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Sh. Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia (RTI Activists)
Ward No. 18, Street No. 2, Kartar Nagar
Amlah Road, Khanna – 141401
(9464500405)

.....Appellant

..Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o EO, MC, Amlah, Distt. Fatehgarh Sahib

First Appellate Authority ,
O/o ADC (Urban Development)
DC Office, Mini Sectt, Fatehgarh Sahib

.....Respondent

AC No. 131 of 2022

Present : (i) Sh. Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia the appellant in the Commission
(ii) For the respondent : Sh. Baljinder Singh, EO (9888518255) through
CISCO Webex

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 16.09.2021 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 29.12.2021 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 27.04.2022 i.e. today.
3. The appellant states that no information has been given to him so far.
4. The respondent states that reply of the RTI has already been sent to the appellant.
5. After hearing both the parties and going through the case file, it is observed that the respondent has not sent any reply to the Commission so far. Hence one last opportunity is given to the respondent to file his point-wise reply indicating the position of each issue as to whether the information has been supplied and if not, the reason thereof. If record is not available, let the PIO file an affidavit to that effect.

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6. To come up on **08.06.2022 at 12.00 PM** in the Commission office for further proceedings. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated : 27.04.2022

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DC Office, Mini Sectt, Fatehgarh Sahib

.....Respondent

AC No. 132 of 2022

Present : (i) Sh. Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia the appellant in the Commission
(ii) For the respondent : Sh. Baljinder Singh, EO (9888518255) through
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ORDER

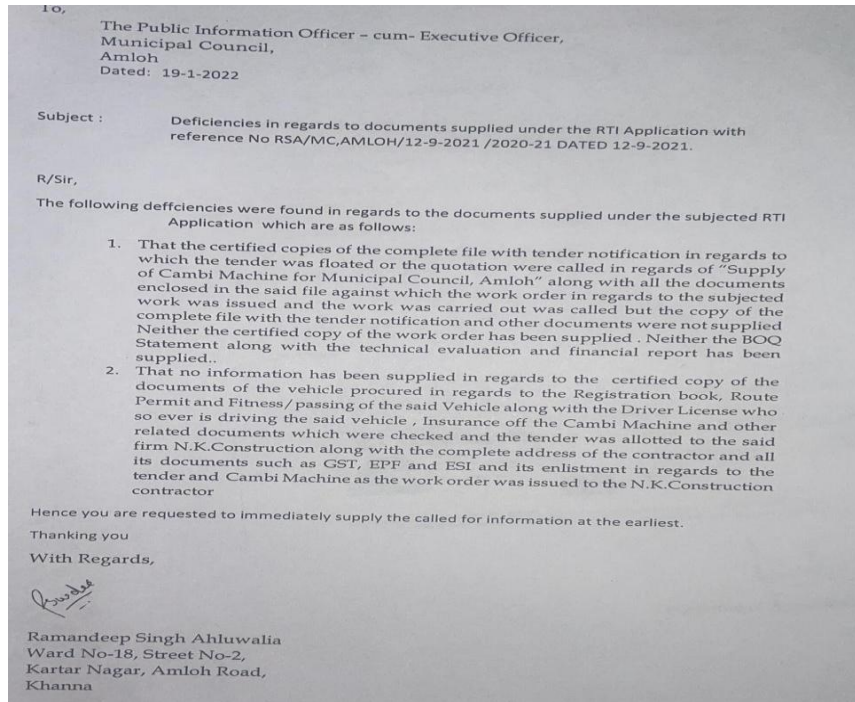
The RTI application is dated 12.09.2021 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 29.12.2021 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 27.04.2022 i.e. today.
3. The appellant states that he has already pointed out deficiencies to the respondent in the information provided.
4. The respondent states that the information has been sent to the appellant. He further states that he has not received any deficiencies so far. Deficiencies pointed out by the appellant are as under:-

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5. It is directed that whatever deficiencies remain in the matter of information demanded by the Applicant should be made good before the next date of hearing.

6. To come up on **08.06.2022 at 12.00 PM** in the Commission office for further proceedings. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 27.04.2022

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First Appellate Authority ,
O/o ADC (Urban Development)
DC Office, Mini Sectt, Fatehgarh Sahib

.....Respondent

AC No. 133 of 2022

Present : (i) Sh. Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia the appellant in the Commission
(ii) For the respondent : Sh. Baljinder Singh, EO (9888518255) through
CISCO Webex

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 17.09.2021 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 29.12.2021 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 27.04.2022 i.e. today.

3. The respondent states that the information has been sent to the appellant. The appellant states that no information has been given to him so far.

4. The respondent-PIO is directed to again provide the information to the appellant. He is further directed to file point-wise reply indicating the position of each issue as to whether the information has been supplied and if not, the reason thereof. If record is not available, let the PIO file an affidavit to that effect.

5. To come up on **08.06.2022 at 12.00 PM** in the Commission office for further proceedings. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated : 27.04.2022

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.....Appellant

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O/o EO, MC, Amlah, Distt. Fatehgarh Sahib
First Appellate Authority ,
O/o ADC (Urban Development)
DC Office, Mini Sectt, Fatehgarh Sahib

.....Respondent

AC No. 134 of 2022

Present : (i) Sh. Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia the appellant in the Commission
(ii) For the respondent : Sh. Baljinder Singh, EO (9888518255) through
CISCO Webex

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 17.09.2021 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 29.12.2021 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 27.04.2022 i.e. today.

3. The respondent states that the information has been sent to the appellant. The appellant states that no information has been given to him so far.

4. The respondent-PIO is directed to file point-wise reply indicating the position of each issue as to whether the information has been supplied and if not, the reason thereof. If record is not available, let the PIO file an affidavit to that effect.

5. To come up **on 15.06.2022 at 12.00 PM** in the Commission office for further proceedings. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

Dated : 27.04.2022

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Ms. Gurleen Kaur, House No. 2081,
Sector 48C, Guru Nanak Vihar, Chandigarh – 160047
(8570810013)

.....Appellant

..Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o ADGP, Security Punjab
Punjab Police Headquarter, Sector 9,
Chandigarh
First Appellate Authority ,
O/o IGP , Security , Punjab
Punjab Police Headquarter, Sector 9,
Chandigarh

.....Respondent

AC No. 151 of 2022

Present : (i) Sh. Ankit singh on behalf of the appellant (CISCO Webex)
(ii) For the respondent : Sh. Sarabjit Singh, APIO (9501300140), Sh. Bhajan Singh, Sub Inspector (9835853935)

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 11.11.2021 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 29.12.2021 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 27.04.2022 i.e. today.

3. The representative for the appellant states that no information has been given to him so far.

4. The respondent states that the information cannot be provided as the Security wing is exempted under Section 24(4) of the RTI Act 2005.

5. After hearing both the parties and going through the case file, it is observed that decision under Section 24(4), held that confidentiality and secrecy in certain cases are required to be maintained right from the initial stage upto filing of charge sheet on the one hand and upto issue of final orders in the case of disciplinary proceedings. In vigilance cases, giving information at the initial stage, investigation stage and even prosecution stage would lead to unnecessary embarrassment and would definitely hamper due process of

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investigation. Thus it was held that the State Government has given sufficient reasons as to why it was exercising power under Section 24(4) of the Act and this exercise of discretionary power is also protected under Article 19(2) of the Constitution as it is a reasonable restriction in the interest of public order.

6. In view of the above, the respondent is directed to file proper , specific reply before the Commission on the next date of hearing.

7. To come up on **15.06.2022 at 12.00 PM** in the Commission office for further proceedings. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

Dated : 27.04.2022

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Sh. Ankit Singh, House No. 2081, Sector 48C,
Guru Nanak Vihar
Chandigarh

.....Appellant

..Vs

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O/o ADGP, Security Punjab
Punjab Police Headquarter, Sector 9,
Chandigarh
First Appellate Authority ,
O/o IGP , Security , Punjab
Punjab Police Headquarter, Sector 9,
Chandigarh

.....Respondent

AC No. 152 of 2022

Present : (i) Sh. Ankit Singh the appellant (CISCO Webex)
(ii) For the respondent : Sh. Sarabjit Singh, APIO (9501300140), Sh. Bhajan Singh, Sub Inspector (9835853935)

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 21.09.2021 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 29.12.2021 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 27.04.2022 i.e. today.

3. The appellant states that no information has been given to him so far.

4. The respondent states that the information cannot be provided as the Security wing is exempted under Section 24(4) of the RTI Act 2005.

5. After hearing both the parties and going through the case file, it is observed that decision under Section 24(4), held that confidentiality and secrecy in certain cases are required to be maintained right from the initial stage upto filing of charge sheet on the one hand and upto issue of final orders in the case of disciplinary proceedings. In vigilance cases, giving information at the initial stage, investigation stage and even prosecution stage would lead to unnecessary embarrassment and would definitely hamper due process of

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investigation. Thus it was held that the State Government has given sufficient reasons as to why it was exercising power under Section 24(4) of the Act and this exercise of discretionary power is also protected under Article 19(2) of the Constitution as it is a reasonable restriction in the interest of public order.

