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COMPLAINT CASE NO. 0698 OF 2019

Sh. Satinder Kumar Khera, (7814181437)
H. No. 524, Sector – 7,
Panchkula-134109

...Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Deputy Commissioner –cum-
Collector Agrarian,
Faridkot.

...Respondents

PRESENT: Sh. Satinder Kumar Khera, Complainant.
Sh. Avtar Singh Makkar, District Revenue Officer – cum – PIO & Sh. Jagdeep Singh,
Sr. Assistant O/o DC Faridkot; Sh. Prem Pal Singh, Kanungo Agrarian.

ORDER:

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 22.01.2020.

2. The Complainant states that he has received the requisite information from the Respondents and wants to close the case.
3. The Respondent – PIO appears in person and states that the information has already been supplied to the Complainant.
4. Keeping in view of the above, the Respondent – PIO has already supplied the requisite information to the Complainant and he has acknowledged the same and wants to close the case. Therefore, no further cause of action is left in the instant Complaint Case. The same is hereby, **disposed of and closed**. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Chandigarh
27.02.2020

Sd/-
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COMPLAINT CASE NO. 0706 OF 2019

Sh. Satinder Kumar Khera, (7814181437)
H. No. 524, Sector – 7,
Panchkula-134109

...Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Deputy Commissioner –cum-
Collector Agrarian,
Patiala.

...Respondents

PRESENT: Sh. Satinder Kumar Khera, Complainant.
Sh. Kamjit Singh & Sh. Gurdeep Singh, Kanungo, Patiala for the Respondents.

ORDER:

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 22.01.2020.

2. The Complainant states that he has received the requisite information from the Respondents and wants to close the case.
3. The Respondent appears and states that the information has already been supplied to the Complainant.
4. Keeping in view of the above, the Respondent – PIO has already supplied the requisite information to the Complainant and he has acknowledged the same and wants to close the case. Therefore, no further cause of action is left in the instant Complaint Case. The same is hereby, **disposed of and closed**. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

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COMPLAINT CASE NO. 0711 OF 2019

Sh. Satinder Kumar Khera, (7814181437)
H. No. 524, Sector – 7,
Panchkula-134109

...Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o District Collector,
Faridkot.

...Respondents

PRESENT: Sh. Satinder Kumar Khera, Complainant.
Sh. Avtar Singh Makkar, District Revenue Officer – cum – PIO & Sh. Jagdeep Singh,
Sr. Assistant O/o DC Faridkot; Sh. Prem Pal Singh, Kanungo Agrarian.

ORDER:

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 22.01.2020.

2. The Complainant states that he has received the requisite information from the Respondents and wants to close the case.
3. The Respondent – PIO appears in person and states that the information has already been supplied to the Complainant.
4. Keeping in view of the above, the Respondent – PIO has already supplied the requisite information to the Complainant and he has acknowledged the same and wants to close the case. Therefore, no further cause of action is left in the instant Complaint Case. The same is hereby, **disposed of and closed**. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

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COMPLAINT CASE NO. 0714 OF 2019

Sh. Satinder Kumar Khera, (7814181437)
H. No. 524, Sector – 7,
Panchkula-134109

...Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o District Collector,
Patiala.

...Respondents

PRESENT: Sh. Satinder Kumar Khera, Complainant.
Sh. Amrik Singh, Jr. Assistant O/o DC, Patiala for the Respondents.

ORDER:

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 22.01.2020.

2. The Complainant states that he has received the requisite information from the Respondents and wants to close the case.
3. The Respondent appears and states that the information has already been supplied to the Complainant.
4. Keeping in view of the above, the Respondent – PIO has already supplied the requisite information to the Complainant and he has acknowledged the same and wants to close the case. Therefore, no further cause of action is left in the instant Complaint Case. The same is hereby, **disposed of and closed**. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

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COMPLAINT CASE NO. 0719 OF 2019

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H. No. 524, Sector – 7,
Panchkula-134109

...Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o District Collector,
Patiala.

...Respondents

PRESENT: Sh. Satinder Kumar Khera, Complainant.
Sh. Amrik Singh, Jr. Assistant O/o DC, Patiala for the Respondents.

