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(Regd. Post) **Sh. Om Parkash (Retd.Suptd.) (94632-32537)**
S/o Sh. Jattu Ram Damri
House No. 2163
Street No. 4-D, Kailash Nagar,
Fazilka

Versus

Complainant

Public Information Officer/APIO
O/o District Treasury Officer,
Ferozepur

Respondent

Complaint Case No.: 498 of 2018

Present: Nobody on behalf of the complainant.
For the respondent: Sh. Tejinder Singh (DTO-Cum-PIO).

ORDER

1. This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 18.03.2019.
2. Respondent, Sh. Tejinder Singh states that self declaration in original has already been supplied to the complainant, as per the last order of the Commission dated 18.03.2019. He also added that he has sent a copy of an affidavit to the Commission through registered post. He submits a copy of self declaration to the Commission, which is taken on record.
3. Neither the complainant, Sh. Om Parkash is present for today's hearing nor did he file any reply in this regard.
4. After hearing the respondent and examining the case file, it is found that a letter no. 3703 dated 02.04.2019 along with copy of self declaration has been received from the respondent in the Commission vide diary no. 7934 dated 15.04.2019.
5. A last and final opportunity is given to the complainant to represent this case in person or through his representative(s) on the next date of hearing to clear the facts of this case, failing to which case will be decided on the available evidences. A copy of this order be sent to him through **registered post** for his ready reference.
6. Matter is adjourned for further hearing on **10.06.2019 at 11:00 A.M.**
7. Announced in the Court, copy of the order to be sent to the parties.

Chandigarh
Dated: 29.04.2019

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Sh. Pawan Kumar S/o Sh. Birbal,
Tilak Nagar, Street No. 8,
Sri Muktsar Sahib (62803-57764).

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer/APIO
O/o DEO (SE), Fazilka.

First Appellate Authority
O/o DEO (SE), Fazilka .

Respondents

Appeal Case No.: 1957 of 2018
Date of Institution: 06.06.2018
Date of Decision: 29.04.2019

Present: Sh. Gurpreet Singh (70094-51553) on behalf of appellant.
For the respondent: Sh. Joginder Singh (Maths Master).

ORDER

1. This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 18.03.2019.
2. Respondent, Sh. Joginder Singh handed over the requisite information relates with point no. A of the RTI application.
3. On this, representative of the appellant, Sh. Gurpreet Singh states information relates with point no. D is still pending from the respondent PIO.
4. After hearing both the parties and examining the case file, it is observed that an email dated 27.04.2019 has been received from the respondent, Principal, Jalalabad Boys from email ID gsss.jalalabadboysfzr@gmail.com by the bench of undersigned stating that requisite information has already been sent to the appellant through registered letter no. CP18470013IN (School Dispatch Number: 1007-08) dated 24.04.2019. It is also observed that requisite information was voluminous in nature and appellant is advised to file separate RTI applications to the concerned offices when more than one PIO is involved.
5. As the information stands supplied, no cause of action is required. Therefore, the instant appeal case is **disposed of & closed**.
6. Announced in the Court, copy of the order to be sent to the parties.

Chandigarh
Dated: 29.04.2019

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Sh. Tejinder Singh (90410-04313)

R/o Village Bholapur,
PO-Ramgarh, Chandigarh Road,
Ludhiana-141123

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Municipal Corporation,
Amritsar

First Appellate Authority

O/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation,
Amritsar

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 2901 of 2018

Present: Nobody present.

ORDER

1. This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 18.03.2019.
2. Appellant, Sh. Tejinder Singh is not present for today's hearing but an email dated 29.04.2019 stating that he is unable to attend today's hearing and requested for an adjournment in this case. In that email he added that requisite information is still pending from the respondent PIO.
3. Neither the respondent PIO is present for today's hearing nor did he file any reply in this regard.
4. After examining the case file, it is observed that respondent PIO was absent on the previous hearings held on 05.12.2018, 07.01.2019, 11.02.2019 and 18.03.2019 without any intimation to the Commission. Show Cause notice was issued to the respondent PIO dated 11.02.2019 and copy of order was sent to the respondent PIO by name along with RTI request through registered post. Compensation was awarded to the appellant vide order dated 18.03.2019.
5. One more opportunity is given to the respondent PIO to comply with the previous orders (11.02.2019 and 18.03.2019) of the Commission along with directions to appear in person on the next date of hearing to clear the facts of this case. A copy of this order to be sent to him through registered post for his ready reference.

