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Sh.Tejinder Singh, Civil Court Tehsil Complex, Backside Sanjh Kender, Phillaur.

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o SDM, Dharamkot, District Moga.

First Appellate Authority, SDM, Dharamkot, District. Moga.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 2327of 2020

PRESENT: None for the Appellant

Sh.Tejinder Singh, Reader o/o SDM Dharamkot for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant through RTI application dated 01.05.2020 has sought information regarding vehicle numbers of vehicles registered from Nov.2019 to Jan.2020 alongwith fee collected – detail of record vintage numbers re-issued for vehicles during 2017 to Jan.2020 – date submitted in SAARTH/PARIVAHAN software and other information from the office of SDM Dharamkot. The appellant was not provided the information after which the appellant filed first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 28.06.2020 which took no decision on the appeal.

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Moga. The respondent present pleaded that the appellant was asked vide letter dated 03.07.2020 to specify the vehicle numbers for which the information is required since the details of registration copies cannot be obtained from the system till a specific number is fed to the software, but the appellant has not responded.

I agree with the plea of the respondent and direct the appellant that if he wants further information, he should specify the number of vehicles.

Regarding point-4, I see no reasons for providing so many registration copies of third parties unless there is a compelling public interest. No public interest has been brought to my notice as evidence for me to allow revelation of this information.

The appellant is absent. The appellant is directed to appear personally on the next date of hearing to plead his case, otherwise it will be decided ex parte.

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Sh H.S Hundal, # 203, Judicial Courts, Sector-76, Mohali.

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o Tehsildar, Moga.

First Appellate Authority, O/o SDM, Moga.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 514 of 2020

PRESENT: Sh.H.S.Hundal as the Appellant

Sh.Mangaljt Singh, Reader/Tehsildar, Moga for the Respondent

ORDER:

The case was first heard on 07.07.2020 through video conferencing at DAC Moga. The respondent present pleaded that the information has been sent to the appellant vide letter dated 06.07.2020. The appellant was absent and vide email informed that he has received a photo copy of reply on his whatsapp from the PIO, which was incorrect and wrong facts had been mentioned in the reply.

The appellant was directed to point out the discrepancies, if any in writing to the PIO with a copy to the Commission. The PIO was directed to remove the discrepancies.

On the date of last hearing on **01.09.2020**, both the parties were absent. The appellant vide email has informed that the discrepancies in the information has been pointed out to the PIO O/o Tehsildar Moga vide email dated 16.07.2020 with a copy to the Commission. The appellant further informed that he contacted Mr.Mangaljit Singh, Reader to the Tehsildar Moga who informed that the entire staff had been on strike and had requested for some more time to provide the information. The appellant stateed that he has no objection if the Hon'ble Court grants additional time to the PIO to provide the complete point-wise information.

The PIO was directed to sort out the discrepancies as pointed out by the appellant via email dated 16.07.2020.

Hearing dated 28.01.2021:

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Moga. As per respondent, the discrepancies as pointed out by the appellant have been sorted out and the information has been provided to the appellant on 22.11.2020. As per appellant, no information has been provided by the PIO despite his many visits to the office of the PIO.

The PIO is given one last opportunity to sort out the discrepancies as pointed out by the appellant and send the complete information to the appellant through a registered post with a copy to the Commission within 10 days of the receipt of the order.

To come up for further hearing on **04.05.2021 at 11.00 AM** through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, **Moga.** The appellant may appear at Chandigarh.

Chandigarh Dated: 28.01.2021

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Sh H.S Hundal. # 203, Judicial Courts, Sector-76, Mohali.

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o Tehsildar. Moga.

First Appellate Authority, O/o SDM, Moga.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 515 of 2020

Sh.H.S.Hundal as the Appellant PRESENT:

Sh.Mangalit Singh, Reader/Tehsildar, Moga for the Respondent

ORDER:

The case was first heard on 07.07.2020. The respondent present pleaded that the information has been sent to the appellant vide letter dated 06.07.2020. The appellant was absent and vide email has informed that he had received a photo copy of reply on his whatsapp from the PIO, which was incorrect and wrong facts had been mentioned in the reply.

