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Sh. Harpreet Singh, PPS,(DSP) S/o Sh. Baldev Singh, Office Vigilance Bureau, Amritsar Range, Amritsar

.....Appellant

..Vs

Public Information Officer,

O/o AIG Personnel -2, O/o Director General of Punjab Punjab Police Headquarter, Sector 9, Chandigarh

First Appellate Authority,

O/o DIGP/Admn. Punjab Punjab Police Headquarter, Sector 9 Chandigarh

.....Respondent

AC No. 2016 of 2022

Present: (i) Sh. Harpreet Singh the appellant

(ii) For the Respondent: Smt. Sarabjeet Kaur, Sr. Assistant (9592487249)

ORDER

- 1. The RTI application is dated 11.08.2021 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 21.04.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
- 2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 30.05.2022 in the Commission.
- 3. The appellant states that no information has been given to him so far. He has filed his reply which is as under:-

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- 4. The respondent states that the information cannot provided under Section 8(1)(j) of the RTI Act 2005.
- 5. The perusal of the file shows that the respondent has given reply vide their letter dated 10.09.2021 to the appellant that the information demanded by him cannot be provided under Section 8(1)(j) of the RTI Act 2005. In so far as information demanded by the appellant, I see no reason why it should be denied. In view of the foregoing, I, accordingly, overrule the objection of the Respondent and direct that the above said

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information demanded by the appellant be provided to him severing under Section 10(1) of the RTI Act the address, mobile numbers and other particulars which reveal the identity of the person.

6. To come up on **04.07.2022 at 12.00 PM** for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

Dated: 30.05.2022 (Amrit Partap Singh Sekhon)
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Sh. Rajnish Bharara, # 520 Preet Colony, Zirakpur., Distt. Mohali - 140603

Appellant	

.....Respondent

Public Information Officer,
O/o MC, Zirakpur
First Appellate Authority,
O/o DC, Mohali

AC No. 718 of 2022

..Vs

Present: (i) None is present on behalf of the appellant

(ii) For the Respondent: Sh. Baljinder singh, Suptd-cum-APIO (9855048844) Sh. Gulshan Mehta, Advocate (9876468637)

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 15.11.2021 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 04.02.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

- 2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 30.05.2022 in the Commission.
- 3. Sh Rajneesh Bharara- Appellant is absent today. He has filed an application via email for change of bench to some other bench.
- 4. The appellant may take note that it is clear in the order dated 07.01.2016 in CC No. 2902 of 2013 passed by State Information Commission, Punjab by three members bench comprising Sh. Chander Parkash, Sh. Parveen Kumar and Sh. Ravinder Singh Nagi in the case of Sukhchain Lal s/o Sh. Kishori Lal vs PIO, O/o The Commission, MC, Sri Amritsar Sahib that the agent or representative (who is not an advocate) of information seeker can seek audience of the Tribunal, only by moving an appropriate application on his behalf and Commission can pass an order granting or refusing the permission to such agent or representative to appear on behalf of the information seeker.

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Similar question was decided by the Hon'ble Apex Court in C. Vankatachalam Versus Ajit Kumar C. Shah in Civil Appeal No. 868 of 2003, decided on 29-08-2011. In that matter the Hon'ble Supreme Court has held that before the Consumer Forum, a consumer can appear through agent or representative, but his right to appear has to be regulated by framing regulations with regard to qualifications and his conduct and ethical behaviour.

Before the State Information Commission, an information seeker can appear through an agent or representative. But State Information Commission has a right to decline the audience of such an agent or representative, if he fails to maintain decorum before the Commission or his conduct and behaviour is such that he is not fit to appear before the Commission. In such an eventuality, the right to appear and audience of such agent/representative can be curtailed.

5. Further, I have gone through the contents of letter, in which, the reasons for transfer of case are not substantial. To deal with such kind of transfer applications various courts have held:-.

"Hon'ble Allahabad High Court in Application No.111257 of 2014 in C.M.W.P. No.5822 of 2014 dated 27.3.2014 "held that the application is thoroughly improper and lacking in substance. Such uncalled for aspersions against the Bench must be deprecated". Rejected."

- 6. Against the above said order of the Division Bench in S.L.P. one of the respondents moved the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India on 10.3.2014 that the Presiding Judge of D.B. should recuse himself from the case. The Hon'ble Supreme Court declined the request for transfer as well.
- 7. Hon'ble Supreme Court in Jaswant Singh vs. Virender Singh 1995 Supp (1) SCC 384 has also held that "it is most unbefitting for an advocate to make imputations against the

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Judge only because he does not get the expected result, which accordingly to him is the fair and reasonable result available to him. Judges cannot be intimidated to seek favourable orders...."

