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Sh. Sushil Kumar, (M: 9814500575)

R/o H. No. 1410, Phase-1, Urban Estate, Dugri,
Ludhiana-141013.

....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o Punjab State Information Commission,
Sector-16, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Punjab State Information Commission,
Sector-16, Chandigarh.

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 685 of 2022

Present:- None on behalf of the appellant.
Sh. Sudhir Kumar, SO on behalf of the respondents

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 26.04.2022.

2. The appellant has sent the written request vide which he has informed that he is not well and unable to attend the hearing. Accordingly, the request of the appellant is accepted and the case is adjourned.

3. To come up on 23.6.2022 at 12.30 PM at Chandigarh.

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Dated: 30.5.2022

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O/o Punjab State Information Commission,
Sector-16, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Punjab State Information Commission,
Sector-16, Chandigarh.

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 688 of 2022

Present:- None on behalf of the appellant.
Sh. Sudhir Kumar, SO on behalf of the respondents

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 26.04.2022.

2. The appellant has sent the written request vide which he has informed that he is not well and unable to attend the hearing. Accordingly, the request of the appellant is accepted and the case is adjourned.

3. To come up on 23.6.2022 at 12.30 PM at Chandigarh.

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Dated: 30.5.2022

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Sh. Paritosh Sood, S/o Sh. Pawan Kumar Sood,
Ward No. 12, Mehar Singh Colony,
Chaura Sanaur, Patiala-147001.
(M: 7696199114).

....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o Director Governance Reforms,
Industrial Area, Mohali.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Director Governance Reforms,
Industrial Area, Mohali.

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1195 of 2022
(Video Conference Proceedings)

Present:- None on behalf of the appellant.

Sh. Anwar, Public Information Officer on behalf of the respondents.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 27.8.2021 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter called FAA) on 2.10.2021 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 7.3.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter called RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 16.5.2022 but due to administrative reasons the case could not be heard on the said date and further adjourned for today i.e. 30.5.2022.

2. The appellant is absent without intimation. However, the respondent-Public Information Officer submits that the RTI application of the appellant relates to Director, Rural Development & Panchayat Deptt., Pb. and the same has already transferred to the said public authority under Section 6(3) of the RTI Act, 2005.

3. According to the submissions made by the respondent-Public Information Officer, the Public Information Officer o/o the Director, Rural Development & Panchayat Deptt., Pb. is impleaded as necessary party to file the reply/supply the information before the next date of hearing. A copy of the submissions so received from the respondent along with a copy of the RTI application is also **being sent** to him along with this order.

4. To come up on 23.6.2022 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Patiala/Chandigarh.

sd

Dated: 30.5.2022

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Ms. Suman Bala,
783, Top Floor, Phase-7,
Sector-61, Mohali-160062.

....Appellant

Vs

Sh. Manjit Singh,
Public Information Officer,
-cum-Tehsildar, Amritsar-2,
Distt. Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Deputy Commissioner,
Distt. Amritsar.

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 824 of 2022
(Video Conference Proceedings)

Present:- Sh. Harvinder 9417124025 on behalf of the appellant.
Sh. Harpreet Singh, Kanugo and Sh. Sandeep Singh, Patwari, on behalf of the respondents.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 09.05.2022.

2. The reply of the respondent is not satisfactory. Video Conference Facility was introduced for the convenience of general public and for government officials. Viewing the attitude in dealing with the RTI application of the respondent casually, Sh. Manjit Singh, Tehsildar-cum-Public Information Officer, is, thus, issued a show cause notice to explain in a self-attested affidavit as to why a penalty @ Rs.250/- per day of delay subject to a maximum of Rs.25000/- till the complete information is furnished, be not imposed under Section 20(1) of RTI Act, 2005 on him for causing willful delay/denial of the information to the RTI applicant and to show cause why a compensation under section 19(8) of the RTI Act, 2005, may not be paid to the appellant for causing willful delay/denial of the information for detriment suffered by him.

In addition to the written reply, the Public Information Officer is also given an opportunity under Section 20(1) proviso thereto, for a personal hearing before the imposition of such penalty on the next date of hearing. He may take a note that in case he does not file his written reply and does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the next date, it will be presumed that he has nothing to say and the Commission will proceed ex-parte.

3. To come up on 23.6.2022 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, District Amritsar.

sd

Dated:30.5.2022

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Sh. Gurinder Singh, S/o Sh. Harnek Singh,
R/o Village Baghta Bhai Ka,
Tehsil Phul, Distt. Bathinda. (M: 6239871477).

....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o Excise and Taxation Commissioner,
Punjab HQ, Patiala.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Excise and Taxation Commissioner,
Punjab HQ, Patiala.

Sh. Gursher Singh s/o Sh. Bhupjit Singh,
House No. 16,
Home Bagh, Patiala.