The appellant was directed to point out the discrepancies, if any in writing to the PIO with a copy to the Commission. The PIO was directed to remove the discrepancies.

On the date of last hearing on **01.09.2020**, both the parties were absent. The appellant vide email has informed that the discrepancies in the information has been pointed out to the PIO O/o Tehsildar Moga vide email dated 16.07.2020 with a copy to the Commission. The appellant further informed that he contacted Mr.Mangaljit Singh, Reader to the Tehsildar Moga who informed that the entire staff had been on strike and had requested for some more time to provide the information. The appellant stated that he has no objection if the Hon'ble Court grants additional time to the PIO to provide the complete point-wise information.

The PIO was directed to sort out the discrepancies as pointed out by the appellant via email dated 16.07.2020.

Hearing dated 28.01.2021:

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Moga. As per respondent, the discrepancies as pointed out by the appellant have been sorted out and the information has been provided to the appellant on 22.11.2020. As per appellant, no information has been provided by the PIO despite his many visits to the office of the PIO.

The PIO is given one last opportunity to sort out the discrepancies as pointed out by the appellant and send complete information to the appellant through a registered post with a copy to the Commission within 10 days of the receipt of the order.

To come up for further hearing on **04.05.2021 at 11.00 AM** through a video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner. Moga. The appellant may appear at Chandigarh.

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Sh. H.S Hundal, # 1, Dutt Road, Moga.

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o SDM, Moga.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Additional Deputy Commissioner,

Moga.Respondent

Appeal Case No. 3615 of 2018

PRESENT: Sh.H.S.Hundal as the Appellant

Sh.Mangaljit Singh Reader/Tehsildar Moga for the Respondent

ORDER: This case should be read in continuation to the earlier order.

On the date of hearing of 30.07.2019, Sh.Prince Kumar, Clerk O/o SDM Moga appeared and pleaded that the information regarding point-1 relates to them and they have already sent reply to the appellant that the information is 3rd party information, it cannot be provided. The information regarding points-2 & 8 relates to Tehsildar Moga and remaining information relates to PWD(B&R) Moga. The respondent further pleaded that the information has also been provided to the appellant by the PIO-PWD and PIO-Tehsildar concerning them.

Having gone through the record, and hearing both the parties, the following was concluded:

Point-1, 5, 6 & 7 - The information pertains to 3rd party. The concerned 3rd parties

are impleaded in the case and directed to appear before the

commission and plead why their information be not provided.

Point-2 & 8 - Relates to Tehsildar Moga. The Tehsildar Moga is directed to

provide the information as per RTI application

Point-3 - PIO-SDM Moga to procure from PIO-PWD and send to the

appellant.

The appellant was also directed to file written submission to establish in writing that the disclosure of information has a larger public interest as he had made allegation of corruption while disbursing money.

On the date of hearing on **19.12.2019**, the respondent present from the office of SDM-Moga informed that the information regarding point-3 has been sent to the appellant vide letter dated 06.11.2019 and a copy of the same is submitted to the Commission. The PIO-Tehsildar, Moga and both the 3rd parties were absent. The appellant was absent and vide email had submitted his written submission which was taken on the file of the Commission.

The PIO-Tehsildar, Moga was given one last opportunity to comply with the earlier order of the Commission and provide the information on Points-2 & 8. The PIO was also directed to be present on the next date of hearing. Both the 3rd parties were also given one last opportunity to appear before the Commission and plead their case.

Appeal Case No. 3615 of 2018

On the next date of hearing on **24.02.2020**, the appellant was absent and vide email has informed that he has not received the information regarding point-3 from the office of SDM Moga as recorded in the last order. The appellant further informed that he has not received information on other points also. A copy of the information regarding point-3 submitted by the respondent at the hearing on 19.12.2019 was attached with the order for the appellant.

