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Sh. Daljeet Singh Kahlon,
Chamber No. 114,
Punjab and Haryana High Court Complex,
Sector 1, Chandigarh.

..Complainant

Vs

Public Information Officer
o/o Financial Commissioner (Revenue)
Punjab Civil Secretariat,
Sector 1, Chandigarh.

Respondents

Complaint Case No. 208 of 2020

Present:- None on behalf of the appellant.
Sh. Bhushan Lal, Supdt. APIO and Sh. Talwinder Singh, Sr. Asstt o/o Financial
Commissioner (Revenue) on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 19.12.2019 vide which the complainant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. Complaint was filed in the Commission on 28.2.2020 under Section 18 of the right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter called RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today.

2. The appellant is absent without any intimation.
3. The representative of the respondent states that the information as available in their record has already been supplied to the complainant vide memo No. 13/22/2019-PL8/3836 dated 26.2.2020 through registered post. He further states that he has checked the status of the registry sent to the complainant from the postal department website, the status of which are shown as delivered. Copy of memo dated 26.2.2020 along with receipt of registry and status as submitted by the representative of the respondents is taken on record.
4. The appellant is absent without any intimation, a SMS was also sent to him on his mobile no. 9464448001 regarding the date and time fixed for hearing. Also the office has tried many times to contact on his mobile number during the hearing so that the case could be heard through CISCO webex but there was no response from the appellant. According to the submissions of the respondent regarding supply of information and going through the RTI application, the Commission is of the view that the complete information has been supplied to the appellant in accordance with his RTI application. Hence, the case is disposed of and closed. However, a liberty is granted to the appellant to approach the Commission within 15 days from the issue of this order in case of any further submissions.

Dated:29.6.2020

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Sh. Surinder Mital,
r/o # 302, Shaheed Udham Singh Nagar,
Phagwara 144402
District Kapurthala.

Complainant

Vs

Public Information Officer
o/o Chief Minister, Punjab-cum-Chairman,
Punjab Urban Planning & Development,
Room No. 1, 2nd Floor, Civil Secretariat-1,
Chandigarh.

Public Information Officer
o/o Punjab Urban Development Authority,
PUDA Bhawan, Phase 8,
Mohali

....Respondents

Complaint Case No. 42 of 2020

Present:- None on behalf of the parties

ORDER

This order may be read with the previous order dated 2.3.2020.

2. The appellant sent an email that he has received the information from the office of PUDA Chandigarh through e-mail and further stated that the information is satisfactory.
3. The representative of the respondents was updated about the satisfaction of the complainant and not to appear in the instant case.
4. Since, the complete information has been received by the complainant to his entire satisfaction, hence, the case is disposed of and closed.

Dated: 29.6.2020

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Sh. Inderjit Singh RTI Activist,
c/o Chamber No. 141-A,
New Court, Jalandhar.

....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer
o/o Director, Rural Development & Panchayats,
Vikas Bhawan, Phase 8, Mohali

First Appellate Authority,
o/o Director, Rural Development & Panchayats,
Vikas Bhawan, Phase 8, Mohali

Ms Manjit Kaur, Under Secretary,
o/o Financial Commissioner,
Rural Development & Panchayats,
Vikas Bhawan, Phase 8, Mohali

Ms Kuldeep kaur,
Block Development and Panchayats Officer,
Adampur,
District Jalandhar.

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3284 of 2019
(Video Conference Proceedings)

Present:- None on behalf of the appellant.
Sh. Jagmohan Singh, APIO (81468 35786) o/o Block Development and Panchayats
Officer, Adampur, Jalandhar on behalf of the respondents.

ORDER

This order may be read with the previous order dated 12.6.2020 vide which the two point information was remained pending i.e. date of joining and the details of posting of Shri Vijay Kumar.

2. Letter bearing No. 91 dated 16.6.2020 and No. 279 dated 29.6.2020 has been received in the Commission, which is taken on record. The representative of the respondents states that the complete information has been supplied to the appellant and nothing remains pending that could be provided to him.

3. An appellant sent an email that due to Covid 19 Home Quarantine, he will not be able to attend the hearings today. He is contacted on his mobile no. 7888383867 during the course of hearing and update him regarding the letter No. 279 of 29.6.2020 issued by the respondents. Accordingly, he agrees with the submissions of the respondents and shows his complete satisfaction with the information so supplied by the respondents. Copy of the letter No. 279 dated 29.6.2020 is attached herewith for the information of the appellant.

4. **According to the satisfaction of the appellant no more cause of action is left in this case, hence, the case is disposed of and closed.**

Dated: 29.6.2020

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Sh. Harvinderpal Singh s/o Sh. Kuldip Singh,
H.No. 210, Sudarshan Nagar,
Sultanwind Road, Amritsar 143001

....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
o/o Tehsildar Amritsar-1,
District Administrative Complex,
Amritsar

First Appellate Authority,
o/o Sub Divisional Magistrate,
Amritsar-1,
District Administrative Complex,
Amritsar.