8. In a subsequent decision in Chetak Construction Ltd. V. Om Prakash and others, (1998) 4 SCC 577, the Supreme Court while adverting to these observations held thus:

"Indeed, no lawyer or litigant can be permitted to browbeat the Court or malign the presiding officer with a view to get a favourable order. Judges shall not be able to perform their duties freely and fairly if such activities were permitted and in the result administration of justice would become a causality and rule of law would receive a setback. The Judges are obliged to decide cases impartially and without any fear or favour. Lawyers and litigants cannot be allowed to "terrorize" or "intimidate" Judges with a view to "secure" orders which they want. This is basic and fundamental, and no civilized system of administration of justice can permit it. We certainly, cannot approve of any attempt on the part of any litigant to go "forum-shopping". A litigant cannot be permitted "choice" of the "forum" and every attempt at "forum-shopping" must be crushed with a heavy hand."

- 9. Keeping in view, the contents of transfer application, facts of the case and case law on the subject, the transfer application is rejected. The complainant/applicant is directed to desist from making such transfer applications.
- 10. Sh. Gulshan Mehta, Advocate is appearing on behalf of the respondent states that the point-wise reply has already been sent. I have gone through the reply of the respondent and have not agreed with the same. Hence, the respondent is again directed to file point-wise reply indicating the position of each issue as to whether the information has been supplied and if not, the reason thereof. If record is not available, let the PIO file an affidavit to that effect.
- 11. To come up on **06.07.2022 at 12.00PM** for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 30.05.2022

Sd/-

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Sh. Rajnish Bharara, # 520 Preet Colony, Zirakpur., Distt. Mohali - 140603

.....Appellant

.....Respondent

Public Information Officer, O/o Tehsildar, Zirakpur First Appellate Authority, O/o SDM, Dera Bassi

AC No. 720 of 2022

..Vs

Present : None for the parties.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 30.10.2021 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 04.02.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

- 2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 30.05.2022 in the Commission.
- 3. Today neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. Sh Rajneesh Bharara-Appellant has sent an application via e-mail for change of bench to some other bench.
- 4. The appellant may take note that it is clear in the order dated 07.01.2016 in CC No. 2902 of 2013 passed by State Information Commission, Punjab by three members bench comprising Sh. Chander Parkash, Sh. Parveen Kumar and Sh. Ravinder Singh Nagi in the case of Sukhchain Lal s/o Sh. Kishori Lal vs PIO, O/o The Commission, MC, Sri Amritsar Sahib that the agent or representative (who is not an advocate) of information seeker can seek audience of the Tribunal, only by moving an appropriate application on his behalf and Commission can pass an order granting or refusing the permission to such agent or representative to appear on behalf of the information seeker.

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AC No. 720 of 2022

Similar question was decided by the Hon'ble Apex Court in C. Vankatachalam Versus Ajit Kumar C. Shah in Civil Appeal No. 868 of 2003, decided on 29-08-2011. In that matter the Hon'ble Supreme Court has held that before the Consumer Forum, a consumer can appear through agent or representative, but his right to appear has to be regulated by framing regulations with regard to qualifications and his conduct and ethical behaviour.

Before the State Information Commission, an information seeker can appear through an agent or representative. But State Information Commission has a right to decline the audience of such an agent or representative, if he fails to maintain decorum before the Commission or his conduct and behaviour is such that he is not fit to appear before the Commission. In such an eventuality, the right to appear and audience of such agent/representative can be curtailed.

5. Further, I have gone through the contents of letter, in which, the reasons for transfer of case are not substantial. To deal with such kind of transfer applications various courts have held:-.

"Hon'ble Allahabad High Court in Application No.111257 of 2014 in C.M.W.P. No.5822 of 2014 dated 27.3.2014 "held that the application is thoroughly improper and lacking in substance. Such uncalled for aspersions against the Bench must be deprecated". Rejected."

- 6. Against the above said order of the Division Bench in S.L.P. one of the respondents moved the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India on 10.3.2014 that the Presiding Judge of D.B. should recuse himself from the case. The Hon'ble Supreme Court declined the request for transfer as well.
- 7. Hon'ble Supreme Court in Jaswant Singh vs. Virender Singh 1995 Supp (1) SCC 384 has also held that "it is most unbefitting for an advocate to make imputations against the Judge only because he does not get the expected result, which accordingly to him is the fair and reasonable result available to him. Judges cannot be intimidated to seek favourable orders...."

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- 9. Keeping in view, the contents of transfer application, facts of the case and case law on the subject, the transfer application is rejected. The complainant/applicant is directed to desist from making such transfer applications.
- 10. Since, the respondent is absent today, one more opportunity is given to him to file point-wise reply indicating the position of each issue as to whether the information has been supplied and if not, the reason thereof. If record is not available, let the PIO file an affidavit to that effect.
- 11. To come up on **06.07.2022 at 12.00PM** for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 30.05.2022

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Sh. Rajnish Bharara, # 520, Preet Colony Zirakpur, Distt. Mohali - 140603

.....Appellant

Public Information Officer, O/o Tehsildar, Zirakpur First Appellate Authority, O/o DC, Mohali

.....Respondent

AC No. 719 of 2022

..Vs

Present : None for the parties.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 15.11.2021 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 04.02.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

- 2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 30.05.2022 in the Commission.
- 3. Today neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. Sh Rajneesh Bharara-Appellant has sent an application via e-mail for change of bench to some other bench.
- 4. The appellant may take note that it is clear in the order dated 07.01.2016 in CC No. 2902 of 2013 passed by State Information Commission, Punjab by three members bench comprising Sh. Chander Parkash, Sh. Parveen Kumar and Sh. Ravinder Singh Nagi in the case of Sukhchain Lal s/o Sh. Kishori Lal vs PIO, O/o The Commission, MC, Sri Amritsar Sahib that the agent or representative (who is not an advocate) of information seeker can seek audience of the Tribunal, only by moving an appropriate application on his behalf and Commission can pass an order granting or refusing the permission to such agent or representative to appear on behalf of the information seeker.

