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Mohit Garu,
S/o Sh. Dalip Kumar,
B-2-698/6-E, Chhawani Mohalla,
District Ludhiana.

Versus

Public Information Officer,
o/o Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation,
District Ludhiana.

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

Appeal Case No. 195 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

Mohit Garu (Appellant) 9779111717

Vimal Kumar, Inspector from Zone-D (for the Respondent) 8847386805

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **19.10.2020** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding sweepers in Ward No. 77 and 78 on 70%**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **24.11.2020** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **28.12.2020** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **26.8.2021**.

2. Both parties are present via Video Conference Facility from Ludhiana. The respondent PIO represented by Vimal Kumar, Inspector from Zone-D, stated that the information was sent to the appellant by Speed Post on 9.3.2021. In a Letter Dated 17.3.2021, the appellant has confirmed that he has received the information but pointed out some deficiencies.

3. The respondent PIO is directed to send copies of information, sent to the appellant as well as the appellant's Letter Dated 17.3.2021 and the PIO's reply to said letter, to this Commission forthwith.

4. **Next hearing on 19.10.2021 at 11.00 am through Video Conference from Ludhiana.**

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

Appeal Case No. 197 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

Mohit Garu (Appellant) 9779111717

Om Parkash, Inspector from Zone A (for the Respondent) 9888630187

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **19.10.2020** vide which the appellant has sought information **by way of a list of employees who passed the Punjabi typing test on 10.10.20 for promotion of Grade 3 and Grade 4 clerks**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **24.11.2020** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **28.12.2020** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **26.8.2021**.

2. Both parties are present via Video Conference Facility from Ludhiana. The respondent PIO, represented by Om Parkash, Inspector from Zone-A, stated that a reply along with the requested information was sent to the appellant vide Letter No. 1512 Dated 1.12.2020. The appellant however, insists that he has received the reply but there was no information appended to the letter.

3. The respondent PIO has handed over another copy of the aforesaid reply at today's hearing. The appellant is advised to examine the information and list deficiency if any.

4. Next hearing on 19.10.2021 at 11.00 am through Video Conference from Ludhiana.

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District Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,

o/o Commissioner,

Municipal Corporation,

District Ludhiana.

Appeal Case No. 198 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

Mohit Garu (Appellant) 9779111717

(Respondent) Absent

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **19.10.2020** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding Cow Cess etc.** as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **24.11.2020** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **28.12.2020** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **26.8.2021**.

2. The respondent PIO is absent without intimation. As per the case file, the respondent PIO has sent a written reply to this RTI application vide Letter No. 611/SBO/RTI/D Dated 16.12.2020. The appellant however, insists that he has not been provided a proper record. The appellant is advised to list deficiencies/shortcoming in writing to the respondent PIO with a copy to this Commission.

3. Next hearing on 19.10.2021 at 11.00 am through Video Conference from Ludhiana.

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Appeal Case No. 199 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

Mohit Garu (Appellant) 9779111717

Kartar Singh Fire Station Officer (for the Respondent) 9041204071

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **19.10.2020** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding Fire NOCs issued to Schools, Buildings and factories,** as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **24.11.2020** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **28.12.2020** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **26.8.2021**.
2. Both parties are present via Video Conference Facility from Ludhiana. The respondent PIO, represented by Kartar Singh, Fire Station Officer, stated that a reply was sent to the appellant vide Letter No. 462/RTI Dated 3.11.2020, wherein the requested information was denied citing Section 7(9) 8(1)(j) and 11(1) of the RTI Act 2005.
3. This Commission has examined the said letter and is of the view that the information requested in this RTI application, though voluminous, must be disclosed in the larger public interest. Furthermore such disclosure is also in keeping with voluntary disclosure by public authorities as per Section 4 of the RTI Act, 2005.
4. This Commission impleads the Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana and directs him to upload the fire safety status of all public buildings, schools, and factories, etc. located within his jurisdiction to the Website of the Municipal Corporation Ludhiana. He is granted one month from the date of receipt of this Order to comply.

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5. The appellant is to be duly informed about the URL whereby he can access the information. This Commission must also be intimated when the information requested in this RTI application becomes publicly accessible on the Municipal Corporation's website.

6. **Next hearing on 19.10.2021 at 11.00 am through Video Conference, Ludhiana.**

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Appeal Case No. 200 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

Mohit Garu (Appellant) 9779111717

Gokaran Singh, JE form Zone C (for the Respondent) 9988831600

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **19.10.2020** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding Temporary employees posted in Zone-C, MC Ludhiana**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **24.11.2020** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **28.12.2020** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **26.8.2021**.

2. Both parties are present via Video Conference Facility from Ludhiana. The respondent PIO, represented by Gokaran Singh, JE from Zone-C, stated that a reply was sent to the appellant vide Letter No. 1057/APIO/O&M Dated 29.10.2020 along with the information pertaining to points 1 and 2 and raising demand of Rs. 10,000.00 as copying charges to supply the information pertaining to point 3. While the appellant has admittedly not deposited the said amount, he insists that pertaining to points 1 and 2 is incomplete. The appellant is advised to list deficiencies in a letter to the respondent PIO with a copy to this Commission.

3. **Next hearing on 19.10.2021 at 11.00 am through Video Conference from Ludhiana.**

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Commissioner, Municipal Corporation,
District Ludhiana

First Appellate Authority,
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Municipal Corporation,
District Ludhiana.

