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Sh. Tejinder Singh, Advocate,
Civil Court Tehsil Complex,
Backside Sanjh Kender,
Phillaur 144410 9041004313

....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer
o/o Financial Commissioner, Revenue,
Punjab Civil Secretariat-1, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority
o/o Financial Commissioner, Revenue,
Punjab Civil Secretariat-1, Chandigarh.

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 5356 of 2021

(Video Conference/Telephone Proceedings)

Present:- None on behalf of the appellant.

Sh. Amarjeet Sr. Asstt, 8288009959 on telephone on behalf of the respondents.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 5.1.2022

2. The representative of the respondents states that the submissions have already been sent to the Commission through whatsapp, which are taken on record. Also he has referred to letter No. 127 dated 4.1.2022 sent through email on 5.1.2022 and states that these letters may be treated as reply in this case.

3. After going through the letter dated 4.1.2022 the respondent-Public Information Officer is directed to place on record a copy of the Lokpal Act 2013 Rule 44(2), 44(3) which stands amended by The Lokpal and Lokayukt (Amendment Act, 2016 No. 37 of 2016) as has been mentioned in the said letter. Also a copy of the submissions received from the respondent-Public Information Officer is being sent to the appellant along with this order to file the rejoinder, if any, before the next date of hearing. After the hearing was over, the appellant appeared telephonically and he was updated about the outcome of the hearings.

4. To come up on 24.2.2021 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, District Ludhiana.

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Dated: 31.1.2022

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....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
o/o S.D.M. East,
District Ludhiana

First Appellate Authority
o/o S.D.M. East,
District Ludhiana

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 5355 of 2021
(Video Conference Proceedings)

Present:- None on behalf of the parties.
ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 5 January 2022 vide which the case was adjourned for today that is 31 January 2022.

2. The respondent Public Information Officer has sent the written submissions in this case to adjourn the case due to Punjab Vidhan Sabha elections. Accordingly the request of the respondent Public Information Officer is accepted and the case is adjourned. After the hearing was over the appellant appeared telephonically and he was informed about the adjournment of the case.

3. To come up on 7.4.2022 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, District Ludhiana.

Dated: 31.1.2022

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Sh. Jasbir Singh,
Guru Nanak Nagar, Village - Bholapur.
Jhabewal, Post Office Ramgarh,
District Ludhiana.141123 M : 9888296107

Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o SDM(West),
Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority
O/o SDM (West), Ludhiana.

Respondents

Appeal Case No. 5380/2021

(Video Conference/Telephone Proceedings)

Present:- Shri Jasbir Singh, appellant.

Sh. Chetan Khanna, 8360024566 on behalf of the respondents.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 6.1.2022.

2. The appellant has sent the written submissions in this case which are taken on record. However, the representative of the respondent states that he has brought the five pages of information along with him as has been sought by the appellant. Since the appellant is present in person at Chandigarh and he requested that the information may be provided to him through registered post.

3. Accordingly the respondent Public Information Officer is directed to supply the information through registered post to the appellant and the appellant is advised to point out deficiency, if any, on receipt of the same.

4. To come up on 15.3.2022 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, District Ludhiana.

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Dated: 31.1.2022

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Sh. Jagdish Singh,
Baba Banda Singh Bahadur nagar ,
Chungi No 4, House No 65,
Street No 6, Near Dogra Factory,
Sirhind, Distt Fatehgarh Sahib.
M : 7347297167

..Appellant

Vs

Sh. Janak Raj Mehrok,
Public Information Officer,
O/o Punjab School Education Board,
Mohali.

First Appellate Authority
O/o Punjab School Education Board,
Mohali.