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AC No. 719 of 2022

Similar question was decided by the Hon'ble Apex Court in C. Vankatachalam Versus Ajit Kumar C. Shah in Civil Appeal No. 868 of 2003, decided on 29-08-2011. In that matter the Hon'ble Supreme Court has held that before the Consumer Forum, a consumer can appear through agent or representative, but his right to appear has to be regulated by framing regulations with regard to qualifications and his conduct and ethical behaviour.

Before the State Information Commission, an information seeker can appear through an agent or representative. But State Information Commission has a right to decline the audience of such an agent or representative, if he fails to maintain decorum before the Commission or his conduct and behaviour is such that he is not fit to appear before the Commission. In such an eventuality, the right to appear and audience of such agent/representative can be curtailed.

5. Further, I have gone through the contents of letter, in which, the reasons for transfer of case are not substantial. To deal with such kind of transfer applications various courts have held:-.

"Hon'ble Allahabad High Court in Application No.111257 of 2014 in C.M.W.P. No.5822 of 2014 dated 27.3.2014 "held that the application is thoroughly improper and lacking in substance. Such uncalled for aspersions against the Bench must be deprecated". Rejected."

- Against the above said order of the Division Bench in S.L.P. one of the respondents moved the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India on 10.3.2014 that the Presiding Judge of D.B. should recuse himself from the case. The Hon'ble Supreme Court declined the request for transfer as well.
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Dated: 30.05.2022



AC No. 719 of 2022

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"Indeed, no lawyer or litigant can be permitted to browbeat the Court or malign the presiding officer with a view to get a favourable order. Judges shall not be able to perform their duties freely and fairly if such activities were permitted and in the result administration of justice would become a causality and rule of law would receive a setback. The Judges are obliged to decide cases impartially and without any fear or favour. Lawyers and litigants cannot be allowed to "terrorize" or "intimidate" Judges with a view to "secure" orders which they want. This is basic and fundamental, and no civilized system of administration of justice can permit it. We certainly, cannot approve of any attempt on the part of any litigant to go "forum-shopping". A litigant cannot be permitted "choice" of the "forum" and every attempt at "forum-shopping" must be crushed with a heavy hand."

- 9. Keeping in view, the contents of transfer application, facts of the case and case law on the subject, the transfer application is rejected. The complainant/applicant is directed to desist from making such transfer applications.
- 10. Since, the respondent is absent today, one more opportunity is given to him to file point-wise reply indicating the position of each issue as to whether the information has been supplied and if not, the reason thereof. If record is not available, let the PIO file an affidavit to that effect.
- 11. To come up on **06.07.2022 at 12.00PM** for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Sh. Rajwinder Singh, R/o 26, Nagar Nigam Colony, O/s Gilwali Gate, Amritsar (9872821947)

.....Appellant

..Vs

Public Information Officer,

O/o Director General of Punjab
Punjab Police Headquarter, Sector 9
Chandigarh

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Director General of Punjab
Punjab Police Headquarter, Sector 9
Chandigarh

Public Information Officer o/o Deputy Commissioner of Police, Amritsar City

.....Respondent

AC No. 2059 of 2022

Present: (i) None is present on behalf of the appellant

(ii) For the Respondent: Smt. Sarabjeet Kaur, Sr. Assistant , o/o DGP Punjab (9592487249)

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 04.12.2021 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 26.04.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

- 2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 30.05.2022 in the Commission.
- 3. The appellant is absent today. He has informed on phone that he is unable to attend today's hearing. He has also sent his submissions via mail, which is taken on record.
- 4. The respondent, o/o DC, Amritsar has also sent his reply via mail that he is unable to attend today's hearing.

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Dated: 30.05.2022



AC No. 2059 of 2022

- 5. Smt. Sarabjeet Kaur, is appearing on behalf of DGP Punjab and states that they have transferred the RTI of the appellant to the PIO, o/o BOI, Punjab. Further she verbally states that the PIO, O/o BOI transferred the RTI of appellant to the PIO, o/o DCP, Amritsar, as the information is lying with the PIO, o/o D.C.P. Amritsar City.
- 6. Since, the information is to be provided by the PIO, o/o D.C.P. Amritsar City. I, therefore, order that PIO, o/o D.C.P. Amritsar City be impleaded as Respondent No.2. I further direct that PIO, o/o D.C.P. Amritsar City should supply the information to the appellant before the next date of hearing. He is also directed to bring complete information in the Commission office on the next date of hearing, failing which action under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act will be initiated. *Copy of RTI be sent to the PIO,o/o DCP Amritsar. Respondent PIO, o/o DGP, Punjab is exempted from further appearance.*
- 7. To come up on **24.06.2022 at 12.00PM** for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

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Sh. Sushil Kumar, # 1410, Phase -1, Urban Estate Durgri, Ludhiana – 141013 (9814500575)

.....Appellant

..Vs

Public Information Officer,

O/o Director General of Punjab
Punjab Police Headquarter, Sector 9
Chandigarh
First Appellate Authority,
O/o Director General of Punjab
Punjab Police Headquarter, Sector 9
Chandigarh

.....Respondent

AC No. 687 of 2022

Present: None for the parties.