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3920 of 2019.

(Video Conference Proceedings)

Present:- Sh. Harvinderpal Singh, appellant through Cisco Webex.
Sh. Sukhwinder Singh Clerk o/o Tehsildar, Amritsar-1 on behalf of the respondents.

ORDER

This order may be read with the previous order dated 16.3.2020 vide which the adjournment was afforded to the appellant for inspection of record.

2. The representative of the respondents states that the appellant never approached the respondents for the inspection of record. He further states that he may come any time between the office hours to get the files inspected pertaining to the RTI application of the appellant. He further states that the appellant may come on 13.7.2020 onwards for inspection and the relevant record pertaining to the RTI application will be made available.

3. The appellant states that due to Covid 19 pandemic, it was not possible for him to get the files inspected earlier and now he is willing to go for inspection on scheduled date i.e. 13.7.2020.

4. After hearing the parties, the appellant is given a last opportunity to inspect the relevant record pertaining to his RTI application on the said date failing which the decision will be taken ex-parte on the next date of hearing and the respondent is bound to make the record available for inspection of the appellant as per the assurance given by him. The respondents are also directed to send the action taken report after the inspection is done by the appellant to the Commission.

5. To come up on 28.7.2020 at 11.30 AM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Amritsar or Cisco Webex.

sd/-

Dated: 29.6.2020

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Sh. Baldev Singh Sohal S/o Sh. Gurmukh Singh,
R/o Village- SohalJagir,
Tehsil Shahkot, 144702,
District Jalandhar.

.....Complainant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o Block Development & Panchayat Officer,
Shahkot, District Jalandhar.

.....Respondent

Complaint Case .No. 135 of 2020

(Video Conference Facility)

Present:- Sh. Baldev Singh Sohal, complainant.
Sh. Balwinder Singh, Panchayat Secretary (M 9855600013) on behalf of the
respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with the previous order dated 12.6.2020 vide which the respondents were directed to supply the information free of cost before the next date of hearing failing which punitive action will be initiated on the next date of hearing.

2. The appellant states that no information is being supplied by the respondent-Public Information Officer.

3. Whereas, the representative of the respondents states that the information is ready and the same will be supplied to the complainant comprising around 700 pages within a week positively.

4. According to the assurance given by the representative of the respondents, one last opportunity is granted to the respondent-Public Information Officer to supply the complete information pertaining to the RTI application of the appellant within a week failing which the penalty provisions will be invoked on the next date of hearing. Also a compliance report be sent to the Commission after the supply of requisite information to the complainant and the complainant is advised to point out deficiency if any to the respondent before the next date of hearing.

5. To come up on 28.7.2020 11.30 AM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Jalandhar.

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(Suresh Arora)

Dated: 29.6.2020

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Sh. Ram Karishan S/o Sh. Das Mal,
R/o House No. 68, Ward No. 3,
Marwaha Wali Gali, (98150-92472)
Majitha, District Amritsar.

.....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o Deputy Commissioner,
District Administrative Complex,
District Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Deputy Commissioner,
District Administrative Complex,
Amritsar.

.....Respondents

Appeal Cases No. 14, 15, 16 and 17 of 2020

(Video Conference Proceedings)

Present: None on the behalf of the appellant.

Sh. Mukesh Kumar (M 9646995595) District Revenue Officer –cum-PIO along with
Ms. Sarbjit Kaur, Superintendent (M 9814493973) and Sh. Dhian Chand Clerk (M-
7986585970) on behalf of the respondents

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 28.2.2020 vide which the respondents stated that the matter is under inquiry and hence information cannot be provided until the inquiry is completed and the date of hearing was fixed on 17.3.2020. On the request of both the parties, the case was adjourned to 7.4.2020. Again, the case was adjourned to 10.6.2020 due to Covid-19 pandemic and further adjourned to 29.6.2020 due to administrative reasons.

2. The appellant is absent today without intimation to the Commission.

3. The respondent PIO states that earlier the inquiry was in progress and now Sub Divisional Magistrate Ajnala has sent a report vide letter no. 152 dated 24.6.2020 through email to the Deputy Commissioner with a copy to the Commission, which is taken on record. It has been mentioned in the letter that neither Sh. Ram Krishan s/o Sh. Dass Mall nor his representative has attended his office in spite of the summons sent to him. He further submitted that the absence of the complainant in the inquiry, shows that he does not want to pursue his complaint. As per the above said letter, the Sub Divisional Magistrate, Ajnala has recommended to the Deputy Commissioner to file the complaint of Sh. Ram Krishan and disciplinary action be initiated against Sh. Dhian Chand, Clerk due to his carelessness shown in performing his duties, non providing the record and non supply of form no. 16 to the complainant.

