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Sh. Bhupinder Punj,
r/o # 186, Village Luhara,
District Ludhiana.

....Appellant

VS

Public Information Officer
o/o Secretary
Regional Transport Authority,
Bathinda

First Appellate Authority
o/o State Transport Commissioner, Pb.
SCO 177-78, 1st Floor,
Sector 17, Chandigarh.

..Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3767 of 2019
(Cisco Webex Proceedings)

Present:- Sh. Bhupinder Punj on phone call.
Sh. Munish Kumar, S.O. on behalf of the respondents.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 12.3.2020 vide which the case was adjourned to 30.3.2020 but could not be heard due to Covid 19 pandemic and the case was adjourned to 23.6.2020. On 23.6.2020, the case could not be heard due to the request of the appellant for an adjournment and the case has been fixed for hearing today i.e. 30.7.2020.

2. The above titled case was listed for hearing through cisco webex proceedings but a written request has been received from the appellant, which is taken on record, that the case may be adjourned due to poor connectivity in his residential area. Hence, the Commission decided the case be heard through phone call.

3. The representative of the respondents states that the copies of challan has already been sent to the appellant but no deficiency has been pointed so far. Regarding rest of the information the respondent-Public Information Officer states that the similar information has been sought by the appellant from almost all the Regional Transport Authorities in the Punjab state for his vested interests and there is no public interest involved in it. In addition to it, he states that the office has to spend more than 75% of resources in dealing with such type of RTI applications and attending the hearings in the Commission regularly as the number of such cases is increasing day by day and requests to close the case.

3. According to the submissions, record available on the case file and the decision given by the Commission in similar case i.e. Appeal Case No. 3766 of 2019, the respondent-Public Information Officer is directed to supply the copies of challan receipt and the copies of amount deposited in the bank regarding the challans may be supplied to the appellant

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within two weeks from the issue of this order. The Commission accepts the plea taken by the respondents and is of the view that no more action is required to be taken in this case, hence, the case is disposed of and closed. However, the liberty is granted to the appellant to approach the Commission within three weeks in case of any submissions.

sd/

Dated:30.7.2020

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Smt. Dimple w/o Late Sh. Suresh Kumar Walia,
r/o VPO Bhangala,
Tehsil Mukerian 144306
District Hoshiarpur.

....Appellant

Vs

Smt. Jasvir Kaur, Under Secretary-cum-
Public Information Officer,
o/o Director, Rural Development & Panchayat Deptt., Pb.,
Vikas Bhawan Sector 62, Mohali

First Appellate Authority
o/o Financial Commissioner,
o/o Rural Development & Panchayat Deptt., Pb.,
Vikas Bhawan Sector 62, Mohali

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 4546 of 2019
(Cisco Webex Proceedings)

Present:- Sh. Teinder Singh Walia on behalf of the appellant.
Smt. Sukhjeet Kaur, Sr. Asstt, in person on behalf of the respondents.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 26.6.2020.

2. The representative of the appellant states that he has received the revised list of candidates appointed on compassionate ground with their designation but the respondents have not made clear that no candidate has been appointed from Zila Parishad/Panchayat Samities to the Government side. On the other hand, the representative of the respondents states that the same has been written to the appellant vide no. 3075 dated 24.7.2020. Copy of which was sent to the appellant by the Commission but the appellant shows his dissatisfaction. The representative of the respondents further has given an undertaking that no appointment has been made on compassionate grounds to the dependents of the deceased employees of the Zila Parishad/Panchayat Samities to Government side from the year 2014 to 2018.

3. In view of the submissions of the representative of the respondents and undertaking given by her during the course of hearing, no cause of action is left in this case, hence the case is disposed of and closed.

Dated: 30.7.2020

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Shri Kulwant Singh s/o Sh. Pritam Singh
9878973610
r/o VPO Pohir,
Tehsil & District Ludhiana 141204

....Complainant

Vs

Public Information Officer
o/o Block Development and Panchayats Officer,
Block Dehlon,
District Ludhiana.

....Respondent

Complaint Case No. 295 of 2020

ORDER

The complainant has sent a letter dated 30.7.2020, which is taken on record. According to the letter, the complainant has submitted that he has received the complete information and requested to close the case.

2. In view of the submissions made by the complainant, the case is disposed of and closed.

Dated:30.7.2020

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Sh. Tarsem Singh s/o Sh. Maru Ram,
r/o Village Taggar kalan,
PO Naushehra,
Tehsil Mukerian,
District Hoshiarpur.

....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer o/o Block Development and Panchayats Officer,
Block Mukerian,
Hoshiarpur

First Appellate Authority
o/o District Development and Panchayats Officer,
Mini Secretariat,
Hoshiarpur.

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1552 of 2020
(Video Conference Proceedings)

Present:- Sh. Tarsem Singh and Sh. Harbans Lal.
Sh. Vinod Kumar, Panchayat Secretary on behalf of the respondents.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 1.11.2018 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 2.5.2019 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 16.6.2020 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter called RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today.

2. The appellant states that the respondent-Public Information Officer have not supplied the information under RTI Act, 2005. He further states that the respondent-Public Information Officer deliberately not supplied the information. Whereas, the representative of the respondents states that he has joined the post about seven months back and the name of his predecessor is Sh. Kulbir Singh. He further states that he has brought the information along comprising 625 pages. He handed over the same to the appellant and after going through the same, the appellant shows his satisfaction.

3. According to the RTI application and submissions made by the appellant and the perusal of the record, the respondents are warned to be careful in future while dealing with the RTI application. The complete information has been provided to the appellant. Accordingly, no further cause of action is left in this case, hence, the case is disposed of and closed.