The PIO-SDM Moga was absent. The PIO-Tehsildar Moga was also absent and vide email has sought adjournment on the plea that they have been deputed by the SDM to attend Mahatma Gandhi Sarbat Vikas Yojna camp to be organized on 24.02.2020 at Ghal Kalan.

Sh.Gurmukh Singh, the 3rd party was present and pleaded that his file relating to his assessment be not provided. The case was adjourned.

On the date of hearing on **07.07.2020**, the respondent present from the office of SDM pleaded that the information regarding point-3 has already been provided. The appellant was absent and vide email has informed that he has received the information on point-3 but the information on points-2 & 8 has not been supplied.

The PIO-Tehsildar Moga was absent. The respondent present from the office of Tehsildar Moga sought some more time and assured to supply the information on points-2 & 8 within 10 days. The PIO-Tehsildar Moga was directed to supply the information on points-2 & 8 within 10 days and send a compliance report to the Commission.

On the date of last hearing on **01.09.2020**, both the parties were absent. The appellant vide email has informed that the discrepancies in the information has been pointed out to the PIO O/o Tehsildar Moga vide email dated 16.07.2020 with a copy to the Commission. The appellant has further informed that he contacted Mr.Mangaljit Singh, Reader to the Tehsildar Moga who informed that the entire staff had been on strike and had requested for some more time to provide the information. The appellant stated that he has no objection if the Hon'ble Court grants additional time to the PIO to provide the complete point-wise information.

The PIO was directed to sort out the discrepancies as pointed out by the appellant via email dated 16.07.2020.

Hearing dated 28.01.2021:

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Moga. As per respondent, the discrepancies as pointed out by the appellant have been sorted out and the information has been provided to the appellant on 22.11.2020. As per appellant, no information has been provided by the PIO on points 2 & 8 despite his many visits to the office of the PIO.

The PIO is given one last opportunity to sort out the discrepancies as pointed out by the appellant and send the complete information on points 2 & 8 to the appellant through registered post with a copy to the Commission within 10 days of the receipt of the order.

To come up for further hearing on **04.05.2021 at 11.00 AM** through a video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, **Moga.** The appellant may appear at Chandigarh.

Chandigarh Dated: 28.01.2021 Sd/-(Khushwant Singh) State Information Commissioner

CC to: PIO-Tehsildar Moga

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Sh. H.S Hundal, 203, Judicial Courts, Sector-76,mohali.(9878500082).

...Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o Tehsildar, Moga.

First Appellate Authority,

O/oSDM, Moga.

.....Respondent

Appeal Case No. 666 of 2020

PRESENT: Sh.H.S.Hundal as the Appellant

Sh.Mangaljit Singh Reader/Tehsildar Moga for the Respondent

ORDER:

The case was last heard on 06.10.2020. Both the parties were absent.

The Commission observed that there has been an enormous delay eleven months in attending to the RTI application. The Commission taking a serious view of this, directed the PIO to provide the information and be present or be represented at the next date of hearing along with the explanation for delay in attending to the RTI application.

Hearing dated 28.01.2021:

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Moga. As per respondent, the information has been provided to the appellant on 22.11.2020. As per appellant, no information has been provided by the PIO despite his many visits to the office of the PIO.

The PIO is given one last opportunity to send the complete information to the appellant through registered post with a copy to the Commission within 10 days of the receipt of the order.

To come up for further hearing on **04.05.2021 at 11.00 AM** through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, **Moga.** The appellant may appear at Chandigarh.

Chandigarh Dated: 28.01.2021

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Sh H.S Hundal, 203, JudicialCourts, Sector-76,mohali.(9878500082).

...Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o Tehsildar, Moga.

First Appellate Authority, O/o SDM, Moga.

.....Respondent

Appeal Case No. 866 of 2020

PRESENT: Sh.H.S.Hundal as the Appellant

Sh.Mangaljit Singh Reader/Tehsildar Moga for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant through RTI application dated 31.10.2019 has sought information regarding copy of orders designating revenue officers as circle Revenue officers in the Districts with names, designation and tenures of CROs in entire district – copy of notification/provisions of Govt as per which circle revenue officers are appointed/designated – register maintained as per section 6(3) of Punjab Transparency Act – details of services in which CRO is designated officer – details of all cases that were taken up suomoto either by appellate authority or by commission and other information concerning the office of Tehsildar Moga. The appellant was not provided the information after which the appellant filed first appeal before the first appellate authority on 01.12.2019 which took no decision on the appeal.