ORDER

Dated: 30.05.2022

The RTI application is dated 09.11.2021 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 04.02.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

- 2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 30.05.2022 in the Commission.
- 3. Today neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. The appellant has sent his submissions via mail, which is taken on record. This is the first date of hearing, hence one more opportunity is given to both the parties to appear before the Commission and state their case. It is made clear that in case both the parties do not appear on the next date of hearing, appropriate order in their absence shall be passed.
- 4. To come up on **04.07.2022 at 12.00 PM** for further proceedings in the Commission. Copies of the order be sent to the parties. Sd/-

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Sh. Sushil Kumar, House No. 1410, Phase 1 Urban Estate, Durgi Road, Ludhiana- 141013 (9814500575)

.....Appellant

Public Information Officer, O/o Police Commissioner, Ludhiana **First Appellate Authority,** O/o Police Commissioner, Ludhiana

.....Respondent

AC No. 3478 of 2021

..Vs

Present: None for the parties.

ORDER

Dated: 30.05.2022

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 09.03.2022 passed by the Commission vide which neither the appellant nor the respondent was present. But the respondent had sent point-wise reply which was scanned in the orders.

- 2. Today, again neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. The appellant has sent his submissions via mail, which is taken on record.
- 3. The respondent has sent his reply that he is unable to attend today's hearing. He adds that point-wise reply has already been sent to the appellant.
- 4. Since, both the parties are not present, hence one last opportunity is given to them to appear before the Commission and state their case. It is made clear that in case both the parties do not appear on the next date of hearing, appropriate order in their absence shall be passed.
- 5. To come up on **04.07.2022 at 12.00 PM** for further proceedings in the Commission. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

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Sh.Ravinder Pal Singh Chadha, # 30, Banda Bahadur Nagar, Jalandhar (9814228629)

.....Appellant

Public Information Officer,O/o Jalandhar Improvement Trust, Jalandhar

First Appellate Authority o/o Regional Deputy Director Local Government, Jalandhar

.....Respondent

AC No. 3989 of 2021

..Vs

Present: (i) None is present on behalf of the appellant

(ii) For the Respondent: Sh. Rakesh Kumar, Clerk (9463185773)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous orders passed by the Commission. During the hearing dated 16.03.2022, the case was not heard as the video conference facility in the office of DC, Jalandhar was not available. On the next date i.e. 16.03.2022, neither the appellant nor the respondent was present.

- 2. The appellant is again absent today. He has sent his submissions via mail mentioning therein that he has not received any information. The same is taken on record.
- 3. The respondent states that proper reply to the RTI has already been sent to the appellant.
- 4. After hearing the respondent and going through the case file, it is observed that the respondent Sh. Rakesh Kumar is not aware about the facts of the case. It is observed that the respondents are being represented by very low level officials who are not in a position to satisfy the commission and the appellant. From the next date of hearing, no person below the PIO or APIO will be allowed to appear. Appearance of low level officials will amount to disrespect to the RTI Act besides invoking the provisions of imposition of penalty and also award of compensation to the appellant and also recommendation of disciplinary action against the PIO under Section 20 of RTI Act, 2005.

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AC No. 3989 of 2021

- 5. However taking a lenient view, one last opportunity is given to the respondent to appear before the Commission alongwith point-wise reply and information, failing which action under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act will be initiated.
- 6. To come up on **04.07.2022 at 12.00 PM** for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

Dated: 30.05.2022 (Amrit Partap Singh Sekhon)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

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Sh Jagshir Singh, (M-8195800345) S/o Late Sh Glan Singh, #9/20, Mandi Mullanpur, Ludhiana

.....Appellant

Public Information Officer,

O/o DGP, Pb, Punjab Police Headquarter, Sector-9, Chandigarh

First Appellate Authority

O/o DGP, Pb, Punjab Police Headquarter, Sector-9, Chandigarh

2. Public Information Officer,

O/o Bureau of Investigation, Punjab Punjab Police Headquarter, Sector -9, Chandigarh

.....Respondent

AC No. 5247 of 2021

..Vs

Present: None for the parties.