....Respondent(s)

Appeal Case No. 5416/2021

(Video Conference/Cisco Webex/Telephone Proceedings)

Present:- Sh. Jagdish Singh, appellant.
Sh. Dinkar, Clerk 8847256129 on behalf of the respondents.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 10.11.2021

2. The appellant has not sent any deficiency in the information so supplied by the respondents. As far as the respondent-Public Information Officer is concerned, he is failed to file the reply as per the order passed by the Commission on 10.11.2021 and the relevant portion of the same is reproduced below:-

“Also the appellant brought to the notice that the services of the staff of the PSEB was regularised but they are being paid the salary of daily wages and requested that the directions may be issued to the respondent-Public Information Officer to supply a copy of the order passed by the authority in this regard. Therefore, the respondent-Public Information Officer is also directed to file the reply/supply the information in this regard before the next date of hearing. “

3. Video Conference Facility/cisco webex facility was introduced for the

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Appeal Case No. 5416/2021

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convenience of general public and for government officials. Viewing the absence of the respondent seriously and dealing with the RTI application in a casual manner, Sh. Janak Raj Mehrok, 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 wilful delay/denial of the information to the RTI application and to issue show cause that why a compensation may not be awarded to the appellant for detriment suffered by him under section 19(8) of the RTI Act, 2005.

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.

4. To come up on 15.3.2022 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Fatehgarh Sahib/Mohali.

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Dated: 31.1.2022

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Sh. Kuldeep Singh, S/o Sh. Gurcharan Singh,
House No 420, Sector 22A,
Chandigarh.M : 8427460800

..Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o Supdt. Estt I Branch,
Department of General Administration
Govt of Punjab Civil Secretariat, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority
O/o Supdt. Estt I Branch,
Department of Gen. Admn.,
Govt of Punjab Civil Secretariat, Chandigarh..

....Respondent(s)

Appeal Case No. 5422/2021

(Video Conference/Cisco Webex/Telephone Proceedings)

Present:- None on behalf of the appellant.

Sh. Ranjeet Singh, Sr. Asstt 7658841975 on behalf of the respondents.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 10.1.2022.

2. The respondent states that the reply has already been filed vide letter dated 10.1.2022. The appellant is absent but he has sent the written submissions in this case through email, which are taken on record.

3. After going through the submissions made by the parties, the respondent Public Information Officer is directed to supply the information to the appellant pertaining to point number 1,2,3 & 5 of the RTI application before the next date of hearing except the information which is exempted from disclosure and which can reasonably be severed from any part that contains exempted information as per Section 10 of the RTI Act, 2005.

4. To come up on 3.3.2022 at 12.30 PM at Chandigarh.

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Dated: 31.1.2022

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Panjab University Campus,
Sector 14, Chandigarh.-160014.
M : 9530661455

..Appellant

Vs

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

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

....Respondent(s)

Appeal Case No. 5437/2021

(Video Conference/Cisco Webex/Telephone Proceedings)

Present:- Shri Jatinder Singh, appellant at Chandigarh.

Shri Surinder Pal Singh Senior Assistant M 8054963024 on behalf the
respondents.

Order

This order may be read with the reference of the previous order dated 10.1.2022 vide which the respondent Public Information Officer was directed to file the reply/supply the information in this case before the next date of hearing and the was adjourned for today ie., 31.1.2022.

2. The appellant states that the respondents have not given the information as per his RTI application. He has also sent an email dated 13.1.2022, which is taken on the record. He further states that the respondent is trying to misguide the Commission by not supplying the information concerning the school on the pretext that the Himalya Modern Sr. Secondary School is a private institution and no grant is being given to the said institution. He further states that in another appeal case no. 5053/2021, study centre Golden View Public Senior Secondary School, Pind Tarpala Tehsil Dera Baba Nanak, Gurdaspur which is also private institute has supplied the sought information on the directions given by the State Information Commission, Punjab. He has also requested the Commission to direct the respondent Public Information Officer to supply the information from the study centre Himalaya Moddern Sr. Secondary School, Pind Babowal Gurdaspur.

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3. The respondent Public Information has sent an email along with the reply of Himalaya Modern Sr. Secondary School Babowal, Gurdaspur, which is taken on record. The representative of respondents states that the information pertaining to Point No.1 and 2 of the RTI application, the appellant has sought the number and copy of letter written by National Institute of Open Schooling which has not been received by the said school and therefore, a copy of the said letter cannot be supplied. He further states that the information pertaining to Point No. 3 & 4 of the RTI application also cannot be supplied as no P.C.P. was attended by his son.