The case came up for hearing last on 06.10.2020 through video conferencing at DAC Moga. Both the parties were absent.

The Commission observed that there has been an enormous delay eleven months in attending to the RTI application. The Commission taking a serious view of this, directed the PIO to provide the information and be present on the next date of hearing along with the explanation for delay in attending to the RTI application.

Hearing dated 28.01.2021:

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Moga. As per respondent, the information has been provided to the appellant on 22.11.2020. As per appellant, no information has been provided by the PIO despite his many visits to the office of the PIO.

The PIO is given one last opportunity to send the complete information to the appellant through registered post with a copy to the Commission within 10 days of the receipt of the order.

To come up for further hearing on **04.05.2021 at 11.00 AM** through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, **Moga.** The appellant may appear at Chandigarh.

Chandigarh Dated: 28.01.2021

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...Appellant

Sh.Ravinder Singh Gill, # 986, Near Dev Hotel, Main Bazar,Moga.

Versus

ficor

Public Information Officer, O/o SDM, Moga.

First Appellate Authority, O/o SDM, Moga.

Respondent

Appeal Case No. 1165 of 2020

PRESENT: Sh.Ravinder Singh as the Appellant

Mrs. Usha Rani, PIO O/o SDM Moga for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant through RTI application dated 23.10.2019 has sought information regarding status of action taken on the application dated 15.10.2019 relating to cancellation of rapat dated 13.06.2011 and mutation no.69186 & 23095 as per decision of SDM Moga and other information concerning the office of SDM Moga. The appellant was not provided the information after which the appellant filed first appeal before the first appellate authority on 06.12.2019 which took no decision on theappeal.

The case was last heard on 06.10.2020 through video conferencing at DAC Moga. The respondent present pleaded that the appellant had earlier filed a similar appeal case No.3502/2018 for seeking exactly the same information which was disposed off by Dr.Pawan Kumar Singla, State Information Commissioner on 23.06.2020 since the information was provided and the appellant was satisfied with the reply of the PIO. The Commission also received reply of the PIO through email which was taken on the file of the Commission.

The appellant was absent and vide letter received in the Commission on 25.09.2020 informed that the information is incomplete since as per order of the First Appellate Authority, the information from patwari halka Moga Mahil Singh-11 has been provided but it is incomplete, however, the information from patwari halka Moga Mahil Singh-1 has not been provided.

Having gone through the record, it was found that the appellant had earlier filed a similar appeal case for seeking exactly the same information which was disposed off by the ld bench of Dr.Pawan Kumar Singla on 23.06.2020 whereas in the certificate submitted to the Commission, the appellant has certified that no appeal or complaint has earlier been filed, pending or decided by any of the State Information Commissioner.

The appellant was directed to personally appear before the Commission on the next date of hearing and plead his case.

Hearing dated 28.01.2021:

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Moga. The appellant is present and informed that as per order/decision of First Appellate Authority-cum-SDM Moga, the information provided by Patwari Halka Mahil Singh-II is incomplete till the information from Patwari Halka Moga Mahil Singh-1 is provided.

Appeal Case No. 1165 of 2020

The Commission has also received a letter from the appellant on 21.01.2021 which has been taken on the file of the Commission.

Regarding plea of the respondent that the information has already been provided to the appellant in a similar appeal case No.3502/2018 which has been disposed off by the SIC Dr.Pawan Kumar Singla.

I have gone through the record and find that the appellant in this appeal case has sought information regarding action taken on the application dated 15.10.2019 whereas in the appeal case No.3502/2018, the appellant had sought information regarding action taken on his application dated 18.06.2018.

Hence the PIO is directed to clarify whether the matter of complainant dated 18.06.2018 in appeal case No.3502/2018 and complaint dated 15.10.2019 in the present case is same or different.

