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Gurinderbir Singh,

S/o Darbara Singh,

Village Fazalpur, PO Mianwind,

Tehsil Kahdoor Sahib,

District Tarn Taran – 143 112

Versus

Public Information Officer,

o/o Punjab State Power Corporation Ltd., Nagoke,

Tehsil Khadoor Sahib,

District Tarn Taran – 143 117

Complaint Case No. 104 of 2020 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

(Complainant) Absent

S.P Sondhi, APIO-cum-AEE (for the Respondent) 96461-13025

ORDER:

*(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on **29.10.2020, 16.12.2020, 12.2.2021, and 30.9.2021**)*

1. The complainant, **Gurinderbir Singh**, filed this RTI application dated **10.10.2019** and sought **information regarding installation of electricity poles**, from the PIO o/o **PSPCL, Tarn Taran**. When no information was received, the Complainant filed a complaint under Section 18 of the RTI Act, 2005 to the Commission on **23.1.2020**. The case was last heard on **30.9.2021**.
2. The complainant is absent without intimation. As directed by the Commission on 12.2.2021, the respondent has sent a copy of the reply sent to the complainant vide Letter No. 2370/78 Dated 16.6.2021, wherein the deficiencies listed by the complainant have been addressed. The complainant however, continues to insist that the information is incomplete vide his email dated 30.9.2021.
3. The respondent PIO is directed to send clear and duly attested copies of the information sent to the complainant, to this Commission at the earliest.
4. An examination of the case file shows that this RTI application was submitted on 10.10.2019 and the first reply was sent by the respondent PIO is Dated 23.3.2020. The respondent PIO is directed to send a written submission explaining this delay.
5. **Next hearing on 11.2.2022 at 11.00 am via Video Conference Facility at DC office, Tarn Taran.**

Sd/-

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Parkash Singh,
S/o Sewa Singh,
Village Kotduna, Tehsil Barnala,
District Barnala.

Versus

Public Information Officer,
o/o Executive Engineer,
Punjab State Power Corporation Limited (PSPCL)
City Division, Barnala.

First Appellate Authority,
o/o Superintendent Engineer Distribution Circle,
Punjab State Power Corporation Limited (PSPCL),
Court Chowk, Shaheed Jita Singh Market,
Barnala.

Appeal Case No. 698 of 2020 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

(Appellant) Absent

Vikas Singla, SDO (for the Respondent) 96461-10097

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 17.12.2020, 12.2.2021, and 30.9.2021)

1. The RTI application is dated **2.10.19** vide which the appellant has sought Information **regarding an electricity connection**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **22.11.2019** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **10.2.2020** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **30.9.2021**.

2. The appellant is absent without intimation. The respondent PIO, represented by Vikas Singla, SDO, City Barnala, has as directed by this Commission at the hearing on 12.2.2021, sent a written pointwise reply vide Letter No. 998 Dated 18.2.2021 along with some of the information that was available in his record. However, the information provided by the respondent shows that the electricity connection cited in the RTI application is in the name of Parkash Singh S/o Mewa Singh. However, the appellant in his letter, received in this Commission on 23.11.2020, has already pointed out that the original connection was in the name of Parkash Singh, S/o Sh. Sewa Singh S/o Sh. Kaku Singh, and that this has been wrongly changed to Parkash Singh, S/o Sh. Mewa Singh. Asked about this, the respondent PIO has repeatedly stated that the connection cited in the RTI application is some 25 to 30 years old and it is difficult to trace out the original record.

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3. In view of the above Executive Engineer-cum-PIO is directed to submit his reply sent vide Letter No. 998 Dated 18.2.2021 in the form of duly notarised affidavit. Both the original affidavit and copy of the same are to be submitted to this Commission within next 10 working days.

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 5.1.2022 at 11.00 am via Video Conference Facility at DC office, Barnala.**

Sd/-

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Ravi Kumar, S/o Dharmendar Kumar,
107, Near Santpura, Patiala Gate,
District Sangrur – 148 001.

Versus

Public Information Officer,
o/o Regional Transport Authority, District Sangrur.
First Appellate Authority,
o/o State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, Chandigarh.

Appeal Case No. 2759 of 2019 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

(Appellant) Absent

Karamvir Singh Chhina, FAA-cum-Secretary RTA (Respondent) 98724-26400

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 4.9.19, 10.10.19, 28.11.19, 30.1.2020, 3.6.2020, 6.8.2020, 25.11.2020, 27.1.2021, and 8.9.2021)

1. The RTI application is dated **18.2.19** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding preferred vehicle registration numbers from 1.1.2012 to 18.2.19**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **26.3.19**, and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **30.7.19** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **8.9.2021**.