4. After hearing both the parties and going through the case file, the Commission is of the view that there is nothing personal in the information sought in Point No. 3 and 4 as it relates to the schedule of P.C.P. (Theory & Practical) of the subjects Physics, Chemistry and Biology for the period 2019-20, Session March 2020 (Stream 1 Block-1). Accordingly, the respondent-Public Information Officer is hereby directed to supply the information pertaining to point no. 3 & 4 of the RTI application which is about schedule only. Regarding Point No. 5 of the RTI application, the respondent-Public Information Officer is also directed to supply the information i.e. action taken on the complaints filed by the complainant after taking it from the Himalaya Modern Sr. Secondary School Babowal, Gurdaspur before the next date of hearing. The case is adjourned.

5. To come up on 24.2.2022 at 12.30 P.M. to be heard through video Conference facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner Gurdaspur/Cisco webex.

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Dated:31.01.2022

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Dr. Sandeep Kumar Gupta 9929331181 **Registered**
H.No. 1722 Sector 14, Hissar 125001.

....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer
o/o the Deputy Commissioner,
District Ludhiana

First Appellate Authority
o/o Deputy Commissioner,
District Ludhiana

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 5540 of 2021
(Video Conference/Telephone Proceedings)

Present:- Dr. Sandeep Kumar, Gupta on telephone.
Sh. Sukhpal Singh on behalf of the respondents.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 12.1.2022.

2. The respondent public information officer states the complete information as available on record has already been supplied. However the applicant states that he is not satisfied with information so supplied by the respondents. He also states that inspection of the relevant records pertaining to the RTI application may be allowed to him with which the respondent agreed to. Accordingly the respondent Public Information Officer is directed to make available the record for the inspection of the appellant and the information may be supplied to him, in case he identified, If any, duly certified.

3. To come up on 15.3.2022 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, District Ludhiana/cisco webex.

Dated: 31.1.2022

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Shri Rahul Gupta M 9464137600

170, Street No.6, Mohalla Hargobindpura,

Jagroan, Distt. Ludhiana

Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
o/o Additional Chief Secretary,
Revenue Department, Punjab,
Punjab Civil Secretariat-1, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,
o/o Additional Chief Secretary,
Revenue Department, Punjab,
Punjab Civil Secretariat-1, Chandigarh.

Public Information Officer **Registered**
o/o Tehsildar, Jagraon.

Respondents

Appeal Case No. 5627 of 2021
(Video Conference/ Cisco Webex Proceedings)

Present: Shri Rahul Gupta, appellant .
Shri Iqbal Singh Sr. Asst. On behalf of the respondents. (On Telephone).

Order

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 13.1.2022.

2. The appellant states that the directions may be issued to the respondent to supply the complete information in this case. However Tehsildar-cum-Public Information Officer, Jagraon sent the written submissions in this case that the appellant has already received the information and he has also given the statement that his case may be closed. He has also sent the same which has been diarized in the Commission vide No. 1251 dated 21.1.2022. But the appellant states that no such statement has been given by him. Accordingly the Public Information Officer-cum-Tehsildar, Jagraon is impleaded as necessary party in this case. Also the respondent Public Information Officer-cum-Tehsildar, Jagraon is directed to remain present on the next date of hearing along with the original statement filed by the appellant to

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close the case as he is satisfied. Also both the parties are directed to remain present in person on the next date of hearing along with the original record/information supplied to take the matter to its logical end.

3. Also an opportunity is granted to Sh. Manmohan Kumar Kaushik, Tehsildar in accordance with the Punjab RTI Rules, 2017 as the appellant has sought the information pertaining to him.

4. To come up on 5.4.2022 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, District Ludhiana/Cisco webex.

Dated: 31.1.2022

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(Suresh Arora)
Chief Information Commissioner,
Punjab

Sh. Manmohan Kumar Kaushik,
Tehsildar,
Jagraon.

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Shri Gulab Singh,
S/o Shri Malkit Singh,
R/o Kalyan,
Distt. Bathinda.

..... Complainant

Vs

Sh. Gurinder Singh,
Public Information Officer,
O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer,
Nathana, Distt. Bahtinda.

.....Respondent

Complaint Case No. 394 of 2021

Present:- Shri Gulab Singh, complainant/applicant is absent.
None present on behalf of the SPIO, O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Nathana, Distt. Bahtinda.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 2.12.2021 vide which the case was adjourned for 18.1.2022 but due to administrative reasons the case was further adjourned for today i.e. 31.1.2022.