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Appeal Case No 14,15,16 and 17 of 2020

Sh. Dhian Singh, Clerk o/o Sub Divisional Magistrate,, Ajnala states that he has already provided the information to the appellant except form no. 16 relating to year 2015-16 which can only be provided after the rectification regarding the TDS deducted, from the Income Tax Authorities. He further states that a letter has also been written to the Income Tax Authorities for the same so that the revised Form 16 of the year 2015-2016 can be issued to the appellant. He requested for the adjournment of the case.

4. Since the appellant is absent today, respondents are directed to supply the complete information to the appellant as available in their record pertaining to the RTI application of the appellant or give in writing that the revised form no. 16 relating to the year 2015-16 is not in the office record and can only be supplied after rectification from the Income Tax authorities. Copy written to the Income Tax Authorities in this regard be sent to the appellant through registered post with a copy to the Commission before the next date of hearing.

5 To come up on 28.7.2020 at 11.30 P.M. to be heard through the video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Amritsar.

SD/-

Dated:29.6.2020

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Sh. Ajay Nand/ Ajay Kumar Mehta
S/o Late Sh. Nanad Kishor, (98146-46309)
R/o # C- 118, East Mohan Nagar,
Chamrang road, Amritsar.

.....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o Deputy Commissioner,
Mini Secretariat, Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Deputy Commissioner,
Mini Secretariat, Amritsar.

..... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 745 of 2020
(Video Conference Proceeding)

Present:- Shri Ajay Nand, appellant, in person at Chandigarh.

Sh. Mukesh Kumar, District Revenue Officer (M 9646995595) on the behalf of the respondents.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to order dated 16.3.2020 vide which the respondent M.C.,Amritsar was directed to send the information brought by her to the appellant through registered post. The representative of the respondents Deputy Commissioner, Amritsar was directed to check up the matter concerning point No. 2 and 3 and intimate whether this information is available in their office record or not before the next date of hearing i.e. 27.3.2020. The case was adjourned to 10.6.2020 due to Covid -19 and further adjourned to 29.6.2020 due to administrative reasons.

2. The appellant states that no information has been provided pertaining to point no. 2 and 3 of his RTI application.

3. The representative of the respondents requests for one week's time to provide the information to the appellant.

4. After hearing both the parties and going through the record in the case file, the respondents are directed to supply the same within a week through registered post to the appellant with a copy to the Commission as per the assurance given by them failing which the punitive action will be initiated on the next date of hearing.

5 To come up on 17.7.2020 at 11.30 P.M. to be heard through the video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Amritsar/Cisco Webex.

sd/

Dated:29.6.2020

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Sh. Chanchal Singh Bal,
R/o House No. 172,
Sector 70, Mohali.

.....Appellant
Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o Department of General Admin.(Estb. I Br.),
Punjab Civil Secretariat -1,
Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Under Secretary,
Department of General Admin. (Estt I Br.),,
Punjab Civil Secretariat -1,
Chandigarh.

Appeal Case No. 358 of 2020

Present:- None on behalf of the appellant.
None on behalf of the respondents.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 25.2.2020 vide which appellant was advised to give specific file number/branch (holding the information) to facilitate the respondents to trace the record. Two months time was granted to the respondents to trace out the record and supply information available on their record otherwise give in writing that the information is not available in their record before the next date of hearing. The case was adjourned to 29.6.2020.

2. The appellant is absent today but he has sent a letter dated 23.6.2020, which is taken on record. The appellant has further place on record some observations regarding in support of his RTI application.

3. The respondents have been conveyed about the absence of the appellant, hence, they are not present. But a copy of letter dated 28.5.2020 has been received, which is taken on record.

4. According to the above, the letter of both the parties is exchanged and sent herewith this order to file the response before the next date of hearing.

5. To come up on 04.08.2020 at 11.30 A.M. at Chandigarh.

SD/

Dated : 29 06.2020

(**Suresh Arora**)
Chief Information Commissioner
Punjab

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Sh. Sarbpreet Singh,
House No. 1603, Sector 38-B,
Chandigarh.

....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
o/o Punjab Vidhan Sabha Secretariat,
Sector 1,
Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,
o/o Punjab Vidhan Sabha Secretariat,
Sector 1,
Chandigarh.

..Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3324 of 2019

Present:- Shri Sarbpreet Singh, appellant in person.
Shri Chotu Sharma, Sr. Asstt o/o Punjab Vidhan Sabha Secretariat, on behalf of the respondents.

ORDER

The representative of the respondents states that the case may be adjourned due to the leave of the Public Information Officer. On hearing the submissions of the representative of the respondents the appellant too requested for the adjournment.

2. According to the request of both the parties, the case is adjourned to 30.7.2020 at 11.30 AM at Chandigarh.

Dated: 29.6.2020

SD/
(Suresh Arora)
Chief Information Commissioner,
Punjab.