The case is adjourned. To come up for further hearing on **04.05.2021 at 11.00 AM** through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Moga.

Chandigarh Dated: 28.01.2021

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Sh.Jagjit Singh, R/o VPO Sekha kalan, Tehsil Bagha Purana, Distt.Moga.

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o DC, Moga.

First Appellate Authority, O/o DC, Moga.

Respondent

...Appellant

Appeal Case No. 1683 of 2020

PRESENT: Sh.Jagjit Singh as theAppellant

Sh.Gurvinder Singh, Naib TehsildarSamalpur for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant through RTI application dated 11.09.2019 has sought information regarding ownership of bir on the both sides of main road from Bhagta to Barnala road before coming into jurisdiction of Forest Department – year of including into forest department – total land in name of Sohan Singh and Sahib singh and other information concerning the office of DC Moga. The appellant was not provided the information after which the appellant filed first appeal before the first appellate authority on 16.03.2020 which took no decision on the appeal.

The case was last heard on 06.10.2020. The respondent present pleaded that as per report collected from the NaibTehsildar Samalpur, the information that has been sought by the i.e. jamabandi of the land relating to Sohan Singh s/o Kasuria Singh of village Dayalpura Bhaika Tehsil Rampurapul, relates to Tehsil Rampura Phul, District Bathinda.

The PIO however, did not transfer the RTI application to the concerned PIO. As per appellant, the RTI application was filed to Director Land Records, Jalandhar and since the information was not provided, the appellant filed first appeal before the First Appellate Authority which transferred the same to First appellate Authority-DC Moga and the DC Moga further transferred the RTI application to Tehsildar Baghapurana but the Tehsildar Baghapurana has not transferred it to the concerned PIO.

The Tehsil Office Baghapurana in spite of identifying and transferring the RTI application to the concerned public authority, would possibly hold this information and got the signature of the appellant asking him to state that this information does not pertain to them but pertains to Rampuraphul, District Bathinda. The Commission had taken a very serious view of this anomaly of the PIO which is not in accordance with the RTI Act and trying to coax the appellant to write that the information does not pertain to this office.

The PIO-Tehsildar Baghapurana was directed to explain the reasons for holding the information and not identifying and transferring the RTI application to the concerned public authority within the time prescribed under the RTIAct.

The appellant pleaded that this information lies with the Director of Land Records Jalandhar. I accept the plea of the appellant and implead the PIO-Land Records, Jalandhar the original office where the appellant had filed RTI application and direct the PIO-Director Land Records to provide the information and if the information does not exist, to identify the correct public authority and transfer the same to that particular authority.

Hearing dated 28.01.2021:

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Moga. As per respondent, the information does not pertain to them and they have already replied to the appellant.

The Commission has also received a letter from the PIO-cum-Tehsildar Baghapura stating that as per report of Naib Tehsildar Samalpur, the information that has been sought by the appellant relates to village Dayalpura under Tehsil Rampura Phul, Bathinda.

As per appellant, the information lies with the Director of Land Records, Jalandhar. In the last order, the PIO-Land Record was impleaded in the case and directed to provide the information. The PIO-Land Records is absent.

The PIO-Director of Land Records, Jalandhar is given one more opportunity to look at the RTI application(a copy of which is attached with the order) and provide the information to the appellant. The PIO-Land Records is also directed to appear on the next date of hearing and explain the reasons for not complying the order of the Commission, otherwise the Commission will be constrained to take action against the PIO under section 20 of the RTI Act.

The case is adjourned. To come up for further hearing on **04.05.2021 at 11.00 AM** through a video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Moga. The PIO- Director of Land records Jalandhar can appear in person in Chandigarh. Tehsildar, Bagha Purana is exempted from the hearing.

Chandigarh Dated: 28.01.2021 Sd/-(Khushwant Singh) State Information Commissioner

CC to :1. Director Land Records, Kapurthala Road, Jalandhar.

2. Tehsildar, Bagha Purana, Distt.Moga