ORDER

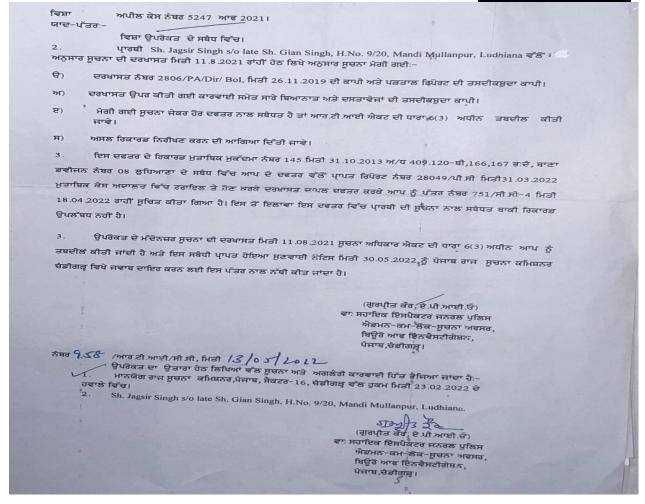
This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 28.02.2022 passed by the Commission vide which the appellant stated that no information has been given to him so far and the respondent stated that the information is lying with the PIO, o/o BOI, hence PIO, o/o BOI was impleaded as respondent no.2

- 2. Today, neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. The appellant has sent a letter stating that no information has been given to him so far.
- 3. The perusal of the file shows that during the last hearing PIO, o/o BOI Punjab was impeladed as respondent no. 2. Today neither the respondent no. 1 nor the respondent no. 2 is not present, however PIO, o/o BOI he has sent his reply which is as under:

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- 5. Since, both the parties are not present, hence one last opportunity is given to them to appear before the Commission and state their case. It is made clear that in case both the parties do not appear on the next date of hearing, appropriate order in their absence shall be passed.
- 6. To come up on **04.07.2022 at 12.00 PM** for further proceedings in the Commission. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 30.05.2022

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Sh Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia, (M-94645	500405)	
Ward No.18, Street No.2, Kartar Nagar,		
Amloh Road, Khanna-141401		Appellant
	Vs	
Public Information Officer,		
O/o Municipal Engineer, MC,		
Mandi Gobindgarh		
First Appellate Authority,		
O/o Regional Deputy Director,		
Urban Local Govt, Ludhiana		
Public Information Officer,		
O/o Superintending Engineer,		
Municipal Corporation, Zirakpur		Respondent

AC No. 2652 of 2021

Present: (i) Sh. Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia, the appellant

(ii) For the Respondent: Sh. Kulwant Singh, JE-cum-APIO (964630236), Sh. Gulshan Mehta, Advocate (9876468637), o/o MC, Zirakpur and Sh. Jatinder Bains, JE (9417679057) o/o MC, Mandi Gobindgarh

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous orders passed by the Commission.

- 2. The appellant states that no information has been given to him regarding deficiencies pointed out by him.
- 3. Sh. Gulshan Mehta is appearing on behalf of the PIO, o/o SE, Municipal Corporation, Zirakpur. He states that the information is lying with PIO, o/o MC, Mandi Gobindgarh. Sh. Jatinder Bains, JE is appearing on behalf of the office of Mandi Gobindgarh promised that complete information will be provided to the appellant.
- 4. The respondent is directed to provide complete information to the appellant . He is also directed to file an affidavit that the information that has been supplied is true,

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complete and no other information relating to this RTI application is available in the record. The affidavit should be on a stamp paper duly signed by the PIO. The respondent may take note that this is the last opportunity given to him, failing which action under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act will be initiated.

5. To come up on **04.07.2022** at 12.00 PM for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Sh.Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia (RTI Activist) Ward No. 18, Street No. 2, Kartar Nagar, Amloh Road, Khanna – 141401 (9464500405)

.....Appellant

..Vs

Public Information Officer, O/o EO, MC, Mandi Gobindgarh

First Appellate Authority o/o Regional Deputy Director, Urban Local Govt., Ludhiana

.....Respondent

AC No. 2736 of 2021

Present: (i) Sh. Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia the appellant

(ii) For the Respondent: Sh. Jatinder Bains, JE (9417679057)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous orders passed by the Commission.

- 2. The appellant states that no information has been given to him so far regarding deficiencies pointed out by him.
- 3. Copy of the deficiencies is again handed over to the respondent today in the Commission with these directions that whatever deficiencies remain in the matter of information demanded by the Applicant should be made good before the next date of hearing.
- 4. To come up on **06.07.2022 at 12.00 PM** for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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(Amrit Partap Singh Sekhon)
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Sh Ravinder Pal Singh Chadha, (M-9814228629)	
#30, Banda Bahadur Singh, Jalandhar	Appellant
Vs	
Public Information Officer,	
O/o MC, Jalandhar	
First Appellate Authority,	
O/o Commissioner. MC. Jalandhar	Respondent

AC No. 3528 of 2021

Present: (i) None is present on behalf of the appellant

(ii) For the Respondent: Sh. Paul Parneet singh, Building Inspector –cum-APIO (7087547807)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous orders passed by the Commission.