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1196 of 2022
(Video Conference Proceedings)

Present:- Sh. Gurinder Singh 6939871477, appellant
Ms Paramjit Kaur 9814853635 Assistant Commissioner on behalf of the
respondents.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 12.10.2021 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter called FAA) on 14.12.2021 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 7.3.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter called RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 16.5.2022 but due to administrative reasons the case could not be heard and further adjourned for today i.e. 30.5.2022.

2. The appellant pointed out the deficiencies in the information so supplied by the respondent, which are taken on record.

3. After deliberations with both the parties, it has ascertained that the appellant is seeking the 3rd party information i.e. Sh. Gursher Singh s/o Sh. Bhupjit Singh. In accordance with the Punjab RTI Rules, 2017 and in the interest of natural justice, Sh. Gursher Singh s/o Sh. Bhupjit Singh is impleaded as necessary party in this case to file the submissions that why the information sought related to him may not be supplied to the appellant. A copy of the RTI application is also **being sent** to him along with this order. It is also clarified that in case of non submissions in this before the next date of hearing the case will be decided ex-parte, on merit. Also, the respondent-Public Information Officer is directed to send a copy of this order to Sh. Gursher Singh s/o Sh. Bhupjit Singh under intimation to the Commission.

4. To come up on 23.6.2022 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Bathinda/Patiala.

sd

Dated:30.5.2022

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Punjab.

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Sh. Jarnail Singh, S/o Sh. Thakur Singh,
R/o 23/14, Anand Nagar B,
Tipri, Patiala-147001.(M: 9356041329).

....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o Principal Secretary,
Governance Reforms and Grievances,
Punjab, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Principal Secretary,
Governance Reforms and Grievances,
Punjab, Chandigarh.

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1208 of 2022
(Video Conference Proceedings)

Present:- None on behalf of the appellant.

Sh. Raman Kumar Padda, Public Information Officer 9879309491 and Ms
Preeti Khatana Sr. Asstt 9876913219 on behalf of the respondents

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 14.9.2021 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter called FAA) on 29.10.2021 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 8.3.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter called RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 16.5.2022 but due to administrative reasons the case could not be heard on the said date and further adjourned for today i.e. 30.5.2022.

2. The appellant has sent the written request to adjourn the case. Accordingly, the case is adjourned with the directions to the respondent-Public Information Officer to file the specific reply/supply the information. A copy of the RTI application is also being **sent** along with this order.

3. To come up on 23.6.2022 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Patiala for the appellant and at Chandigarh for the respondents.

Dated:30.5.2022

sd
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Sh. Piara Singh (Retd. Capt.),
Village Dehar, Tehsil Dera Baba Nanak,
Gurdaspur.

....Appellant

Vs

Sh. Jinderpal Singh,
Public Information Officer,
O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer,
Kalanaur,
Gurdaspur.

Sh. Dilbag Singh,
Public Information Officer-cum-
Block Development and Panchayats Officer,
Gurdaspur.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer,
Gurdaspur.

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2777 of 2021
(Video Conference Proceedings)

Present:- Sh. RS Bajwa on behalf of the appellant 9805092950
Sh. Sukhdev Singh, Panchayat Secretary 7710411091 and Sh. Jinderpal Singh,
Block Development and Panchayats Officer 705000001 on behalf of the
respondents.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 22.04.2022.

2. The appellant submits that neither the information has been supplied to him nor the compensation amounting to Rs.25,000/- as has been awarded by the Commission has been paid to him. Sh. Jinderpal Singh, Block Development and Panchayats Officer has not given any satisfactory reply. With regard to the show cause notice issued to him, he submits that he has not received the same. He also submits that he has already been transferred from Gurdaspur and now posted at Kalanaur.

3. Viewing the attitude in dealing with the RTI application of the respondent casually, Sh. Jinderpal Singh, Public Information Officer-cum-Block Development and Panchayats Officer, Gurdaspur now at Kalanaur, is, thus, issued a show cause notice to explain in a self-attested affidavit as to why a penalty @ Rs.250/- per day of delay subject to a maximum of Rs.25000/- till the complete information is furnished, be not imposed under Section 20(1) of RTI Act, 2005 on him for causing willful delay/denial of the information to the RTI applicant as he was posted as Block Development and Panchayats Officer at the time of RTI application.

In addition to the written reply, the Public Information Officer is also given an opportunity under Section 20(1) proviso thereto, for a personal hearing before the

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imposition of such penalty on the next date of hearing. He may take a note that in case he does not file his written reply and does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the next date, it will be presumed that he has nothing to say and the Commission will proceed ex-parte.

4. The show cause notice was also issued to Sh. Iqbal Singh, Panchayat Secretary and the respondent informed that he has already been retired and requested to withdraw the show cause notice issued to him. The decision on the same will be taken on the next date of hearing.

5. That Sh. Dilbag Singh, Public Information Officer-cum-Block Development and Panchayats Officer is directed to pay the compensation amounting to Rs.25,000/- as has been awarded in this case.