2. The appellant is absent without intimation. The respondent PIO, represented at this hearing by the Secretary-cum-First Appellate Authority, RTA, Sangrur, Sh. Karamvir Singh Chhina has as directed by this Commission, submitted a pointwise reply to the RTI application along with some of the information pertaining to point 1 of the RTI application. Regarding point 2, wherein the appellant has sought details of VIP/Fancy registration numbers from 1.1.2012 to 18.2.2019, the respondent states that information is voluminous and would have to be collected. Point 3, he states, is available on the website: www.punjabtransport.org.

3. The respondent PIO has agreed to arrange for the appellant to inspect the record which is available on the Website but can only be accessed on the respondent's computer. The appellant is advised to inspect the record at the office of the Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Sangrur at 11.00 am on 8.11.2021 and intimate this Commission after he has done so.

4. The Secretary, RTA-cum-First Appellate Authority is directed to be personally present and facilitate the inspection by the appellant.

5. **Next hearing on 17.12.2021 at 11.00 am via Video Conference Facility at DC office, Sangrur.**

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State Information Commissioner, Punjab.
Chandigarh
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Avtar Singh Alias Tari,
S/o Gurcharan Singh,
Near Shaheed Udham Singh,
Kamboj Dharamshala,
Tehsil Sunam, District Sangrur.

Versus

Public Information Officer,
o/o Assistant Labour Commissioner,
District Sangrur.
First Appellate Authority,
o/o Assistant Labour Commissioner,
District Sangrur.

Appeal Case No. 4061 of 2020 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

Avtar Singh Alias Tari (Appellant) 99155-70201
Arun Kumar, Labour Enforcement Officer (for the Respondent) 78142-21115

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 27.1.2021 and 8.9.2021)

1. The RTI application is dated **9.5.19** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding beneficiaries who benefited from the Protection of Labour Board etc.**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **3.9.2019**, and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **15.12.2020** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **8.9.2021**.

2. Both parties are present via Video Conference Facility from Sangrur. At the last hearing on 8.9.2021, the respondent PIO was served with a Show Cause Notice for failing to comply with this Commission's directions of 27.1.2021. In reply to Show Cause Notice, the respondent PIO has once again submitted a copy of the original reply sent to the appellant vide Letter No. 269 Dated 18.6.2019, wherein exemption has been claimed for some of the information, claiming that it is personal information and at another point that the information is in the custody of Head Office and not available in the office of respondent PIO.

3. The respondent PIO is herewith directed to supply the information pertaining to all the points of RTI application after redacting/blanking out any personal details of labourers. As regards information that is in the custody of Head Office, the respondent PIO is directed to transfer that portion of the information to Head Office under intimation to the appellant and this Commission.

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

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Appeal Case No. 4061 of 2020 (Video Conference Proceedings)

5. Next hearing on 28.1.2022 at 11.00 am via Video Conference Facility at DC office, Sangrur.

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State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

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REGISTERED SHOW CAUSE NOTICE

Rajesh Kumar,
S/o Late Sh. Om Parkash,
80, Near Thana Sadar,
Railway Road,
Nabha – 147 201

Versus

Public Information Officer,
o/o Nagar Council, Nabha,
District Patiala.

First Appellate Authority,
o/o Director, Local Government,
Punjab, Chandigarh.

Appeal Case No. 2745 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

Rajesh Kumar (Appellant) 98152-94603
(Respondent) Absent

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 24.8.2021)

1. The RTI application is dated **19.7.2018** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding the Store Incharge of Municipal Committee Nabha in eight points**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **19.7.2020** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **10.6.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **24.8.2021**.
2. At the last hearing on 24.8.2021, the appellant was requested to submit a copy of the receipt for Rs. 256 he claimed to have paid in cash to the Municipal Council Nabha. The appellant has submitted a copy of said receipt (No. 34039 Dated 13.8.20218). A copy of this has also been sent to the respondent PIO.
3. This belies the respondent's contention at the last Hearing that the appellant has not deposited the sum demanded from him as copying charges for 128 pages of information. It is now evident that the respondent PIO has attempted to mislead this Commission and deliberately withhold the information sought by the appellant. The Commission deems it fit to serve the respondent PIO with this Show Cause Notice.
4. The respondent PIO 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 **19.7.2018**.

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“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 3.3.2022 at 11.00 am via Video Conference Facility at DC office, Patiala.**

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

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Cc: Additional Deputy Commissioner, (Urban Development), District Patiala, for information and further necessary action.