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Appeal Case No.: 2901 of 2018

6. A copy of this order be sent to the Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Amritsar to comply of this order along with advice to take the disciplinary action if it deemed fit so.
7. Matter is adjourned for further hearing on **10.06.2019 at 11:00 A.M.**
8. Announced in the Court, copy of the order to be sent to the parties.

Chandigarh
Dated: 29.04.2019

(Dr. Pawan Kumar Singla)
State Information Commissioner

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer (By Name)
O/o Municipal Corporation,
Amritsar

(Regd. Post) The Commissioner (By Name)
O/o, Municipal Corporation,
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(Regd. Post) **Sh. Darshan Singh Kang (94643-63290)**
(Anti Corruption Wing)
Samrala, Ludhiana
Appellant

Versus

(Regd. Post) **Public Information Officer**
O/o Principal Secretary Education (Schools),
Punjab Govt., Chandigarh

(Regd. Post) **First Appellate Authority**
O/o Principal Secretary Education (Schools),
Punjab Govt., Chandigarh
Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 3267 of 2018

Present: Sh. Darshan Singh Kang, the appellant in person.
For the respondent: Sh. Jang Singh (Superintendent-Cum-PIO).

ORDER

1. This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 18.03.2019.
2. Appellant, Sh. Darshan Singh Kang states that incomplete information has been supplied by the respondent PIO. He added that information relates with CEO is still pending.
3. On this, respondent, Sh. Jang Singh assures that rest of the information will be supplied to the appellant.
4. After hearing both the parties and examining the case file, it is observed that after giving various opportunities, complete requisite information has not been supplied to the appellant
5. I am of the view that due to evasive attitude of the respondent PIO concerned, the appellant has suffered a lot of detriments for not getting the requisite information, I am of the view that compensation be awarded to the appellant, Sh. Darshan Singh Kang.

Hence, I award an interim compensation of Rs. 1,500/- (Fifteen Hundred Rupees Only) to the appellant. The compensation amount must be paid by the respondent PIO concerned through cheque or demand draft in favor of Darshan Singh Kang from the account of Public Authority and not from the individual's account.

Respondent PIO is directed to produce a copy of the cheque or demand draft on the next date of hearing.

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Appeal Case No.: 3267 of 2018

Respondent PIO is directed to supply the requisite information to the appellant by or on the next date of hearing. He is also directed to appear in person before the Commission to represent this case, failing to which action as per RTI Act will be initiated against him. A copy of this order be sent to him through registered post.

6. Matter is adjourned for further hearing on **10.06.2019 at 11:00 A.M.**
7. Announced in the Court, copy of the order to be sent to the parties.

Chandigarh
Dated: 29.04.2019

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(Regd. Post) Sh. Darshan Singh Kang (94643-69290)
(Anti Corruption Wing)
Samrala, Ludhiana

Versus

Appellant

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer
O/o Principal Secretary Education (Schools),
Punjab Govt., Chandigarh

(Regd. Post) First Appellate Authority
O/o Principal Secretary Education (Schools),
Punjab Govt., Chandigarh

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 3269 of 2018
Date of Institution: 25.09.2018
Date of Decision: 29.04.2019

Present: Sh. Darshan Singh Kang, the appellant in person.
For the respondent: Sh. Jang Singh (Superintendent-Cum-PIO).