ORDER:

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 22.01.2020.

2. The Complainant states that he has received the requisite information from the Respondents and wants to close the case.
3. The Respondent appears and states that the information has already been supplied to the Complainant.
4. Keeping in view of the above, the Respondent – PIO has already supplied the requisite information to the Complainant and he has acknowledged the same and wants to close the case. Therefore, no further cause of action is left in the instant Complaint Case. The same is hereby, **disposed of and closed**. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

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COMPLAINT CASE NO. 0721 OF 2019

Sh. Satinder Kumar Khera, (7814181437)
H. No. 524, Sector – 7,
Panchkula-134109

...Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o District Collector,
Faridkot.

...Respondents

PRESENT: Sh. Satinder Kumar Khera, Complainant.
Sh. Avtar Singh Makkar, District Revenue Officer – cum – PIO & Sh. Jagdeep Singh,
Sr. Assistant O/o DC Faridkot; Sh. Prem Pal Singh, Kanungo Agrarian.

ORDER:

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 22.01.2020.

2. The Complainant states that he has received the requisite information from the Respondents and wants to close the case.
3. The Respondent – PIO appears in person and states that the information has already been supplied to the Complainant.
4. Keeping in view of the above, the Respondent – PIO has already supplied the requisite information to the Complainant and he has acknowledged the same and wants to close the case. Therefore, no further cause of action is left in the instant Complaint Case. The same is hereby, **disposed of and closed**. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

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COMPLAINT CASE NO. 1053 OF 2019

Sh. Balwinder Singh,
S/o Sh. Jarnail Singh,
V.P.O. Nag Kalan,
Tehsil Majitha, District Amritsar-151001

...Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Deputy Director (Administration),
Water Supply and Sanitation Department,
Patiala.

...Respondent

PRESENT: Sh. Balwinder Singh, Complainant.
Sh. Anil Kumar, Executive Engineer –cum – PIO; Sh. Ramanpreet Singh, S.D.E. &
Sh. Rajinder Kumar, Superintendent.

ORDER:

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 04.02.2020.

2. The Complainant reiterates his earlier stand that no information has been provided to him.
3. Sh. Anil Kumar, Executive Engineer –cum – PIO appears in person and files an Affidavit mentioning therein that no information available in the official record as demanded by the Complainant in his RTI application. The same is handed over to him, during the hearing.
4. Keeping in view of the above, therefore, no further cause of action is left in the instant Complaint Case. The same is hereby, **disposed of and closed**. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

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COMPLAINT CASE NO. 1054 OF 2019

Sh. Amanpreet Singh,
S/o Sh. Charan Singh,
V.P.O. Nag Kalan,
Tehsil Majitha, District Amritsar-151001

...Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Deputy Director (Administration),
Water Supply and Sanitation Department,
Patiala.

...Respondent

PRESENT: None for the parties.

ORDER:

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 04.02.2020.

2. The Complainant is absent from today's hearing in the Commission. However, the Complainant telephonically confirmed that he has received the sufficient information and wants to close the case.
3. The Respondent has sent a letter in the Commission vide diary no. 3653, dated 24.02.2020 mentioning therein that the available information has already been supplied to the Complainant.
4. Keeping in view of the above, the Respondent has supplied the requisite information to the Complainant and he has acknowledged the same on the telephone and expresses his willingness to close the case. Therefore, no further action is required. Hence this Complaint Case is **disposed of and closed**. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Chandigarh
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APPEAL CASE NO. 1997 OF 2018

Sh. Madan Lal, (9872367068)
S/o Sh. Om Parkash Jain,
MCB Zone-2, H. No. 10803,
Parinda Road 18, Guru Teg Bahadur Nagar,
Bathinda-151001

...Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Sub Divisional Magistrate,
Jaitu, District Faridkot.

Public Information Officer,
O/o Executive Officer,
Nagar Council,
Jaitu, District Faridkot.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Sub Divisional Magistrate,
Jaitu, District Faridkot.

...Respondents

PRESENT: Sh. Madan Lal, Appellant.
None on behalf of the Respondents.

ORDER:

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated: 22.01.2020.