- 2. The appellant is absent today. He has sent his submissions via mail which is taken on record.
- 3. The respondent states that he has sent point-wise reply to the appellant with a copy to the Commission, which is as under:-

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MUNICIPAL CORPORATION JALANDHAR To Sh. Ravinder Pal Singh Chadha, 30, Banda Bahadur Nagar, Jalandhar. 144101. Memo No. Dated. Subject: Right to Information Act 2005. Reference: Appeal Case No. 3528 of 2021 Application No. 261/RTI, 05.04.2021. In reference to your application, information sought by you is as under Regarding Point No. 1, Copy is attached herewith. 2. Regarding Point No. 2,3, and 4, there is no record available in the office of Municipal Corporation Jalandhar. Regarding Point No. 5, You can check from Building Byelaws available 4. Regarding Point No. 6 and 7, Copies are attached herewith. Public Information Officer, M.T.P. Department, Municipal Corporation, Jalandhar. Memo No. MTP 339 Dated. 11 05 22 A copy this letter has been sent to Hon'ble State Information Commission, Punjab for information. and formert Hublic Information Officer, M.T.P. Department, Municipal Corporation, Jalandhar.

He further states that he has also brought copy of point-wise reply alongwith information today in the Commission, which is taken on record. *Copy of the same be sent to the appellant alongwith these orders.*

4. The perusal of the file shows that the respondent has not filed reply of show cause notice so far. Hence one last opportunity is given to the respondent PIO to file reply of show cause notice issued.

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5. To come up on **04.07.2022 at 12.00 PM** for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Shri Balram, (94639-74663)	
S/o Sh Ram Narain, Village Dharampura,	
Tehsil Abohar, District Fazilka	Appellant
Vs	
Public Information Officer,	
O/o The BDPO,	
Khuiyan Sarwar at Abohar, Distt Fazilka	
First Appellate Authority,	
O/o The DDPO. Fazilka	Respondent

AC No. 3246 of 2021

Present: (i) Sh. Balram the appellant

(ii) For the Respondent: Sh. Gyan Singh, VDO-cum-PIO (9914400517)

<u>ORDER</u>

This order may be read with reference to the previous orders passed by the Commission.

- 2. The appellant Sh. Balram states that no information has been given to him so far.
- 3. The respondent Sh. Gyan Singh states that he has recently joined as VDO. Hence he has sought some time.
- 4. After hearing both the parties and going through the case file, it is observed that today is the forth hearing, but no information has been given to him so far. This shows that the respondent has no regard for the orders issued by the Commission.

BDPO, Khuiya Sarwar at Abohar at Fazilka is directed to come present on the next date of hearing alongwith complete information and point-wise reply indicating the position of each issue as to whether the information has been supplied and if not, the reason thereof. If record is not available, let the PIO file an affidavit to that effect, failing which action under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act will be initiated.

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5. To come up on **06.07.2022 at 12.00 PM** for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Sh.Jasbir Kaur Arora, Principal		
# 3439, MIG, Urban Estate-2, Dugri, Ludhiana		
		Appellant
	Vs	
Public Information Officer, O/o DEO(SE), Ludhiana		
First Appellate Authority O/o DEO(SE), Ludhiana		
		Respondent

AC No. 2995 of 2021

Present: (i) Smt. Jasbir Kaur Arora, the appellant alongwith Sh. Ravinderpal Singh (ii) For the Respondent: Smt. Paramjit Kaur, Sr. Assistant –cum- APIO (9876367929)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order passed by the commission.

2. Smt. Paramjit Kaur the respondent states that she has brought demand draft of Rs. 3000/- as compensation and complete information today in the Commission.

The same is handed over to the appellant.

- 3. The appellant has gone through the information and states that she is not satisfied with the information provided by the respondent.
- 4. After hearing both the parties and going through the case file, it is observed that the appellant filed RTI with the PIO, O/o DEO(SE) Ludhiana on 24.03.2021, but after lapse of more than one year no information has been given to the appellant so far. This shows that the respondent has no regard for the orders issued by the Commission.
- 5. The respondent may take note that the RTI Act 2005 is meant for promoting transparency in governmental functioning by bringing to light governmental actions done behind closed doors so that the common man is kept well informed of the goings on in the public authorities with a view to strengthening democracy. The RTI Act 2005 is not to be

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used as a substitute for availing of services available under various statutes for matters not involving the bringing to light the mannerism of / flaws in the working of public authority.

- 6. Smt. Jaswinder Kaur, DEO(SE), Ludhiana is directed to come present on the next date of hearing alongwith complete information and point-wise reply indicating the position of each issue as to whether the information has been supplied and if not, the reason thereof. If record is not available, let the PIO file an affidavit to that effect. She may take note that this is the last opportunity given to her to appear before the Commission, failing which action under Section 20(1) of the RTI Act will be initiated.
- 7. To come up on **06.07.2022 at 12.00 PM** for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

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Sh. Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia (RTI Activ	ist)
Ward No. 18, Street No. 2	
Kartar Nagar, Amloh Road, Khanna- 14140	1(9464500405)
	Appellant
V	S
Public Information Officer, O/o MC, Amloh, First Appellate Authority O/o ADC Urban Development, Fatabases Sabib	Dogwandont
Fatehgarh Sahib	Respondent
AC No. 47	722 of 2021
Present: (i) Sh. Ramandeep Singh Ahluwlaia	the appellant
(ii) For the Respondent: Sh. Barjinde	er singh, EO-cum-PIO, O/o MC Amloh (

ORDER

Dated: 30.05.2022

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This order may be read with reference to the previous orders passed by the Commission.

