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## FINAL ORDER

**Pawan Kalia** (advocate)

S/o Brahm Kumar Kalia,

# 18, Adarsh Nagar,

Kapurthala – 144 601

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**

o/o Divisional Forest Officer,

Opposite General Post Office, Near Old Courts,

District Hoshiarpur.

**First Appellate Authority,**

o/o Conservator of Forests,

Department of Forest & Wildlife,

North Circle, Near Main Post Office, District Hoshiarpur.

## Appeal Case No. 3619 of 2020 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

(Appellant) Absent

(Respondent) Absent

ORDER:

*(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 19.2.2021)*

1. The RTI application is dated **31.8.2020** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding Vijay Kumar, a Range Forest Officer, who was found dead on duty in 2019**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **5.10.2020** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **20.11.2020** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **19.2.2021**.

2. Both parties are absent. At the last hearing on 19.2.2021, the respondent PIO, stated that the requested information had already been sent to the appellant vide Letter No. 3606 Dated 4.2.2021. The appellant was given an opportunity to examine the information for deficiency. In an email Dated 11.6.2021, he states that he has received the information and satisfied with it.

3. Under the circumstances, there is no further cause for action and this Appeal Case is herewith **CLOSED**.

Sd/-

**(ASIT JOLLY)**

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## FINAL ORDER

**Varun Kumar,**

S/o Sh. Chanan Singh,

C/o Daffodil Public High School,

VPO Sansarpur,

Tehsil Dasuya, District Hoshiarpur-144213

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**

o/o Divisional Forest Officer,

Dasuya,

District Hoshiarpur.

## Complaint Case No. 481 of 2020 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

(Complainant) Absent

Reet Mohinder Pal Singh, Range Forest Officer (Respondent) 98140-58984

ORDER:

1. The complainant, **Varun Kumar**, filed this RTI application dated **29.12.2020** and sought information regarding harvesting of trees, as enumerated in his RTI application, from the PIO o/o **Divisional Forest Officer, Dasuya, Hoshiarpur**. When no information was received, the Complainant filed a complaint under Section 18 of the RTI Act, 2005 to the Commission on 16.4.2021. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **28.10.2021**.

2. The complainant is absent. He has however, informed the Commission in an email Dated 28.10.2021, that he has received the requested information. The respondent PIO, represented by Reet Mohinder Pal Singh, Range Forest Officer, present via Video Conference Facility from Hoshiarpur, has submitted a reply to this Commission's Notice of hearing vide Letter No. 1616 Dated 30.7.2021, that the requested information has been provided to the complainant.

3. Under the circumstances, there is no further cause for action and this Appeal Case is herewith **CLOSED**.

Sd/-

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## FINAL ORDER

**Ashwani Kumar,**

S/o Sh. Ram Ratan,

VPO-Ramgarh Sikri,

Tehsil Mukherian, District Hoshiarpur.

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**

o/o Deputy Director, Horticulture,

District Hoshiarpur.

### Complaint Case No. 528 of 2020 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

Ashwani Kumar (Complainant)

Dr. Dilbir Singh, PIO-cum-Deputy Director (Respondent) 75080-18839

ORDER:

1. The complainant, **Ashwani Kumar**, filed this RTI application dated **20.7.2020** and sought information regarding land handed over to the Kandi Area Fruit & Herbal Processing Society, Ramgarh Sikri, as enumerated in his RTI application, from the PIO o/o **Deputy Director, Horticulture, Hoshiarpur**. When no information was received, the Complainant filed a complaint under Section 18 of the RTI Act, 2005 to the Commission on 29.4.2021. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **28.10.2021**.

2. Both parties are present via Video Conference Facility from Hoshiarpur. The respondent PIO-cum-Deputy Director, Sh. Jaswinder Singh, has filed a detailed reply to this Commission's Notice of hearing. He states that the Kandi Area Fruit and Herbal Processing Society, Ramgarh Sikri, Hoshiarpur related information sought in this RTI application are not directly related to the Horticulture Department. Nonetheless the department forwarded the RTI application to the President Kandi Area Fruit and Herbal Processing Society seeking the requested information so that this could be forwarded to the complainant. He notably adds that the complainant, Ashwani Kumar was duly informed about this vide Letter No. 5961 dated 6.8.2020, which was within the stipulated 30 day period as per the RTI Act.