ORDER

1. This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 18.03.2019.
2. Respondent, Sh. Jang Singh states that requisite information comprising 129 pages have been supplied to the appellant.
3. On this, the appellant states that he is satisfied with the supplied information.
4. As the information stands supplied, no cause of action is required. Therefore, the instant appeal case is **disposed of & closed**.
5. Announced in the Court, copy of the order to be sent to the parties.

Chandigarh
Dated: 29.04.2019

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(Regd. Post) **Sh. Surjit Singh Saini**
S/o Sh. Bishan Singh,
R/o 263, Khuria Kingra,
Backside Punjab Sweet Shop,
Nakodar Road, Jalandhar

Versus

Appellant

(Regd. Post) **Public Information Officer**
O/o District Revenue Office,
Deputy Commissioner, Jalandhar

(Regd. Post) **First Appellate Authority**
O/o District Revenue Office,
Deputy Commissioner, Jalandhar

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 3282 of 2018

Date of Institution: 26.09.2018

Date of Decision: 29.04.2019

Present: Nobody present.

ORDER

1. This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 18.03.2019.
2. Respondent PIO is not present for today's hearing but a letter no. 183 dated 15.04.2019 along copy of letter no. 724 dated 12.02.2019 has been received in the Commission vide diary no. 8129 dated 18.04.2019 stating that requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant and no objection has been given by the appellant till date and requested to dismiss this case. On letter no. 724 remarks of the appellant "Information received". This letter is taken on record.
3. Neither the appellant, Sh. Surjit Singh Saini is present for today's hearing nor did he file any reply in this regard.
4. After examining the case file, it is presumed that appellant is satisfied with the supplied information and does not want to pursue this case further.
5. In wake no cause of action is required. Therefore, the instant appeal case is **disposed of & closed.**
6. Announced in the Court, copy of the order to be sent to the parties.

Chandigarh
Dated: 29.04.2019

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(Regd. Post) **Sh. Rakesh Sharma (98884-01973)**
R/o 182/12, Main Bazar, Katra Parja,
I/s Hathi Gate, Amritsar

Appellant

Versus

(Regd. Post) **Public Information Officer**
O/o Nagar Nigam, Ranjit Avenue,
Amritsar

(Regd. Post) **First Appellate Authority**
O/o Commissioner, Nagar Nigam,
Ranjit Avenue, Amritsar

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 3298 of 2018

Present: Sh. Rakesh Sharma, the appellant in person.
Nobody on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

1. This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 18.03.2019.
2. Appellant, Sh. Rakesh Sharma states that requisite information is still pending from the respondent PIO.
3. After examining the case file, it is observed that respondent PIO was absent on the previous hearings held on 02.01.2019, 06.02.2019 and 18.03.2019 without any intimation to the Commission. Show Cause notice was issued to the respondent PIO dated 18.03.2019 and copy of order was sent to the respondent PIO by name along with RTI request through registered post.

It is also observed that after giving various opportunities, requisite information has not been supplied to the appellant
4. I am of the view that due to evasive attitude of the respondent PIO concerned, the appellant has suffered a lot of detriments for not getting the requisite information, I am of the view that compensation be awarded to the appellant, Sh. Rakesh Sharma.

Hence, I award an interim compensation of Rs. 1,500/- (Fifteen Hundred Rupees Only) to the appellant. The compensation amount must be paid by the respondent PIO concerned through cheque or demand draft in favor of Rakesh Sharma from the account of Public Authority and not from the individual's account.

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Appeal Case No.: 3298 of 2018

Respondent PIO is directed to produce a copy of the cheque or demand draft on the next date of hearing.

Respondent PIO is directed to supply the requisite information to the appellant by or on the next date of hearing. He is also directed to appear in person before the Commission to represent this case, failing to which action as per RTI Act will be initiated against him. A copy of this order be sent to him through registered post.