- 2. The appellant states that no information has been given to him so far.
- 3. The respondent states that the appellant has not deposited documentation fee so the information cannot be provided to him.
- 4. After hearing both the parties and going through the case file, it is observed that the appellant filed RTI on 08.05.2021 and the respondent demanded fees on 02.06.2021, within stipulated time as prescribed under the RTI Act. Hence the appellant is asked to deposit the documentation fee and obtain the information. Further the respondent is directed to provide the information to the appellant after receipt of requisite fee.
- 5. To come up on **13.07.2022 at 12.00 PM** for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Sh Gurjit Singh, (9876743065)		
S/o Sh Rajinder Singh,		
R/o 85-L, Model Town,		
Jalandhar		Appellant
	Vs	
Public Information Officer, O/o The Improvement Trust, Jalandhar		
First Appellate Authority,		
O/o The Regional Dy Director,		
Local Govt. Jalandhar		Respondent

AC No. 3481 of 2021

Present:- (i) Sh Gurjit Singh, Appellant

(ii) For the respondent: Sh Rakesh Kumar, clerk(94631-85773)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous orders dated 16.03.2022 Vide which Sh Parminder Singh, EO was directed to be present personally on the next date of hearing, i.e, today alongwith the complete record pertaining to Plot No. 803, Vikas Scheme, Guru Teg Bahadur Nagar, Jalandhar.

2. Today, the Appellant states that the complete information has not been provided to him till date. He has also filed his submissions today as under:-

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ਬੇਨਤੀ ਇਹ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਮੈਂ ਦੱਸਣਾ ਚਾਉਂਦਾ ਹਾਂ ਕਿ ਉਕਤ ਪਲਾਟ ਦੀ ਰਜਿਸਟਰੀ ਦਾ ਸਮਾਂ ਵੀ ਖਤਮ ਹੋ ਰਿਹਾ ਹੈ ਇਸ ਕਰਕੇ ਪਾਰਟੀ ਨਾਲ ਵੀ ਡਿਸਪੁਟ ਹੋ ਚੁਕਾ ਹੈ। ਕਿਰਪਾ ਕਰਕੇ ਜਲਦ ਤੋਂ ਜਲਦ ਨਿਪਟਾਰਾ ਕਰਵਾਇਆ ਜਾਵੇ ਤਾਂ ਜੋ ਮੈਂ ਪਲਾਟ ਦੀ ਰਜਿਸਟਰੀ ਕਰਵਾ ਸਕਾਂ।

- 3. Sh Rakesh Kumar, clerk is appearing on behalf of the Respondent today. He has filed his reply mentioning that Sh Parminder Singh Gill, EO has been suspended and that Sh Rajesh Kumar, EO has joined office as Executive office now.
- 4. After perusing the case file, it is ascertained that a show-cause notice was issued to the Respondent-PIO on 19.01.2022. However, till date the Respondent-PIO has failed to file his reply to the same.

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The appellant filed RTI with the PIO, o/o, Jalandhar Improvement Trust, Jalandhar on 24.11.2020, but till today no information has been given to the appellant, which shows that the respondent has no regard for the orders issued by the Commission. This is indeed a serious matter.

- 5. This has resulted in much avoidable inconvenience and hardship to the Appellant. He is, therefore, entitled to be compensated under Section 19(8)(b) of RTI Act 2005 for the loss and detriment suffered by him. In the circumstances, I am of the view that ends of justice would be met if a sum of Rs.5000/- (Rupees Five Thousands Only) is awarded to the Appellant as compensation. I order accordingly.
- 6. This amount shall be payable by the Respondent from the State exchequer within fifteen days from the receipt of this order under intimation to the Commission
- 7. From the next date of hearing, no person below the PIO or APIO will be allowed to appear. Appearance of low level officials will amount to disrespect to the RTI Act besides invoking the provisions of imposition of penalty and also recommendation of disciplinary action against the PIO. Hence, PIO- Sh Rajesh Kumar is directed to be present personally on the next date of hearing along with the complete record pertaining to Plot No. 803, Vikas Scheme, Guru Teg Bahadur Nagar, Jalandhar, failing which Bailable warrant will be issued against him.
- 8. To come up on **24.06.2022 at 12.00 PM** for further proceedings in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties. Sd/-

(Amrit Partap Singh Sekhon) State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

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CC: DC/Chairman, Improvement Trust, Jalandhar, for further necessary action against the erring official/officer.