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Dated:30.7.2020

(Suresh Arora)
Chief Information Commissioner,
Punjab.

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Block Development and Panchayats Officer, (Regd.)
Block Mukerian,
Hoshiarpur

Sh.Vinod Kumar, Panchayat Secretary (Regd.)
c/o Block Development and Panchayats Officer,
Block Mukerian,
Hoshiarpur

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Sh. Makhan Singh s/o Sh. Jagir Singh 99151 69047
r/o Village Bika,
District SBS Nagar,

....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer
o/o Block Development and Panchayats Officer,
Block Banga,
District SBS Nagar,

First Appellate Authority
o/o District Development and Panchayats Officer,
Mini Secretariat
SBS Nagar.

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1546 of 2020
(Video Conference Proceedings)

Present:- Sh. Makhan Singh, appellant.
Sh. Ravinder Singh, Panchayat Officer on behalf of the respondents.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 2.1.2020 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 17.2.2020 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 16.6.2020 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter called RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today.

2. The appellant states that nothing has been received from the respondents. Whereas, the representative of the respondents states that the information has been supplied regarding Point No. 5 of the RTI application and regarding Point No. 1 to 4 of the RTI application, he states that the information has been sought by the appellant in question form, hence, cannot be supplied.

3. After deliberations, the respondent-Public Information Officer is directed to provide the copies of record concerning Point No. 3 & 4 of the RTI application. The appellant is advised to visit the office of the respondent-Public Information Officer and the copies of the record may be had from the respondent-Public Information Officer. With regard to Point No. 5 of the RTI application, the information as has been sent by the respondent-Public Information Officer is attached with this order.

4. To come up on 17.8.2020 at 11.30 AM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, SBS Nagar.

Dated:30.7.2020

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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
(Cisco Webex Proceedings)

Present:- Shri Sarbpreet Singh, appellant in person.
Shri Surinder Pal Singh, Joint Secretary on behalf of the respondents.

ORDER

The appellant has submitted his submissions before the Commission today i.e. 30.7.2020 for considerations. Accordingly, the copy of the same is attached with this order with the directions to the respondent-Public Information Officer to submit the submissions, if any, before the next date of hearing for the consideration of the Commission.

To come up on 2.9.2020 at 11.30 through Cisco Webex.

Dated:30.7.2020

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Sh. Taljit Singh s/o Sh. Shalwinder Singh 98150 50845
r/o Nathpur, Block Qadian,
Tehsil Batala,
District Gurdaspur.

....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
o/o Block Development and Panchayats Officer,
Block Qadian, Tehsil Batala,
District Gurdaspur.

First Appellate Authority
o/o Addl. Deputy Commissioner (Dev.),
District Gurdaspur.

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1075 of 2020
(Video Conference Proceedings)

Present:- Sh. Taljit Singh, appellant.
Ms Paramjit Kaur, Block Development and Panchayats Officer, on phone call, on
behalf of the respondents.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 26.6.2020 vide which the directions were issued to the respondent-Public Information Officer to supply the addresses of the account holder before the next date of hearing as per the assurance given by the representative of the respondents and the case was adjourned for today i.e. 30.7.2020.

2. The appellant states that the office has not supplied the complete information as per the orders of the Commission dated 26.6.2020.

3. The letter No. NIL dated NIL which has been diarized in the Commission vide No. 7329 dated 29.6.2020 has been received from the respondent-Public Information Officer, which is taken on record addressed to the appellant with a copy to the Commission. But the appellant shows his dissatisfaction with the information so supplied by the respondents. However, the Block Development and Panchayats Officer, contacted on phone, states that the complete information is available on the website and the appellant may come to her office for inspection. Block Development and Panchayats Officer further states that the relevant record pertaining to the RTI application of the appellant will be made available for inspection and the copies of documents will be supplied in case the appellant so desires.

4. As per the assurance given by the Block Development and Panchayats Officer, the appellant is advised to visit the office of the respondents within 15 days from the issue of this order and the respondent-Public Information Officer-cum-Block Development and Panchayats Officer make sure that the record be made available for the inspection of the appellant pertaining to his RTI application and supply the copies of documents in case the appellant so desires.

5. To come up on 3.9.2020 to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Gurdaspur.

Dated:30.7.2020

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Sh. Gurdhian Singh s/o Sh. Labh Singh, 9463365746
r/o Village Bharna,
PO (Sangrur Road) Wajindpur,
Tehsil & District Patiala 147001

....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer
o/o Block Development and Panchayats Officer,
Block Patiala
District Patiala.

First Appellate Authority
o/o District Development and Panchayats Officer,
Mini Secretariat,
District Patiala.

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1577 of 2020
(Video Conference Proceedings)

Present:- Sh. Gurdeep Singh 9464052150 on behalf of the appellant.
Sh. Bhupinder Singh, Panchayat Secretary on behalf of the respondents.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 6.2.2020 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 9.3.2020 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 16.6.2020 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter called RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today.

2. The representative of the respondents states that he has brought the information concerning point No. 1 to 3 of the RTI application and he handed over the same to the appellant during the course of hearing. After going through the information so supplied by the respondents, the appellant shows his satisfaction over the provided information. With regard to the Point No. 4 to 6, the representative of the respondents states that the information is interrelated and the record has been sent to the District Development and Panchayats Officer office for inspection. The representative of the respondents further requests that the information will be supplied to the appellant before the next date of hearing.

3. As per the assurance given by the representative of the respondents, the respondents are directed to supply the information concerning Point No. 4, 5 and 6 before the next date of hearing.

4. To come up on 3.9.2020 to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Patiala.

Dated:30.7.2020

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(Suresh Arora)
Chief Information Commissioner,
Punjab.