5. Matter is adjourned for further hearing on **10.06.2019 at 11:00 A.M.**
6. Announced in the Court, copy of the order to be sent to the parties.
7. One more opportunity is given to the respondent PIO to comply with the previous orders (06.02.2019 and 18.03.2019) of the Commission along with directions to appear in person on the next date of hearing to clear the facts of this case. A copy of this order to be sent to him through registered post for his ready reference.
8. A copy of this order be sent to the Commissioner, Nagar Nigam, Ranjit Avenue, Amritsar to comply of this order along with advice to take the disciplinary action if it deemed fit so.
9. Matter is adjourned for further hearing on **12.06.2019 at 11:00 A.M.**
10. Announced in the Court, copy of the order to be sent to the parties.

Chandigarh
Dated: 29.04.2019

(Dr. Pawan Kumar Singla)
State Information Commissioner

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer (By Name)
O/o Nagar Nigam, Ranjit Avenue,
Amritsar

(Regd. Post) The Commissioner (By Name)
O/o, Nagar Nigam,
Ranjit Avenue, Amritsar

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(Regd. Post) **Sh. Rakesh Sharma (98884-01973)**
R/o 182/12, Main Bazar, Katra Parja,
I/s Hathi Gate, Amritsar
Appellant

Versus

(Regd. Post) **Public Information Officer**
O/o Director, Local Govt. Department,
Punjab Municipal Bhawan, Plot No. 3,
Sector- 35 A, Chandigarh

(Regd. Post) **First Appellate Authority**
O/o Director, Local Govt. Department,
Punjab Municipal Bhawan, Plot No. 3,
Sector- 35 A, Chandigarh

(Regd. Post) **Public Information Officer**
O/o Nagar Nigam, Amritsar

(Regd. Post) **First Appellate Authority**
O/o Nagar Nigam, Amritsar
Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 3299 of 2018

Present: Sh. Rakesh Sharma, the appellant in person.
For the respondent: Sh. D.P. Verma (SA, O/o Director, Local Govt., Chandigarh)

ORDER

1. This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 18.03.2019.
2. Appellant, Sh. Rakesh Sharma states that requisite information is still pending from the respondent PIO.
3. Respondent, Sh. D.P. Verma states that RTI application was transferred to the office of Nagar Nigam, Amritsar as information relates with their office.
4. After hearing both the parties and examining the case file, it is observed that notice of hearing fixed for 02.01.2019 was also sent to the respondent PIO and First Appellate Authority, Office of Nagar Nigam, Amritsar but nobody was present from their offices and another opportunity was given to PIO and FAA, Office of Nagar Nigam, Amritsar to represent this case and matter was adjourned for further hearing on 06.02.2019.

On hearing 06.02.2019, respondent PIO and First Appellate Authority, Office of Nagar Nigam, Amritsar, failed to represent this case and one more opportunity was given to them and matter was adjourned for further hearing on 18.03.2019.

On hearing 18.03.2019, respondent PIO and First Appellate Authority, Office of Nagar Nigam, Amritsar, failed to represent this case consecutively third time. A last and final opportunity was granted to the respondent PIO. A copy of order was sent to him through registered post and matter was adjourned for

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further hearing on 29.04.2019 i.e. today but respondent PIO and FAA, Office of Nagar Nigam, Amritsar failed to represent this case.

5. In view of the above, the then respondent PIO, O/o Nagar Nigam, Amritsar will **Show Cause** under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act, as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay/denial in supplying the information to the RTI applicant and why the compensation be not awarded to the information-seeker under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

In addition to his submission, the PIO is also hereby given an opportunity under Section 20(1) provision, thereto, for a personal hearing before the imposition of such penalty on the next date of hearing. A copy of this order to be sent to him through **registered post** along with RTI request.

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.

6. I am of the view that due to evasive attitude of the respondent PIO concerned, the appellant has suffered a lot of detriments for not getting the requisite information, I am of the view that compensation be awarded to the appellant, Sh. Rakesh Sharma.

Hence, I award an compensation of Rs. 1,500/- (Fifteen Hundred Only) to the appellant. The compensation amount must be paid by the respondent PIO concerned through cheque or demand draft in favor of Rakesh Sharma from the account of Public Authority and not from the individual's account.