6. That the parties are directed to remain present, in person, along with the original record/information supplied to take the matter to its logical end. It is also clarified that in case of absence of any party on the next date of hearing the case will be decided ex-parte, on merit.

7. To come up on 21.6.2022 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Gurdaspur. sd/

Dated:30.5.2022

(Suresh Arora)
Chief Information Commissioner,
Punjab.

CC

Principal Secretary to Govt. of Punjab,
Rural Development & Panchayat Deptt.,Pb.
Vikas Bhawan, Sector 62, Mohali

Director,
Rural Development & Panchayat Deptt.,Pb.
Vikas Bhawan, Sector 62, Mohali

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Sh. Ujjagar Singh, S/o Lt. Sh. Bant Singh,
R/o Street No.1, Mann Colony,
Dhaba, Ludhiana-141014.
(M: 9878961815).

....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o Chief Minister, Punjab,
Secretariat, Sector 1, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Chief Minister, Punjab,
Secretariat, Sector 1, Chandigarh.

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1203 of 2022
(Video Conference Proceedings)

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 12.05.2022.

2. Due to administrative grounds, the titled case is being sent to the Registry Branch for reallocation of this case to another Bench.

Dated: 30.5.2022

sd
(Suresh Arora)
Chief Information Commissioner,
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Sh. Daljit Singh, S/o Sh. Jarnail Singh,
R/o House No. 6-E, Khalsa College Colony,
Patiala-147001.
(M: 9501026319).

....Appellant

Vs

Ms Davinder Kaur, Supdt-cum-
Public Information Officer,
O/o Secretary, Department of School Education, PB.,
(Education 5 Branch)
Punjab Civil Secretariat-2, Chandigarh.
82840 36060

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Secretary, Department of School Education, PB.,
Punjab Civil Secretariat-2, Chandigarh.

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 738 of 2022
(Video Conference Proceedings)

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 02.05.2022.

2. The appellant is absent without intimation. However, the directions were issued to the Public Information Officer o/o the Secretary School Education, Punjab to file the specific reply but no such reply has been received from her.

3. Video Conference Facility was introduced for the convenience of general public and for government officials. Viewing the attitude in dealing with the RTI application by the respondent casually, Ms Davinder Kaur, Supdt.-cum-Public Information Officer (Education 5 Branch), is, thus, issued a show cause notice to explain in a self-attested affidavit as to why a penalty @ Rs.250/- per day of delay subject to a maximum of Rs.25000/- till the complete information is furnished, be not imposed under Section 20(1) of RTI Act, 2005 on her for causing willful delay/denial of the information to the RTI applicant and to show cause why a compensation under section 19(8) of the RTI Act, 2005, may not be paid to the appellant for causing willful delay/denial of the information for detriment suffered by him.

In addition to the written reply, the Public Information Officer is also given an opportunity under Section 20(1) proviso thereto, for a personal hearing before the imposition of such penalty on the next date of hearing. She may take a note that in case she does not file her written reply and does not avail herself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the next date, it will be presumed that she has nothing to say and the Commission will proceed ex-parte.

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4. She is also directed to file the specific reply/supply the information pertaining to the RTI application of the appellant. A copy of the RTI application is against being **sent** to the respondent along with this order.

5. To come up on 23.6.2022 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Patiala for the appellant and at Chandigarh for the respondents.

sd

Dated: 30.5.2022

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Sh. Love Kumar Dua, S/o Sh. Megh Raj Dua,
R/o #125, Model Town,
Samrala Road, Khanna-141401.
(M: 9815255646)

....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o SDM, Khanna, Distt. Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority
O/o SDM, Khanna, Distt. Ludhiana.

Public Information Officer (By name),
O/o Improvement Trust,
Khanna.

Executive Officer-cum-
Public Information Officer,
O/o the Nagar Council,
Khanna, Ludhiana.

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3699 of 2021
(Video Conference Proceedings)

Present:- Sh. Love Kumar Dua, appellant
Sh. Ashwani Kumar, Clerk 9780100676 in person o/o the Municipal
Council on behalf of the respondents

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 12.05.2022.

2. The representative of the respondents submits that the reply pertaining to Point No. 6 to 8 of the RTI application related to the Municipal Council has already been supplied to the appellant. However, the appellant submits that the Point No. 2 also has to be supplied by the Improvement Trust as well as by the Municipal Council.

3. Accordingly, the appellant as well as the respondent on behalf of the Improvement Trust are directed to remain present on the next date of hearing in person along with the original record/information supplied to take the matter to its logical end.

4. Also, the Public Information Officer o/o the Municipal Council is directed to file the specific reply pertaining to Point No. 2 of the RTI application before the next date of hearing.

5. To come up on 27.6.2022 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, District Ludhiana (for the respondent-Municipal Council) and in person at Chandigarh (for the appellant and the respondent-Improvement Trust)

sd

Dated:30.5.2022

(Suresh Arora)
Chief Information Commissioner,
Punjab.