3. The Kandi Area Fruit and Herbal Processing Society informed the respondent PIO through its letter Dated 2.9.2020 that the Society is not within the purview of the RTI Act 2005.

4. The respondent PIO clarified that the Horticulture Department has no control over the Kandi Area Fruit and Herbal Processing Society, which is a society registered under Societies Registration Act, 1860. The respondent also states that no funds have been provided to the society by the Horticulture Department or the State Government.

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## **Complaint Case No. 528 of 2020 (Video Conference Proceedings)**

5. The decision of the respondent PIO is herewith upheld. The Commission concurs with the respondent that the Kandi Area Fruit and Herbal Processing Society, Ramgarh Sikri, Hoshiarpur, cited in the RTI application is not a Public Authority as defined by the RTI Act 2005 and so not within its purview.

6. Under the circumstances, there is no further cause for action and this Appeal Case is herewith **CLOSED**.

**Sd/-**

**(ASIT JOLLY)**

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## FINAL ORDER

**Jasbir Singh,**  
Village Bolapur,  
Jhabewal,  
PO Ramgarh,  
District Ludhiana.

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**  
o/o Senior Superintendent of Police,  
District Patiala.

**First Appellate Authority,**  
o/o Inspector General of Police,  
District Patiala.

### Appeal Case No. 2417 of 2020 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

(Appellant) Absent

ASI Hakam Singh (for the Respondent) 62399-82833

ORDER:

*(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 14.1.2021)*

1. The RTI application is dated **26.5.2020** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding news published in the newspaper Danik Jagran dated 4.9.2019**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **20.7.2020** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **2.9.2020** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **14.1.2021**.

2. The appellant is absent but has informed the Commission via email Dated 12.6.2021 that he has received the information and satisfied with it. The respondent PIO has also informed the Commission vide Letter No. 508 Dated 10.3.2021, that the requested information has been sent to the appellant.

3. Under the circumstances, there is no further cause for action and this Appeal Case is herewith **CLOSED**.

**Sd/-**  
**(ASIT JOLLY)**  
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## FINAL ORDER

**Amarjit Singh Dhamotia,**

District President Ludhiana NCAG,

H.No. 60-35-P-376-1, St. 8,

Maha Singh Nagar, PO Dhandari Kalan,

Ludhiana – 141 014.

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**

o/o Chairman, Punjab Pollution Control Board,

Vatawaran Bhawan, Nabha Road,

District Patiala.

**First Appellate Authority,**

o/o Chairman, Punjab Pollution Control Board,

Vatawaran Bhawan, Nabha Road,

District Patiala.

## Appeal Case No. 1601 of 2020 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

(Appellant) Absent

Rozert Dhamija, SDO from RO-1 (for the Respondent) 70873-00296

Amandeep Singh, SDO from RO-2 (for the Respondent) 88722-22330

Varinderjit Singh, SDO from RO-3 (for the Respondent)

Jagir Singh, JE from R-4 (for the Respondent) 98764-55516

ORDER:

*(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 11.12.2020 and 19.2.2021)*

1. The RTI application is dated **13.2.2020** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding showroom workshop service centers for cars under the jurisdiction of Municipal Corporation Ludhiana**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **13.3.2020** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **18.6.2020** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **19.2.2021**.

2. The appellant is absent but has intimated this Commission of his inability to attend this hearing. At the last hearing on 19.2.2021, the appellant was granted a final opportunity to inspect the record as was requested by him at numerous occasions. He has however, failed to go to the concerned offices to inspect the record.

3. The respondent PIO, represented by Rozert Dhamija, SDO from RO-1, Amandeep Singh, SDO from RO-2, Varinderjit Singh, SDO from RO-3, and Jagir Singh, JE from R-4, have stated that on the day of the inspection, the appellant went away from the office stating that he is not feeling well and would inspect the record at a future date.