Respondent PIO is directed to produce a copy of the cheque or demand draft on the next date of hearing.

7. Matter is adjourned for further hearing on **12.06.2019 at 11:00 A.M.**

8. Announced in the Court, copy of the order to be sent to the parties.

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(Regd. Post) **Sh. Darshan Singh Kang (94643-69290)**
(Anti Corruption Wing)
Samrala, Ludhiana

Appellant

Versus

(Regd. Post) **Public Information Officer**
O/o Principal Secretary Education (Schools),
Punjab Govt., Chandigarh

(Regd. Post) **First Appellate Authority**
O/o Principal Secretary Education (Schools),
Punjab Govt., Chandigarh

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 3399 of 2018

Present: Sh. Darshan Singh Kang, the appellant in person.
For the respondent: Sh. Jang Singh (Superintendent-Cum-PIO).

ORDER

1. This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 18.03.2019.
2. Appellant, Sh. Darshan Singh Kang states that requisite information is still pending from the respondent PIO.
3. On this, respondent, Sh. Jang Singh states that concerned official is unable to attend today's hearing and requested for an adjournment rest of the information will be supplied to the appellant.
4. After hearing both the parties and examining the case file, it is observed that after giving various opportunities, complete requisite information has not been supplied to the appellant
5. I am of the view that due to evasive attitude of the respondent PIO concerned, the appellant has suffered a lot of detriments for not getting the requisite information, I am of the view that compensation be awarded to the appellant, Sh. Darshan Singh Kang.

Hence, I award an interim compensation of Rs. 1,500/- (Fifteen Hundred Rupees Only) to the appellant. The compensation amount must be paid by the respondent PIO concerned through cheque or demand draft in favor of Darshan Singh Kang from the account of Public Authority and not from the individual's account.

Respondent PIO is directed to produce a copy of the cheque or demand draft on the next date of hearing.

Respondent PIO is directed to supply the requisite information to the appellant by or on the next date of hearing. He is also directed to appear in person before the Commission to represent this case, failing to which action as per RTI Act will be initiated against him. A copy of this order be sent to him through registered post.

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Appeal Case No.: 3399 of 2018

6. Matter is adjourned for further hearing on **10.06.2019 at 11:00 A.M.**
7. Announced in the Court, copy of the order to be sent to the parties.

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(Regd. Post.) **Sh. Ajit Singh (93152-63000)**
S/o S. Tarlok Singh,
House No. 289, Street No. 8,
New Patel Nagar, Nabha-147201,
District Patiala .

Versus

Appellant

(Regd. Post.) **Public Information Officer**
O/o Department of General Administration
(General Co-ordination Branch),
Punjab Government, Punjab Civil Secretariat
Sector-1, Chandigarh.

(Regd. Post.) **Public Information Officer**
O/o Education Secretary School Education,
Punjab Govt., Mini Secretariat,
6th Floor, Sector-9, Chandigarh

(Regd. Post.) **First Appellate Authority**
O/o Chief Secretary Punjab,
Main Secretariat, Sector-1, Chandigarh

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 3498 of 2018

Date of Institution: 12.10.2018

Date of Decision: 29.04.2019

Present: Sh. Ajit Singh, the appellant in person.
For the respondent: Sh. Jang Singh (Superintendent-Cum-PIO) along with Sh. Kuldeep Singh (APIO).

ORDER

1. This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 02.04.2019.
2. Respondent, Sh. Jang Singh handed over the self declaration along with supporting document to the appellant during the hearing.
3. On this, appellant, Sh. Ajit Singh states that he is not satisfied with the supplied reply.
4. After examining the case file, I am of the considered view that supplied self declaration is satisfactory and no cause of action is required. Therefore, the instant appeal case is **disposed of & closed.**
5. Announced in the Court, copy of the order to be sent to the parties.

Chandigarh
Dated: 29.04.2019

(Dr. Pawan Kumar Singla)
State Information Commissioner