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Shri Manjit Singh  
s/o Shri Sohan Singh  
House No. 388/3,  
Dhahdholian Road,  
Patiala  
Vs

....Appellant

Public Information Officer,  
Verka Milk Plants,  
Gurdaspur, Amritsar & Bathinda

**Complaint Case (CC) No. 85 of 2019, CC 285 of 2019,  
CC 101 of 2019, CC 287 of 2019  
and CC 286 of 2019.**

Present:- Shri Manjit Singh, appellant in person.

## ORDER

The brief of the case is that the following 5 cases have been filed by the appellant, Shri Manjit Singh with the Public Information Officer o/o the General Manager, Verka, Milk Plants of Gurdaspur Amritsar and Bathinda.

Sr.No.	Case No.	Respondents
1	CC 85 of 2019	Public Information Officer o/o GM Verka, Milk Plant, Gurdaspur
2	CC 285 of 2019	Public Information Officer o/o GM Verka, Milk Plant, Amritsar
3	CC 101 of 2019	Public Information Officer o/o GM Verka, Milk Plant, Bathinda
4	CC 287 of 2019	Public Information Officer o/o GM Verka, Milk Plant, Amritsar
5	CC 286 of 2019	Public Information Officer o/o GM Verka, Milk Plant, Amritsar

The Commission has decided that in public interest all the cases be heard by the full bench so that a similar order/directions can be given to the respondents to take appropriate action as per the provisions of RTI Act. Accordingly, to consider the above said cases primarily, the bench decided to discuss the cases on 12.2.2020 at 1.00 p.m. so that after consideration the notice may be given to the parties concerned.

**Complaint Case (CC) No. 85 of 2019, CC 285 of 2019,  
CC 101 of 2019, CC 287 of 2019 and CC 286 of 2019.**

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While going through the case files, it transpires that the similar cases i.e. Complaint Case No. 102/2019, 103/2019 and 104/2019 filed against the Verka Milk Plants of Punjab State by the same appellant, Shri Manjit Singh, has already been sine-die by the Commission, relevant portion of the order is reproduced below:-

*“The respondents reiterate that they are not a Public Authority within the meaning of Section 2 (h) of the RTI Act as has been explained in detail in the judgement passed by the Hon’ble Supreme Court of India in Civil Appeal No. 9017 of 2013 Thalappalam Ser. Coop. Bank Ltd. Vs State of Kerala and others. The Commission has given its thoughtful consideration to the submissions made. In Civil Writ Petition No. 20904/2015 the respondents have challenged the order of the Commission in treating it as a Public Authority. The Commission feels that it shall be prudent to wait for its decision.*

*The Complaint as such is kept sine-die and shall be taken up as and when the matter is finalized by the Hon’ble High Court of Punjab and Haryana.”*

As per the above said discussion, the notice was issued to Shri Manjit Singh, appellant, who is present today. No submissions have been made by the appellant in these cases except to agree with the cases of Verka Milk Plants which have already sine-die by the Commission itself.

Hence, without going into the merits and the de-merits of the cases, as the five cases relates to the Verka Milk Plants, the Commission decided that the same may also be sine-die till the matter is finalized by the Hon’ble High Court of Punjab and Haryana.

The respondents are bound and directed to submit the copy of final decision to the Commission as and when decided by the Hon’ble High Court

The parties be informed, accordingly.

Dated: 27.2.2020

Sd/-  
(Khushwant Singh)  
State Information Commissioner,  
Punjab

Sd/-  
(Mrs. Preety Chawla)  
State Information Commissioner,  
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Vs

Public Information Officer,  
o/o The Deputy Commissioner,  
Mini Secretariat,  
Patiala & ors

....Respondents

**Appeal Case(AC) No.3531 of 2019,AC No.3532 of 2019,AC No.3930 of 2019,AC No.4575 of 2019,AC No.4576 of 2019,AC No.4577 of 2019,AC No.4578 of 2019,AC No.4579 of 2019, AC No.4618 of 2019,AC No.4619 of 2019,AC No.4620 of 2019,AC No.4621 of 2019, AC No.4622 of 2019,AC No.3931 of 2019,AC No.3530 of 2019**

Present:- Shri Manjit Singh,appellant in person.  
Shri Gagandeep Singh, Sr. Asstt on behalf of the respondents.