Appeal Case No. 201 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

Mohit Garu (Appellant) 9779111717
(Respondent) Absent

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **19.10.2020** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding Temporary employees posted in Zone-A, M.C. Ludhiana**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **24.11.2020** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **28.12.2020** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **12.5.2021**.
2. Both parties are present via Video Conference Facility from Ludhiana. The respondent PIO represented by Gokaran, JE from Zone-C, stated that a reply was sent to the appellant vide Letter No. 1158/XEN/O&M/Z-A Dated 9.11.2020 along with the information pertaining to Points 1 and 2.
3. The appellant, who claims the information is deficient, is advised to list deficiencies in a letter to the respondent PIO with a copy to this Commission.
4. **Next hearing on 19.10.2021 at 11.00 am through Video Conference Facility from Ludhiana.**

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Appeal Case No. 202 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

Mohit Garu (Appellant) 9779111717

Balwinder Singh, PIO-cum-SDO from Zone-D (Respondent) 9646057981

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **19.10.2020** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding Temporary employees posted in Zone-D of MC Ludhiana**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **24.11.2020** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **28.12.2020** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **26.8.2021**.

2. Both parties are present via Video Conference Facility from Ludhiana. The respondent PIO-cum-SDO from Zone-C, Balwinder Singh, stated that a reply along with the information was sent to the appellant vide Letter No. 1/PIO-D Dated 14.12.2020. The appellant however, insists that the information is incomplete. He is advised to list deficiencies in a letter to the respondent PIO with a copy to this Commission.

3. The respondent PIO has meanwhile also contended that the appellant had asked for identical/similar information in two other Appeal Cases, AC 3602/2020 and AC 556/2020 of 2020, which were heard on 2.7.2021 and 14.7.2020 respectively. The RTI application linked to all three cases be compared to determine if the PIO's contention is valid.

4. **Next hearing on 19.10.2021 at 11.00 am through Video Conference Facility, from Ludhiana.**

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First Appellate Authority,
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Municipal Corporation,
Ludhiana.

Appeal Case No. 216 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

(Appellant) Absent

Balwinder Singh, PIO-cum-SDO from Zone-D (Respondent) 9646057981

Gokaran, JE from Zone C (for the Respondent) 9988831600

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **4.9.2020** vide which the appellant has sought voluminous information **regarding the O&M Branch of all the four zones by way of details about employees of all categories; pending water and sewerage bills pertaining to all government offices, hotels, restaurants, malls, marriage palaces, Dharamshalas; copy of the government notification pertaining to water and sewerage charges of all categories of consumers; details of officers and the recoveries of pending bill by them etc. in five points,** as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **7.10.2020** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **28.12.2020** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **26.8.2021**.

2. The appellant is absent. The respondent PIO-cum-SDO, Balwinder Singh, from Zone-D and Gokaran, JE from Zone-C, are present via Video Conference Facility from Ludhiana, stated that a reply was sent to the appellant vide letter No.54/PIO/RTI/Zone-D dated 25.8.2021 and 1288/XEN/O&M dated 24.11.2020. There has been no reply from Zone and B. The respondents are herewith directed to submit a written, pointwise reply to the RTI application furnishing information where available. The respondents are to note that they have not to create any information by way of any lists etc. as per the RTI Act 2005. Only information which is available on file, in a register or in an electronic format, is to be supplied to the appellant subject to exemptions as per the RTI Act 2005.

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Appeal Case No. 216 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

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 19.10.2021 at 11.00 am through Video Conference from Ludhiana, from Ludhiana.**

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Appeal Case No. 218 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

(Appellant) Absent

Balwinder Singh, PIO-cum-SDO from Zone-D (Respondent) 9646057981

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **4.9.2020** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding plumbers, new water connections in in all four zones of MC Ludhiana etc.,** as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **7.10.2020** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **28.12.2020** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **26.8.2021**.

2. The appellant is absent. The respondent PIO-cum-SDO, Balwinder Singh, from Zone-D and Gokaran, JE from Zone-C, are present via Video Conference Facility from Ludhiana, have submitted a reply along with information requested by the appellant. The appellant who was present earlier today's hearing has pointed out some deficiencies in the information given to him. The respondents have agreed to remove the said deficiencies.

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. 218 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

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First Appellate Authority,
o/o Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation,
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Appeal Case No. 220 of 2021 (Vide Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

(Appellant) Absent

Balwinder Singh, PIO-cum-SDO from Zone-D (Respondent) 9646057981

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **27.8.2020** vide which the appellant has sought voluminous information **regarding the costs of cleaning sewer lines, logbook of the Jet Machine, expenditure on fuel, details of contractor etc.,** as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **7.10.2020** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **28.12.2020** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **26.8.2021**.

2. The appellant is absent. The respondent PIO-cum-SDO, Balwinder Singh, from Zone-D present via Video Conference Facility from Ludhiana, stated that a reply vide Letter No. 56/PIO/Z-D Dated 25.8.2021 along with the information, have been sent to the appellant wherein he has also been offered inspection of the concerned record if he so desired. The appellant is given one final opportunity to examine the respondent PIO's reply and list deficiencies if any.

3. **Next hearing on 19.10.2021 at 11.00 am through Video Conference from Ludhiana,**

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