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4. In view of the above and the fact that the information has been provided by the respondent PIO pertaining to each of the 4 regional offices, this Commission is of the view that this RTI application has been adequately addressed.

5. There is no further cause for action and this Appeal Case is herewith **CLOSED**

**Sd/-**

**(ASIT JOLLY)**

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## FINAL ORDER

**Amarjit Singh Dhamotia,**

H.No.60-35-P-376-1, St. 8,

Maha Singh Nagar, PO Dhandari Kalan,

Ludhiana-141014.

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**

o/o Chairman, Punjab Pollution Control Board (PPCB),

District Patiala.

**First Appellate Authority,**

o/o Chairman, Punjab Pollution Control Board (PPCB),

District Patiala.

## Appeal Case No. 1814 of 2020 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

(Appellant) Absent

Rozert Dhamija, SDO from RO-1 (for the Respondent) 70873-00296

Amandeep Singh, SDO from RO-2 (for the Respondent) 88722-22330

Varinderjit Singh, SDO from RO-3 (for the Respondent)

Jagir Singh, JE from R-4 (for the Respondent) 98764-55516

ORDER:

*(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 11.12.2020 and 19.2.2021)*

1. The RTI application is dated **25.2.2020** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding a monitoring committee established by National Green Tribunal**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **8.5.2020** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **7.7.2020** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **19.2.2021**.

2. The appellant is absent. At the last hearing on 19.2.2021, the appellant was given an opportunity to list specific deficiencies as he was also advised at the preceding hearing on 11.12.2020. He was intimated that his failure to list specific deficiencies would compel the Commission to dispose of this Appeal Case. The appellant has still not listed deficiency and nor has he sent any communication regarding any deficiencies either to the respondent PIO or this Commission.

3. In view of the above and the fact that the information has already been provided by the respondent PIO, this Commission believes that this RTI application has been adequately addressed. Under the circumstances, there is no further cause for action and this Appeal Case is herewith **CLOSED**.

**Sd/-**

**(ASIT JOLLY)**

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## FINAL ORDER

**Jasbir Singh**, S/o Sh. Harbans Singh,  
Jalal Khera,  
Post Office- Sular,  
District Patiala.

Versus

**Public Information Officer**,  
o/o XEN Water Resource Department,  
Devigarh Mandal, Near Mini Secretariat Road,  
Patiala.

**First Appellate Authority**,  
o/o Superintendent Engineer,  
Water Resource, Devigarh Circle, Near Mini Secretariat Road,  
Patiala.

## Appeal Case No. 3608 of 2020 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

(Appellant) Absent

(Respondent) Absent

ORDER:

*(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 19.2.2021)*

1. The RTI application is dated **17.8.2020** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding HRCs from 1.1.2020 to 17.8.2020**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **24.9.2020** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **19.11.2020** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **19.2.2021**.

2. Both parties are absent. At the last hearing on 14.2.2021, the respondent PIO was directed to send copies of the information supplied along with the reply sent to the appellant, to this Commission, at the earliest. A copy of the reply sent to the appellant has been received from the respondent PIO, wherein some information has been furnished and rest of the information has been withheld as personal information of employees working in the said office.

3. This Commission concurs with the decision of the respondent PIO that the requested information, where denied, qualifies for exemption as per Section 8 of the RTI Act 2005. Disclosure of such information has no relationship with any public activity.

4. Under the circumstances, there is no further cause for action and this Appeal Case is herewith **CLOSED**.

**Sd/-**  
**(ASIT JOLLY)**  
State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

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## FINAL ORDER

**Lakhvinder Singh**, S/o Joginder Singh,  
Village Fatehgarh,  
Tehsil & District Fazilka.

Versus

**Public Information Officer**,  
o/o Chief Engineer, Transmission,  
Punjab State Power Corporation Limited (PSPCL),  
B-1 Shed, Shakti Vihar, Patiala.