## ORDER

The appellant, Shri Manjit Singh has filed the above said 15 number of 2<sup>nd</sup> appeal cases relating to the Public Information Officers of field offices under the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Patiala.

The Commission decided that in public interest all the cases be heard by this full bench, since the appellant in 15 cases is the same and the information sought concerns one office only i.e. Deputy Commissioner, Patiala.

Accordingly, the notice was served to the parties for hearing today i.e. 27.2.2020.

The brief of the cases is that the application has sought the information related to the total number of online time taken for registry, registration of plots done in illegal colonies after issuance of NOC by the Estaet Officer, PUDA, Patiala and the report given by the Patwari etc.

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AC No.4575 of 2019,AC No.4576 of 2019,AC No.4577 of 2019,  
AC No.4578 of 2019,AC No.4579 of 2019,AC No.4618 of 2019,  
AC No.4619 of 2019,AC No.4620 of 2019,AC No.4621 of 2019,  
AC No.4622 of 2019,AC No.3931 of 2019,AC No.3530 of 2019**

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The representative of the respondents states that during the last hearing in almost every case the order was issued by the Commission in which the appellant was advised to visit the office but the appellant never attended the office for inspection. In addition to it the representative of the respondents states that the appellant has sought the information that is not available in the office record i.e. the report of the Patwari. He further states that it is not mandatory under the rules to take the report of the Patwari in each case. The representative of the respondents further states that the appellant may inspect the record and the copies of the record pertaining to his RTI application. The appellant states that he is ready for the inspection. With the mutual understanding the date of inspection has been finalized i.e. 1.3.2020 at 2.00 P.M.

As per the mutual understanding of both the parties, directions are issued to the respondents to make available the record for inspection to the appellant and provide the copies of documents under the provisions of the RTI Act related to the his RTI application and submit the reply after the inspection of the appellant to the Commission before the next date of hearing.

To come up on 26.3.2020 at 1.00 PM at Chandigarh.

Dated: 27.2.2020

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Punjab

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(Mrs. Preety Chawla)  
State Information Commissioner,  
Punjab

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Chief Information Commissioner,  
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1. The Deputy Commissioner (by name)  
Mini Secretariat,  
Patiala
2. Tehsildar, Patiala  
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3. Sub Registrar, Patiala,  
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Municipal Corporation,  
Patiala.

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

....Respondents

## **Appeal Case No. 2345 of 2019**

Present:- Shri Manjit Singh, appellant on behalf of the respondents.  
Shri Amitoj, J.E. and Shri Inderjeet Singh, Sanitary Inspector on behalf of the respondents.

### ORDER

The appellant, Shri Manjit Singh has filed the total 145 2<sup>nd</sup> appeal cases in the Commission, and the Commission decided that in public interest all the case be heard by this full bench for its timely disposal.

Accordingly, this case was listed for hearing today i.e. 27.2.2020.

The representative of the respondents Shri Amitoj, JE states that the complete information pertaining to engineering wing has been provided to the appellant and nothing remains pending that could be provided to the appellant. The similar submissions are given by Shri Inderjeet Singh, Sanitary Inspection that the information related to the Health wing has been provided to the appellant. The appellant agrees to the submissions of the respondents and states that as he has received the complete information and have no objection, if the case is closed.

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According to the submissions and satisfaction of the appellant, the case is disposed of and closed.

Orders be sent to the parties concerned.

Dated:27.2.2020

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o/o State Transport Commissioner,  
Sector 17,  
Chandigarh. & others