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Jagdeep Singh,

S/o Late Sh. Jaswant Singh,
Dte Gene of Capability Development,
(PA) to ADG CD (B),
Room No. 411, A Wing,
Sena Bhawan, IHQ of Mod (Army),
DHQ PO-New Delhi-11001

Versus

Public Information Officer,

o/o Tehsildar, Nabha,
District Patiala.

First Appellate Authority,

o/o Deputy Commissioner,
Mini Secretariat,
District Patiala-147001

Appeal Case No. 2902 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

Jagdeep Singh (Appellant) 74090-02111 Via Cisco Webex

Ravinder Singh, Assistant Office Kanugo (for the Respondent) 94173-29507

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 24.8.2021)

1. The RTI application is dated **16.11.2020** vide which the appellant has sought information **by way of field sketches (Maps) prepared by the Revenue authorities on the basis of Mutation No. 572 dated 28.4.2017 for Khasra Nos. 696/644/328/Min – (1-16), 328/Min – (0-7) and 329/Min (0-4):**

1] Complete field sketch (map) of Total land clearly demarcated each Khasra No. / broken Khasra No. in accordance with the revenue records in respect of my family (i.e. Jagdeep Singh, Tejinder Singh, Ranjodh Singh and Smt Satwinder Kaur) prepared in terms of Para 4,19 to 4.23, 7.8 and 7.9 of the Revenue Manual (Revised Edition dated 8.6.2004).

2] Field sketch (map) of land in respect of my family (i.e. Jagdeep Singh, Tejinder Singh, Ranjodh Singh and Smt Satwinder Kaur) which is in share with Ex Sub Gurmel Singh in terms of Para 4,19 to 4.23, 7.8 and 7.9 of the Revenue Manual (Revised Edition dated 8.6.2004).

as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **31.12.2020** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **23.6.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **24.8.2021**.

2. Both parties are present. The respondent PIO, represented by Ravinder Singh, Assistant Office Kanugo, has submitted a reply vide Letter No. 623/RTI Dated 26.8.2021 wherein he has merely submitted copies of the mutation. However, the Sketch Maps specifically requested in the RTI application have not been supplied.

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Appeal Case No. 2902 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

3. The Commission takes a very serious view of the respondent PIO's conduct in this Appeal Case. The respondent PIO's apparently willful noncompliance with the Commission's Order of 24.8.2021 seems intentional and designed to delay / deny the requested information.

4. The respondent PIO is herewith given one final opportunity to submit two copies of the Sketch Map to the Commission before Friday 29.10.2021, failing which penal action consequences as per RTI Act 2005, shall follow.

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 3.3.2022 at 11.00 am via Video Conference Facility at DC office, Patiala.**

**Sd/-
(ASIT JOLLY)**

State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

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Jatinder Pal Singh Randhawa,
S/o Sh. Nidhan Singh Randhawa,
105, VPO-New Sullar,
Tehsil & District Patiala.

Versus

Public Information Officer,
o/o District Forest Officer,
District Patiala.
First Appellate Authority,
o/o District Forest Officer, District Patiala.

Appeal Case No. 2993 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

Jatinder Pal Singh Randhawa (Appellant) 98559-85265
(Respondent) Absent

ORDER:

*(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on **24.8.2021**)*

1. The RTI application is dated **1.2.2021** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding Forest Department land in Village Beer Kheri**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **5.4.2021** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **30.6.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **24.8.2021**.
2. The respondent PIO is absent without intimation. At the last hearing on 24.8.2021, the respondent PIO was asked to produce copies of the dispatch register as well as postal receipt for her letter to the appellant seeking payment of Rs. 2625 as cost of photocopying vide Letter No. 191 Dated 12.2.2021 and Letter No. 1 Dated 12.4.2021. While the respondent PIO has submitted copies of the dispatch register but she has not been able to submit the postal receipt. Subsequent to this, the respondent PIO sent the requested information vide Letter No. 86 Dated 10.9.2021 along with some 84 pages by way of information. The appellant who is present at this hearing states that while he has received the information from the respondent PIO, it is incomplete and he has already pointed out deficiencies to the respondent PIO. The appellant is requested to send a copy of the deficiencies pointed by him to the Commission.
3. The respondent PIO meanwhile is directed to examine the list of deficiency and supply the requested information by way of the map etc. sought by the appellant at point 2 and 3 of his RTI application apart from other deficiencies listed by him before the next hearing.

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Appeal Case No. 2993 of 2021 (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 3.3.2022 at 11.00 am via Video Conference Facility at DC office, Patiala.**

Sd/-

(ASIT JOLLY)

State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

Chandigarh

26.10.2021