**Public Information Officer**,  
o/o Additional SE Enforcement-cum-EA & MMTS  
Punjab State Power Corporation Limited (PSPCL),  
District Sangrur.

**First Appellate Authority**,  
o/o Superintendent, Engineer, Enforcement-cum-EA & MMTS,  
Punjab State Power Corporation Limited, Patiala.

## Appeal Case No. 2872 of 2020 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

(Appellant) Absent

Sachin Verma, Senior XEN (for the Respondent) 96461-19410

Sukhwant Singh, ADSE (for the Respondent) 96461-18113

ORDER:

*(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 19.2.2021)*

1. The RTI application is dated **16.6.2020** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding JE Manvir Singh's complaint against ASE, AE, AEE and other employees**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **17.8.2020** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **30.9.2020** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **19.2.2021**.

2. Both parties are present through Video Conference from Patiala. The respondent PIO, represented by Sachin Verma, Senior XEN and Sukhwant Singh, ADSE, have submitted a detailed reply to this Commission's notice of hearing along with the information and successive replies sent to the appellant vide letter No.419 Dated 21.7.2021 and No. 507 Dated 4.9.2021. There has been no communication from the appellant since the last hearing on 19.2.2021, compelling the Commission to conclude that the appellant has received the information and satisfied with it.

3. There is no further cause for action and this appeal case is herewith **CLOSED**.

**Sd/-**  
**(ASIT JOLLY)**  
State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

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## FINAL ORDER

**Vikul,**

S/o Kul Bhushan,

# 377, PUDA Colony,

Malout – 152 107

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**

o/o Chairman, Punjab Pollution Control Board (PPCB),

Vatavaran Bhawan, Nabha Road, Patiala – 147 001

**First Appellate Authority,**

o/o Chairman, Punjab Pollution Control Board (PPCB),

Vatavaran Bhawan, Nabha Road, Patiala – 147 001

## Appeal Case No. 3050 of 2020 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

(Appellant) Absent

(Respondent) Absent

ORDER:

*(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 19.2.2021)*

1. The RTI application is dated **23.6.2020** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding certified copies of the record regarding Advertisement No. Admin/SA-1/2018/R,** as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **7.8.2020** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **14.10.2020** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **19.2.2021**.

2. Both parties are absent. The appellant in an email dated 14.6.2021 has informed this Commission that he has received the information and satisfied with it.

3. Under the circumstances, there is no further cause of action and this Appeal Case is herewith **CLOSED.**

**Sd/-**

**(ASIT JOLLY)**

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## FINAL ORDER

**Shankar Goel,**

S/o Banarsi Das,

R/o Jujhar Singh Nagar,

# 4 A, Street No.4, First Floor, Near Khushi Playway School, Opposite Civil Line Police Station,  
District Bathinda.

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**

o/o Chairman, Punjab Pollution Control Board (PPCB),

Vatavaran Bhawan, Nabha Road,

District Patiala.

**First Appellate Authority,**

o/o Chairman, Punjab Pollution Control Board,

Vatavaran Bhawan, Nabha Road,

District Patiala.

## Appeal Case No. 3366 of 2020 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

(Appellant) Absent

Anish Sharma, SDO (for the Respondent) 90418-87743

ORDER:

*(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 19.2.2021)*

1. The RTI application is dated **8.8.2020** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding a complaint against Ashok Bansal of Jaitu BKO to the Chairman and Environmental Engineer Regional Office Faridkot on 16.3.2020**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **12.9.2020** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **3.11.2020** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **19.2.2021**.

2. The appellant is absent without intimation. As directed by this Commission at the last hearing on 19.2.2021, the respondent PIO has sent a point-wise reply to all the 11 points of this RTI application alongwith the requested information. It is this Commission's view that this RTI application has now been addressed adequately.

3. Under the circumstances, there is no further cause for action and this Appeal Case is herewith **CLOSED**.

Sd/-

**(ASIT JOLLY)**

State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

Chandigarh

28.10.2021