....Respondents

**Appeal Case(AC)/Complaint Case(CC) No.AC 3523 of 2019,AC 3524 of 2019,AC 3526 of 2019,AC 3533 of 2019,AC 3534 of 2019,AC 3535 of 2019,AC 3536 of 2019,AC 3537 of 2019,AC 3840 of 2019,AC 3843 of 2019,AC 3844 of 2019,AC 3847 of 2019,AC 3848 of 2019,AC 3849 of 2019,AC 3850 of 2019,AC 3853 of 2019,AC 1688 of 2019,AC 1687 of 2019,AC 1686 of 2019,AC 1685 of 2019,AC 1695 of 2019, AC 1694 of 2019,AC 1693 of 2019,AC 1691 of 2019,AC 1689 of 2019,AC 1690 of 2019,AC 2053 of 2019,AC 3320 of 2018,AC 1533 of 2019,AC 1153 of 2019,AC 2348 of 2019,AC 2165 of 2019,AC 2166 of 2019,AC 2167 of 2019,AC 3845 of 2019,AC 3846 of 2019,AC 3527 of 2019,AC 3525 of 2019,AC 2346 of 2019,AC 2347 of 2019,AC 2339 of 2019,AC 2340 of 2019,AC 2341 of 2019, AC 1469 of 2019, AC 2163 of 2019,AC 4134 of 2019,AC 4133 of 2019,AC 4132 of 2019,AC 4131 of 2019,AC 4124 of 2019,AC 4123 of 2019, AC 4122 of 2019,AC 4121 of 2019,AC 2055 of 2019,AC 4532 of 2019,AC 4533 of 2019,AC 4534 of 2019,AC 4535 of 2019,AC 4536 of 2019,AC 4537 of 2019,AC 4538 of 2019,AC 4539 of 2019,AC 4540 of 2019,,AC 4541 of 2019,AC 4542 of 2019,AC 4543 of 2019,AC 4531 of 2019,AC 62 of 2019,AC 3928 of 2018,AC 3925 of 2018,AC 3923 of 2018,AC 3921 of 2018,AC 3917 of 2018,AC 3930 of 2018,AC 3932 of 2018,AC 61 of 2019, AC 1047 of 2019,AC 1046 of 2019,AC 1534 of 2019,AC 3924 of 2018,AC 1692 of 2019,AC 2342 of 2019,AC 2343 of 2019,AC 2158 of 2019,AC 2164 of 2019,AC 2168 of 2019,AC 2344 of 2019,AC 3931 of 2018,AC 2451 of 2019,AC 2452 of 2019,AC 2453 of 2019,AC 2454 of 2019,AC 2455 of 2019,AC 2456 of 2019,AC 4373 of 2019,AC 4374 of 2019,AC 4375 of 2019,AC 4376 of 2019,AC 4126 of 2019,AC 4127 of 2019, AC 4128 of 2019,AC 4129 of 2019,AC 4130 of 2019,AC 3852 of 2019,AC 3842 of 2019,AC 3839 of 2019,AC 3841 of 2019,AC 3838 of 2019,AC 3529 of 2019,AC 4125 of 2019,AC 1560 of 2019,AC 2171 of 2019,AC 3315 of 2018,AC 3319 of 2018,AC 2178 of 2019,AC 110 of 2020,AC 111 of 2020,AC 3538 of 2019,AC 3528 of 2019,AC 3837 of 2019,AC 3851 of 2019,AC 3317 of 2018 (122 cases)**

Present:- Shri Manjit Singh, appellant in person.  
Shri Piara Lal, ATO and Shri Sham Lal, ATO and Shri Gurpal Singh on behalf of the respondents.

## ORDER

The appellant, Shri Manjit Singh has filed the above said 122 number of 2<sup>nd</sup> appeal cases relating to the Public Information Officers of field offices of Transport Department which falls under



the State Transport Commissioner, Punjab. The Commission decided that all the cases of the appellant be heard by this full Bench. Taking the suo-moto cognizance of the matter primarily in the public interest, the notice was issued to the State Transport Commissioner as well as appellant for today i.e. 27.2.2020.

At the outset, the representative of the respondents states that the department may be given atleast three weeks time to file the submissions with regard to the RTI applications of the appellant. One of the representative of the respondents also states that the appellant must establish the larger public interest for filing the huge number of applications to the field offices as well as the 2<sup>nd</sup> appeal cases in the Commission viz. a viz. already sought the huge information under the RTI Act. The appellant agrees with the submissions of the respondents.

Accordingly, before taking any further decision on the RTI applications of the appellant, both the parties are directed to submit their response as above at least seven days prior to the next date of hearing failing which it will be presumed that they have nothing to say.

To come up on 26.3.2020 at 1.00 P.M. at Chandigarh.

Dated:27.2.2020

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3. Public Information Officer  
o/o Secretary,  
Regional Transport Authority,  
Patiala.
4. Public Information Officer  
o/o Secretary,  
Regional Transport Authority,  
Sangrur.
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