2. The Appellant states that incomplete information has been provided to him by the Respondent – PIO.

3. The Respondent – PIO (Sh. Gurdas Singh, E.O.) has E-mailed in the Commission mentioning therein that the requisite information has already been supplied to the Appellant vide letter no. 396, dated 27.01.2020 through registered post and further requests for exemption from personal appearance of today's hearing in the Commission.

4. Sh. Ashok Kumar, then PIO O/o M.C. Jaitu, District Faridkot has sent a reply in response to the Show Cause Notice vide order dated 22.01.2020, in the Commission vide diary no. 3789, dated 26.02.2020 and further requests for exemption from personal appearance of today's hearing in the Commission. I have considered the reply of the Respondent in response to the Show Cause Notice. However, the decision in this regard shall be taken later on.

5. Keeping in view of the above, the Respondent – PIO is again directed to supply the remaining available information to the Appellant, before the next date of hearing. If there is no other information then file an affidavit stating therein that the information as available in their office record has been provided to the Appellant which is complete, correct and duly authenticated, failing which **Show Cause Notice** will be issued to him under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

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APPEAL CASE NO. 1997 OF 2018

6. The perusal of the record reveals that in this case, the Appellant has tried his best to get the information from the PIO who failed to provide the requisite information to the Appellant within stipulated period. He has been made to run from pillar to post for getting the information, which he could not get even after the notice was issued by the Commission in the Second Appeal. He has suffered unnecessary detriments/harassment in getting the information at the hands of the PIO.

7. I have also looked into all the facts and circumstances of the case. In my view this is a fit case, where award of compensation under Section 19 (8) (b) is also called for. I have no doubt in my mind that this state of affairs has also come about on account of the absence of adequate machinery for handling the RTI work in O/o PIO –cum – Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Jaitu, District Faridkot, is thus, responsible for the inadequate handling of the RTI requests and in the instant case as well.

8. I, therefore, order that compensation of Rs. 4000/- (Rupees Four Thousand Only) be paid to the Appellant for the detriments suffered by him.

9. This amount shall be payable from the funds of PIO O/o PIO –cum – Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Jaitu, District Faridkot, by way of crossed Cheque/Demand Draft in the name of Sh. Madan Lal within one month.

10. The Respondent - PIO –cum – Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Jaitu, District Faridkot is also directed to send a copy of Cheque/Demand Draft to the Commission to establish the fact that order of the Commission has been complied with.

11. The Respondent - PIOs (Sh. Sukhdev Singh, Superintendent O/o S.D.M. Jaitu & Sh. Ashok Kumar, Executive Officer, Nagar Panchayat, Ghagga) are directed to appear personally on the next date of hearing, failing which penalty provisions will be initiated against them, as per provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

12. The case is adjourned to **18.03.2020 at 11:30 AM**. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

**Chandigarh
27.02.2020**

Sd/-
(Hem Inder Singh)
State Information Commissioner

Copy to intimation & further necessary action:- **(Regd. Post)**

- 1) **Shri Ashok Kumar**
Executive Officer,
Nagar Panchayat,
Ghagga, District Patiala.
- 2) **Shri Sukhdev Singh,**
Superintendent –cum – PIO,
Sub Divisional Magistrate,
Jaitu, District Faridkot.

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APPEAL CASE NO. 2231 OF 2019

Ms. Sukhjit Kaur,
213, Phase-3-A,
S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali).

...Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Department of Local Government, Punjab,
Municipal Bhawan, Sector-35,
Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Department of Local Government, Punjab,
Municipal Bhawan, Sector-35,
Chandigarh.

...Respondents

PRESENT: Ms. Sukhjit Kaur, Appellant.
None on behalf of the Respondents.

ORDER:

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated: 07.01.2020.

2. The Appellant again reiterates her earlier stand that no information has been provided to her by the Respondent – PIO till date.

3. The PIO has not appeared for today's hearing, inspite of the orders of the Commission. This shows his disregard to the Commission. The absence of the PIO is viewed seriously and it has also affected hearing and disposal of the case. The PIO is directed to appear in person, on the next date of hearing, along with the requisite information for the Appellant, failing which strict action under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act, 2005 will be initiated against him.