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Sh Manu, (M-9781463834) S/o Sh Vijay Kumar, Vrindavan house, Backside Aman Hospital, Mohalla Kali Kambli Ashram, Fatehgarh Road, Hoshiarpur-146001

.....Appellant

Public Information Officer, O/o DC, SBS Nagar

First Appellate Authority O/o DC, SBS Nagar

2.Public Information Officer, O/o Civil Surgeon, SBS Nagar (Registered Post)

.....Respondent

AC No.2045 of 2022

..Vs

Present:-

- (i) None for the Appellant
- (ii) For the respondent: Smt Jasvir Kumari, Sr Asstt. (98720-39124)

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 09.02.2022 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 25.04.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

- 2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 30.05.2022 in the Commission.
- 3. The Appellant is not present today. However, an e-mail has been received from the Appellant stating that he has received incomplete information and that due to some personal reasons he shall not be able to attend the hearing today. Copy of the same is taken on record.
- 4. Smt Jasvir Kumari, Sr Asstt. is appearing on behalf of the Respondent and states that the information has been provided to the Appellant regarding point no. 1 to 4,

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running into 456 pages. Further, she states that, regarding point no. 5 to 9 the information is lying with PIO o/o Civil Surgeon, SBS Nagar. They have also filed their reply regarding the same which is taken on record.

- 5. After hearing both the parties and perusing the case file, it is ascertained that the information pertaining to point no. 5 to 9 is lying with PIO O/o Civil Surgeon, SBS Nagar. Hence, I order that PIO O/o Civil Surgeon, SBS Nagar be impleaded as Respondent no.2. further, he is directed to be present personally on the next date of hearing along with the complete information pertaining to point no. 5 to 9 and also file their point-wise specific reply.
- 6. To come up on **06.07.2022** at **12.00 PM** for further proceedings in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

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Smt. Mandeep Kaur, W/o Sh. Lahkhvir Singh S/o Sh. Jarnail Singh, R/o Village Kakrali, Tehsil Dera Bassi, Mohali

.....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer O/o Secretary, Home Affairs and Justice, Punjab Punjab Civil Secretariat, Chandigarh

First Appellate Authority o/o Secretary, Home Affairs and Justice Punjab Punjab Civil Secretariat, Chandigarh

2.Public Information Officer o/o Punjab and Haryana High Court Chandigarh

.....Respondent

AC No. 4767 of 2021

Present:

- (i) Sh Karnail Singh, on behalf of the Appellant
- (ii) For the respondent: Sh Gursharan Singh Kang, Joint Registrar (98880-55162), o/o Hon'ble Punjab and Haryana High Court and Sh Charanjeet Singh, Assistant (8146992019)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 25.03.2022 vide which PIO O/o Punjab and Haryana High Court, Chandigarh was impleaded as Respondent no. 2.

- 2. The Appellant states that the complete information has not been provided to him so far.
- 3. Today Sh Gursharan Singh Kang, Joint Registrar, is appearing on behalf of Respondent no.2. He states that the information demanded by the Appellant has already been provided to him vide their letter no. 569/PIO /HC dated 30.06.2021. They have also filed their reply today:-

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"That application dated 18.05.2021 of the appellant was received directly in the Hon'ble High Court of Punjab & Haryana on 31.05.2021 wherein she had sought information on 44 points. (2). That said application was responded vide this office letter No. 569/PIO, HC dated 30.06.2021. (3) That thereafter on the n ext day that is, 1.7.2021, another application dated 27.4.2021 filed by the appellant was received by way of transfer from PIO, Department of Home Affairs and Justice (Judicial-1 Branch), Chandigarh. Since points 1-5 of that application were similar to points No. 24-28 of earlier application dated 18.5.2021, hence her application was filed and placed on record. A tabulated form of points and information provided is as under:-

RTI application dated 27.4.2021	RTI application dated 18.5.2021	Reply of application dated 18.5.2021
Point no. 1	Point no. 24	Does not relate to this Hon'ble Court
Point no. 2	Point no. 25	
Point no. 3	Point no. 26	Pending consideration
Point no. 4	Point no. 27	
Point no. 5	Point no. 28	

4) That the available information as per record on the date of receipt of application was provided to the appellant. Hence, the appeal maybe dismissed.

- 4. In view of the above reply filed by the respondent appears to be convincing. Copy of the reply as sent by the respondent o/o Hon'ble Punjab and Haryana High Court be sent to the appellant alongwith these orders.
- 5. Further, some points are lying with office of SSP, Mohali i.e. 8, 9, 10, 12 and 13. Today the respondent, O/o SSP, Mohali is not present. Smt Rajwinder Kaur, Head Constable, O/o SSP Mohali had informed telephonically that due to her ill-health she shall not be able to attend the hearing today.
- 6. After hearing both the parties and perusing the documents placed on record, it is ascertained that the Respondent no. 2 has filed their reply today. Hence, respondent no. 2 is exempted from further hearings.

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One opportunity is given to the PIO O/o SSP, Mohali to appear on the next date of hearing alongwith the information pertaining to point no.'s 8,9,10,12 and 13.

7. To come up on **06.07.2022 at 12.00 PM** for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

Dated: 30.05.2022 (Amrit Partap Singh Sekhon)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab