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Ms. Arpana, D/o J M Singh
C/o Shri BavishGautam, Advocate
Chamber No. 509, Yadvindra Court Complex,
Patiala

-----Appellant
..Vs

Public Information Officer,
o/o Director , Department of Social Justice Empowerment
and Minority, (welfare Cell) SCO: 6-7, Phase 1, SAS Nagar

First Appellate Authority

O/o Director, Department of Social Justice empowerment & Minority
(Welfare Cell), SCO 128-129, Sector 34A, Chandigarh

2. Public Information Officer,(I.T.I Wing)

O/o Director, Technical education and Research Centre, Pb
Plot No1-A, Sector 36-A, Chandigarh

.....Respondent

AC No. 3635 of 2019

Present: (i) Sh. J.M.Singh on behalf of the appellant (through CISCO-Webex)
(ii) **For the Respondent:** Sh Gurpal Singh, Sr Asstt O/o Respondent no.1
(97819-96705) (*In the Commission office*) and Sh Sanjeev Kumar, Sr Asstt.
O/o Respondent no.2(985588396) (through CISCO-Webex)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 30.06.2021.

2. The Appellant states that the information pertaining to point no.1 and 2 have been provided to him by Respondent no. 1. However, information pertaining to point no.4 has not been provided by Respondent no. 2

3. Sh Sanjeev Kumar, Sr Asstt. appearing on behalf of Respondent no.2 states that the information is lying ready with them.

4. After hearing both the parties and perusing the case file, it is ascertained that the Respondent no.1 has provided the complete information to the Appellant.

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Hence, Respondent no.1 is exempt from further hearings. Further, the Respondent no.2 has not provided information pertaining to point no.4. The Respondent states that the information is lying ready with them. Hence, the Appellant is directed to inspect the record in the O/o Respondent no.2 on 02.08.2021 at 11:00AM and obtain the information.

5. To come up for further proceedings on 26.08.2021 at 11:00AM in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

Dated: 27.07.2021

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Sh. Baljit Singh, S/o Sh. Tarlok Singh, (M : 9779675455)
House No 6680, Street No 1.1/2,
New Hargobind Nagar, Ludhiana-141008

.....Appellant

..Vs

Registered post : Public Information Officer,
O/o SSSB, PB,
Vidya Bhawan, Sector-62, SAS Nagar

First Appellate Authority
O/o SSSB, PB, Mohali.
Vidya Bhawan, Sector-62, SAS Nagar

.....Respondent

AC No. 2937 of 2020
Through CISCO-Webex

Present: None for the parties.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 01.06.2021 vide which penalty was imposed on the Respondent-PIO.

2. Today neither the Appellant nor the Respondent is present. However, the Respondent has sent a copy of the information vide Commission diary no. 11872 dated 02.06.2021

3. The perusal of the file shows that no one has appeared on behalf of the Respondent today. They have not even bothered to inform the Commission about their absence. Hence, the Respondent-PIO is given an opportunity to deposit the amount of penalty in the treasury and report its compliance in the Commission office failing which, the Commission shall consider an enhancement in the amount of penalty.

4. To come up on **12.08.2021 at 11.00 AM through CISCO Webex**. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Sh. Sohan Lal Jain, (M : 9417939487).
#1355, First Floor, Sector-68, SAS Nagar (Mohali)
..Vs

.....Appellant

Public Information Officer,
O/o Principal, Govt. Medical College, Patiala.
First Appellate Authority
O/o Principal, Govt. Medical College, Patiala.

.....Respondent

AC No. 2935 of 2020
Through CISCO Webex

Present: (i) Sh Sohan Lal Jain, Appellant
(ii) for the Respondent: Dr Anjleen Kaur, Principal

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 01.06.2021.

2. The Appellant states that the complete information has not been provided to him so far.

3. The Respondent states that partial information has been provided to the Appellant and some time is required to provide the remaining information.

4. After hearing both the parties and perusing the case file, it is ascertained that a show-cause notice was issued to the Respondent-PIO on the previous date of hearing. However, the Respondent-PIO has failed to file their reply today. Hence, an opportunity is given to the Respondent-PIO to file their reply. Further, on the request of the Respondent-PIO some time is given to them to provide complete information to the Appellant.

5. To come up on 26.08.2021 at **11:00AM through CISCO-Webex (Video Conferencing application)**. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

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Dated: 27.07.2021

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Sh Kuldeep Singh, (M-99157-83555)
S/o Shri Amarjeet Singh, VPO Salodi, Tehsil Samrala,
Distt Ludhiana

.....Appellant

..Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o SSP, Sangrur

First Appellate Authority-cum-
O/o IGP, Patiala Range, Patiala

2.Public Information Officer,
O/o SSP, Patiala

.....Respondent

AC No. 1493 of 2020
(Through CISCO-Webex)

Present: (i) Sh Satinder Pal Singh Dhaliwal, Advocate on behalf of the Appellant
(ii) For the Respondent: ASI Kuldeep Singh, O/o SSP Sangrur (8054545411)
Sh Gurinder Singh Bal, DSP (95013-20006) and Sh Hakam Singh, ASI (9464392733)
O/o SSP, Patiala(in the Commission office)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 01.06.2021.

2. Sh Satinder Pal Singh Dhaliwal, Advocate for the Appellant states that the complete information has not been provided to them.

3. ASI Kuldeep Singh is appearing on behalf of PIO O/o SSP Sangrur today. He has filed their reply to the show-cause hearing issued on the previous date of hearing. I have gone through the reply of the Respondent and agree with the reply of the Respondent resultantly, the proceedings under Section 20 of the RTI are dropped. Further, the PIO O/o SSP, Sangrur is exempted from further hearings in this case.

4. Sh Hakam Singh, ASI is appearing on behalf of Respondent no.2. He states that the information demanded by the Appellant is third-party information. Hence, it cannot be provided to the Appellant.

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AC No. 1493 of 2020

5. After hearing both the parties and perusing the documents placed on record, it is ascertained that the complete information has not been provided to the Appellant till date. The Respondent states that the information sought by the Appellant is third-party information. Further, the so called third-party has also given his consent not to provide his information to anyone. In view of the above, Sh Gurinder Singh Bal, DSP the so-called third party is given an opportunity to be present personally on the next date of hearing and state his case.

6. To come up on **26.08.2021 at 11:00AM through CISCO-Webex (Video Conferencing application)**. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

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Dated: 27.07.2021

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Registered post

CC: Sh Gurinder Singh Bal, DSP (95013-2003) **(Registered Post)**
O/O SSP, Counter Intelligence Patiala

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Sh. Rakesh Kumar, S/o Nem Chand,
C/o Sh. Pankaj Verma, Advocate
Chamber No. 506, Yadvindra Court Complex, Patiala

.....Appellant

..Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o Principal Secretary Higher Education
Govt. of Punjab, Chandigarh

First Appellant Authority
O/o Principal Secretary Higher Education
Govt. of Punjab, Chandigarh

.....Respondent

AC No. 2755 of 2021
(Through CISCO-Webex)

Present: (i) Sh. J.M.Singh on behalf of the appellant
(ii) For the respondent : Sh. Harpreet Singh, O/o DPI (Colleges)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 31.05.2021.

2. Sh. J.M.Singh is appearing on behalf of the appellant and states that the appellant is not satisfied with the information provided by the respondent.

3. The respondent states that the information, as exists, in the record has been provided to the appellant.

4. After hearing both the parties and examining the case file, it is ascertained that the appellant is not satisfied with the information. Hence the appellant is directed to visit the office of the respondent on 02.08.2021 at 11.00 AM, and obtain the information. The respondent is directed to provide the same to the appellant.

5. To come up on 23.08.2021 **at 11:00AM through CISCO-Webex(Video-Conferencing application).** Copy of the orders be sent to the parties. **(CISCO-Webex Meeting ID:- 1582069360)**

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Dated: 27.07.2021

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Sh. Jasvir Singh Dhaliwal,
S/o Sh. Hans Raj, C/o Sh. Bhavish Gautam, Advocate
Chamber No. 509, Yadvinder Court Complex, Patiala

.....Appellant

..Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o Principal Secretary, Higher Education,
Government of Punjab, Civil Sectt-1, Chandigarh
First Appellate Authority
O/o Principal Secretary, Higher Education,
Government of Punjab, Civil Sectt-1, Chandigarh

.....Respondent

AC No. 2754 of 2021
(Through CISCO-Webex)

Present: (i) Sh. J.M.Singh on behalf of the appellant
(ii) For the respondent : Sh. Harpreet Singh, O/o DPI (Colleges)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 31.05.2021.

2. Sh. J.M.Singh is appearing on behalf of the appellant and states that the appellant is not satisfied with the information provided by the respondent.

3. The respondent states that the information, as exists, in the record has been provided to the appellant.

4. After hearing both the parties and examining the case file, it is ascertained that the appellant is not satisfied with the information. Hence the appellant is directed to visit the office of the respondent on 02.08.2021 at 11.00 AM, and obtain the information. The respondent is directed to provide the same to the appellant.

5. To come up on 26.08.2021 at 11:00AM through CISCO-Webex(Video-Conferencing application). Copy of the orders be sent to the parties. (CISCO-Webex Meeting ID:- 1582069360)

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Sh Rakesh Kumar Gupta, R/o 8/237, Jagraon road,
Mandi Mullanpur, Distt Ludhiana-141101 (9814924851)

.....Appellant

..Vs

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

First Appellate Authority
O/o Deputy Director,
Local Bodies, Ludhiana

.....Respondent

AC No. 863 of 2021
alongwith
AC No. 864 of 2021
AC No. 865 of 2021

Present: (i) Sh Rakesh Kumar Gupta, the Appellant
(ii) For the Respondent: Sh Gural Singh, E.O. (96461-40215)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 01.06.2021 vide which the appellant was directed to visit the office of the respondent on 02.06.2021, inspect the record and obtain the information.

2. The appellant Sh Rakesh Kumar Gupta states that no information has been given to him so far.

3. The respondent states that the appellant had not visited their office on 02.06.2021.

4. Taking a lenient view, one last opportunity is given to the appellant to visit the office of the respondent on 17.08.2021 at 11.00 AM and obtain the information. The perusal of the RTI of the appellant clears that the appellant had demanded voluminous information. The appellant may take note that there is the judgment of The Supreme Court of India in Civil Appeal No. 6454 of 2011 Central Board of Secondary Education Vs Aditya Bandopadhyay and ors. has in its judgment dated 09.08.2011 observed as under -



(37 Indiscriminate and impractical demands or directions under RTI Act for disclosure of all and sundry information (unrelated to

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alongwith

AC No. 864 of 2021

AC No. 865 of 2021

transparency and accountability in the functioning of public authorities and eradication of corruption) would be counter-productive as it will adversely affect the efficiency of the administration and result in the executive getting bogged down with the non-productive work of collecting and furnishing information. The Act should not be allowed to be misused or abused, to become a tool to obstruct the national development and integration, or to destroy the peace, tranquility and harmony among its citizens. Nor should it be converted into a tool of oppression or intimidation of honest officials striving to do their duty. The nation does not want a scenario where 75% of the staff of public authorities spends 75% of their time in collecting and furnishing information to applicants instead of discharging their regular duties. The threat of penalties under the RTI Act and the pressure of the authorities under the RTI Act should not lead to employees of a public authorities prioritising 'information furnishing', at the cost of their normal and regular duties.)

5. However, the Respondent is directed to provide upto 100 pages for free, for the rest of the information the Appellant shall pay.

6. To come up on 23.08.2021 at 11:00AM through CISCO-Webex(Video-Conferencing application). Copy of the orders be sent to the parties. (CISCO-Webex Meeting ID:- 1582069360)

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Sh Rakesh Kumar Gupta, R/o 8/237, Jagraon road,
Mandi Mullanpur, Distt Ludhiana-141101 (9814924851)

.....Appellant

..Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o EO, MC, Mandi Gobindgarh
Distt Fatehgarh Sahib
First Appellate Authority
O/o Deputy Director,
Local Bodies, Ludhiana

.....Respondent

AC No. 855 of 2021
alongwith
AC No. 856 of 2021
AC No. 857 of 2021
AC No. 858 of 2021

Present: (i) Sh Rakesh Kumar Gupta, the Appellant
(ii) For the respondent : Sh. Gurjant Singh, EO and Sh. Kamaljeet Singh, Jr. Engineer (9988700250)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 01.06.2021 vide which the appellant was asked to visit the office of the respondent on 08.06.2021, inspect the record and obtain the information.

Regarding AC: 857 of 2021: The appellant states that he has received the information and is satisfied .

Since, the appellant has received the information in AC: 857 of 2021 and is satisfied, hence no cause of action is left, therefore the appeal case filed by the appellant is **disposed of and closed**. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Regarding AC: 855 of 2021, Regarding AC: 856 of 2021 and AC: 858 of 2021

2. Today the appellant states that no information has been given to him so far.
3. The respondent states that the appellant had not visited their office on 02.06.2021.



AC No. 855 of 2021
alongwith
AC No. 856 of 2021
AC No. 857 of 2021
AC No. 858 of 2021

4. Taking a lenient view, one last opportunity is given to the appellant to visit the office of the respondent with prior intimation and inspect the record. The perusal of the RTI of the appellant clears that the appellant had demanded voluminous information. The appellant may take note that there is the judgment of The Supreme Court of India in Civil Appeal No. 6454 of 2011 Central Board of Secondary Education Vs Aditya Bandopadhyay and ors. has in its judgment dated 09.08.2011 observed as under -

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5. However, the Respondent is directed to provide upto 100 pages for free, for the rest of the information the Appellant shall pay.

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AC No. 857 of 2021
AC No. 858 of 2021

6. ***Regarding AC: 855 of 2021, Regarding AC: 856 of 2021 and AC: 858 of 2021, to come up on 26.08.2021 at 11:00AM through CISCO-Webex(Video-Conferencing application). Copy of the orders be sent to the parties. (CISCO-Webex Meeting ID:- 1582069360)***

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