4. Keeping In view of the above, the case is adjourned to **16.04.2020 at 11:30 AM.**

Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Chandigarh
27.02.2020

Sd/-
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APPEAL CASE NO. 2996 OF 2019

Sh. Ajaib Singh, (9872850944)
S/o Sh. Bhinder Singh,
Village Bishanpura, P.O. Gajewas,
Tehsil Samrala, District Ludhiana.

...Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Deputy Commissioner,
Patiala.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Commissioner,
Patiala Division, Patiala.

Public Information Officer, "Deemed PIO"
O/o Deputy Director Land Record,
Punjab, Kapurthala Road,
Jalandhar.

Public Information Officer, "Deemed PIO"
O/o Chief Engineer,
PWD (B&R), Patiala.

...Respondents

PRESENT: None on behalf of the Appellant.
Sh. Satbir Singh & Sh. Hakam Singh, Jr. Assistant on behalf of the Respondents.

ORDER:

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated: 22.01.2020.

2. The Appellant is absent from today's hearing in the Commission. However, he has telephonically informed that incomplete information has been provided to him and requests for his personal exemption.
3. Sh. Satbir Singh, Jr. Assistant appears on behalf of the Respondents and brings the remaining information for the Appellant, but he is absent.
4. In view of the above, the Respondent is directed to send the same by registered post to the Appellant today, under intimation to the Commission and the Appellant is directed to point out the deficiencies, if any, in writing to the Respondent- PIO within week, under intimation to Commission. The Respondent – PIO is directed to remove the same, after receiving the discrepancies from the Appellant, before the next date of hearing, failing which strict action will be initiated against the PIO as per provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.
5. The case is adjourned to **19.03.2020 at 11:30 AM**. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Chandigarh
27.02.2020

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APPEAL CASE NO. 3653 OF 2019

Sh. Harish Chander (9803523535)
Goyal Ayurvedic Store,
Chaina Bazar, Jaito-151202
District Faridkot.

...Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Executive Officer,
Nagar Council,
Jaito, District Faridkot.

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

...Respondents

PRESENT: Sh. Madan Lal, Representative of the Appellant.
None on behalf of the Respondents.

ORDER:

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated: 21.01.2020.

2. The Representative of the Appellant appears and submits the deficiencies, before the Commission.
3. Neither the Respondent nor his representative is present at today's hearing. No intimation has been received from either as to the reason of absence.
4. In view of the above, the Respondent – PIO is directed to supply the remaining information to the Appellant, through registered post, if any, under intimation to the Commission, if there is no other information available in the record then files a proper Affidavit in this regard, on the next date of hearing, failing which **Show Cause Notice** will be issued to the PIO as per provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.
5. The case is adjourned to **16.04.2020 at 11:30 AM**. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Chandigarh
27.02.2020

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APPEAL CASE NO. 3855 OF 2019

Sh. Pavittar Pal Singh, (9872367068)
S/o Sh. Nirmal Singh Bassi,
House No. 7068/6, Near I.T.I.
Moga.

...Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o DPI (Elementary),
6th Floor, PSEB Complex,
Phase-8, Mohali-160062.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o DPI (Elementary),
6th Floor, PSEB Complex,
Phase-8, Mohali-160062.

...Respondents

PRESENT: None on behalf of the Appellant.
Ms. Renu Mehta, Assistant Director –cum- PIO & Sh. Jagdish Parshad, Sr. Assistant.

ORDER:

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 22.01.2020.

2. The Appellant is absent from today's hearing in the Commission. However, the Appellant telephonically confirmed that he has received the sufficient information and wants to close the case.
3. Ms. Renu Mehta, Assistant Director –cum- PIO appears in person and states that requisite information has already been supplied to Appellant vide dated 14.02.2020 through registered post.
4. Keeping in view of the above, the Respondent has supplied the requisite information to the Appellant and he has acknowledged the same on the telephone and expresses his willingness to close the case. Therefore, no further action is required. Hence this Appeal Case is **disposed of and closed**. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Chandigarh
27.02.2020

Sd/-
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