito. The appellant was not provided the information after which the appellant filed first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on dated nil which took no decision on the appeal.

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Faridkot. The respondent present pleaded that the available information has been provided to the appellant. The appellant is not satisfied and informed that the information has not been provided as per the RTI application.

As per respondent, the RTI application is not specified. Having gone through the RTI application, the Commission observes that the RTI application is not legible.

The appellant is directed to send legible typed application to the PIO with a copy to the Commission. The PIO is directed to relook at the RTI application and provide the information to the appellant as per record.

The case is adjourned. To come up for further hearing on **28.10.2020 at 11.00 AM** through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Faridkot.

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... Appellant

Versus

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O/o NC, Jaito,
Distt. Faridkot.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Deputy Director,
Local Bodies, Ferozepur.

...Respondent

Appeal case No.888 of 2020

Present: Sh.Lajpat Rai Garg as the Appellant
Sh.Gurdas Singh, EO-MC Jaito for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant through RTI application dated 25.05.2019 has sought information 12 points regarding action taken on letters sent from 01.04.2019 till date for not reinstating Davinder Kumar Clerk – copy of charge sheet – service books of Ramesh Kumar, Suresh Kumar, Davinder Kumar who were arrested under section 326 CPC - correspondence done by Police station Jaito in case of Ramesh Kumar and Suresh Kumar and action taken on those letters from the year 2011 – copy of letters submitted for extension by employees Darsh Singh, Raj Singh, Prem Kumar, Peetambar Kumar, Balwinder Singh, Manak Chand etc. and other information as enumerated in the RTI application concerning the office of EO, MC Jaito. The appellant was not provided the information after which the appellant filed first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 16.12.2019 which took no decision on the appeal.

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Faridkot. The respondent present pleaded that the available information has been provided to the appellant. The appellant is not satisfied and informed that the information has not been provided as per the RTI application.

As per respondent, the RTI application is not specified. Having gone through the RTI application, the Commission observes that the RTI application is not legible.

The appellant is directed to send legible typed application to the PIO with a copy to the Commission. The PIO is directed to relook at the RTI application and provide the information to the appellant as per record.

The case is adjourned. To come up for further hearing on **28.10.2020 at 11.00 AM** through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Faridkot.

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... Appellant

Versus

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O/o Addl, Chief Secretary,
Local Govt, Pb, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Addl, Chief Secretary,
Local Govt, Pb, Chandigarh.

...Respondent

Appeal case No.611 of 2020

Present: Sh.Lajpat Rai Garg as the Appellant
Sh.Ms.Sarabjit Kaur, Sr. Assistant O/o Local Govt.Pb for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant through RTI application dated 05.11.2019 has sought information 08 points regarding action taken on the letters sent by DC Faridkot for taking necessary action against the employees of MC Jaito – action taken on application dated 21.09.2019 and letters sent from 01.12.2017 to 08.02.2018 against Jagmohan Lal and other information as enumerated in the RTI application concerning the office of Addl. Chief Secretary, Local Govt Punjab. The appellant was not provided the information after which the appellant filed first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 13.12.2019 which took no decision on the appeal.

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Faridkot. The respondent present pleaded that since the information relates to Regional Deputy Director, Local Govt. Ferozepur, the RTI application was transferred to them vide letter dated 18.11.2019.

The PIO-Regional Deputy Director, Local Govt Punjab, Ferozepur is impleaded in the case and directed to provide the information to the appellant as per the RTI application forwarded by the office of Local Govt. Punjab, Chandigarh on 18.11.2019. A copy of RTI application is being attached with the order for the PIO-Local Govt. Punjab, Ferozepur.

The case is adjourned. To come up for further hearing on **28.10.2020 at 11.00 AM** through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Faridkot.

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