6. In view of the above , the respondent is directed to file proper , specific reply before the Commission on the next date of hearing.

7. To come up on 15.06.2022 **at 12.00 PM** in the Commission office for further proceedings. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated : 27.04.2022

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Sh. Gurmej Lal, Whistle Blower, House No. 6375, Street No. 16
Guru Gobind Singh Nagar, Backside Bachan Gas Agency
PO Daba, Ludhiana (9781672776)

.....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Office
O/o EO , Nagar Council, Sirhind
Distt. Fatehgarh Sahib

First Appellate Authority
o/o EO, Nagar Council, Sirhind
Distt. Fatehgarh Sahib

.....Respondent

AC.No. 2594 of 2021

Present : (i) Sh. Gurmej Lal the appellant (through CISCO)
(ii) For the respondent : None is present on behalf of the respondent

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous orders passed by the Commission.

2. The appellant stated that no information has been given to him so far.
3. The respondent is absent today.
4. Since, the respondent is absent today, hence one last opportunity is given to him to appear before the Commission and state his case. He may take note that this is the last opportunity given to him, failing which action under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act 2005 will be initiated.
4. To come up on 24.06.2022 at 12.00 PM in the Commission office for further proceedings. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated : 27.04.2022

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Ward No. 18, Street No. 2, Kartar Nagar,
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.....Appellant

..Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o Municipal Accountant, MC, Mandi Gobindgarh

First Appellate Authority
o/o Regional Deputy Director,
Urban Local Government, Mini Sectt.
Ferozpur Road, Ludhiana

.....Respondent

AC No. 2653 of 2021

Present : (i) Sh. Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia the appellant
(ii) For the respondent :Sh. Krishan Kumar, Accountant-APIO (8288800012)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order passed by the Commission.

2. The respondent states that he has brought the information today in the Commission, which is handed over to the appellant. The appellant has sought some time to go through the information.

3. During the last hearing, a show cause notice was issued to the respondent PIO, but he has failed to file the reply of show cause notice. One last opportunity is given to him to a file his reply, failing which action under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act will be initiated.

4. To come up on **08.06.2022 at 12.00 PM** in the Commission office for further proceedings. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated : 27.04.2022

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Sh Pritam, PCS (Retd)
President, Sr. Citizen, Sector 61,
Phase -7, Mohali

.....Appellant

..Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o Commissioner, MC, Mohali

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Commissioner, MC, Mohali

.....Respondent

AC No. 4279 of 2021

Present : (i) Sh. Pritam Singh, the appellant
(ii) For the respondent :None is present on behalf of the respondent

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order passed by the Commission.

2. The appellant has filed his submissions that “*after waiting for more than two and half hours, PA did not bother, neither had he arranged any inspection, nor meeting with Joint Commissioner, hence no inspection could be done.*”

3. The respondent is absent today.

4. The perusal of the file shows that the respondent has not complied with the orders of the Commission. This shows that the respondent has no regard for the orders issued by the Commission. This is indeed a serious matter. In view of the above, ***PIO- respondent is directed to*** show cause in writing or through affidavit under Section 20(1) of the RTI Act, as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay/ denial of the information to the RTI applicant and why the compensation be not awarded to the complainant under Section 19 (8)(b) of the Act for detriment suffered.

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AC No. 4279 of 2021

In addition to his submission, the PIO is also hereby given an opportunity under Section 20(1) proviso, thereto, for a personal hearing before the imposition of such penalty on the next date of hearing. He may note that in case he does not file his submission and does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the next 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.

5. To come up on **10.06.2022 at 12.00 PM** in the Commission office for further proceedings. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated : 27.04.2022

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.....Appellant

..Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o EO, MC, Mandi Gobindgarh

First Appellate Authority
o/o Regional Deputy Director ,
Urban Local Govt., Ludhiana

.....Respondent

AC No. 2735 of 2021

Present : (i) Sh. Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia the appellant
(ii) For the respondent : Sh. Krishan Kumar, Accountant-cum-APIO
(8288800012)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order passed by the Commission.

2. The appellant has sought some time to point out deficiencies in the information provided by the respondent.

3. On the request of the appellant the appeal case is adjourned to **08.06.2022 at 12.00 PM** in the Commission office for further proceedings. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated : 27.04.2022

Sd/-
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