2. The respondent-Public Information Officer Sh. Harpreet Singh, Panchayat Secretary Gram Panchayat Village Kalyan Sukha Block Nathana has sent the written submissions that he has joined about an year ago and the information pertaining to the said period has already been supplied to the appellant. Regarding the remaining information from 2013 to 2018, he had informed that the record has not been handed over by the previous panchayat secretary Sh. Bhupinder Singh. He also states that the Block Development and Panchayats Officer has never intimated about the RTI application to him. He further informed that he has also filed an RTI application in this regard with the Block Development and Panchayats Officer, Nathana and requested that the penalty imposed in this case may kindly be stayed till the information is supplied by the respondent Public Information Officer i.e. Block Development and Panchayats Officer Nathana. None is present on behalf of the Block Development and Panchayats Officer although the order dated 2nd December 2021 vide which the penalty has been imposed has been sent to him through registered post and also the said case was listed for hearing on 18 January 2022. But

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Complaint Case No. 394 of 2021

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due to administrative reasons the case was further adjourned for today i.e. 31st January 2022. It is also a fact on record that the appellant filed the RTI application to the Block Development and Panchayats Officer, Nathana and also the penalty has already been imposed amounting to Rs.10,000 upon Shri Harpreet Singh, Panchayat Secretary.

3. In the interest of natural justice, a copy of the submissions made by the respondent Shri Harpreet Singh, Panchayat Secretary, is being sent to the Block Development and Panchayats Officer Shri Gurinder Singh. Sh. Gurinder Singh, is also directed to file the submissions along with the documentary proof vide which the RTI application was transferred under Section 6(3) of the RTI Act, 2005 to Sh. Harpreet Singh, Panchayat Secretary failing which the show cause notice will be issued to him, as the appellant filed the RTI application on 22 June 2020 and till date none is appearing on behalf of the Block Development and Panchayats Officer. He is also directed to place on record the posting details of the Block Development and Panchayats Officer's from 22nd June, 2020 to date. He is also directed to place on record regarding the action taken against Shri Bhupinder Singh Panchayat Secretary for not handing over the record to the present incumbent Shri Harpreet Singh, Panchayat Secretary.

4. Also a copy of this order is being sent to Sh. Rahul Bhandari, IAS, Secretary to Govt. of Punjab, Department of Rural Development & Panchayats Punjab, Vikas Bhawan, Sector 62, Mohali to look into the matter as the respondent-Public Information Officer-cum- Panchayat Secretary has filed a separate RTI application to his own Block Development and Panchayats Officer, Nathana to prove that he is not guilty as he has supplied the information in his custody and his predecessor has not handed over the official record regarding the previous years

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to enable him to supply the information as has been sought by the appellant. He has also requested the Commission to stay the penalty imposed upon him in the titled case.

5. Also the parties are directed to remain present on the next date of hearing failing which ex-parte decision will be taken.

6. Till the next date of hearing the penalty imposed upon Sh. Harpreet Singh, Panchayat Secretary is stayed.

7. To come up on 15.3.2022 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Bathinda/Cisco Webex.

sd

Dated: 31.1.2022

(Suresh Arora)
Chief Information Commissioner,
Punjab

CC

Sh. Rahul Bhandari, IAS
Secretary to Govt. of Punjab,
Department of Rural Dev. & Panchayats, Punjab,
Vikas Bhawan, Sector 62, Mohali

To ensure compliance

Sh. MS Chhatwal, IAS,
Director, Rural Development & Panchayat, Pb.,
Vikas Bhawan, Sector 62, Mohali

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District Development and Panchayats Officer
(By name)
Bathinda

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Sh. Harpreet Singh
Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panchayat
Kalyan Sukha,
c/o Block Development and Panchayats Officer,
Nathana, District Bathinda

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Shri Nishan Singh, S/o Shri Ravinder Singh,
R/o Village Valoor,
Tehsil & Distt. Ferozepur.

.....Complainant
Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o BDPO,
Ferozepur.

.....Respondent

Complaint Case No. 16 of 2021

(Video Conference/Telephone Proceedings)

Present:- Shri Nishan Singh, complainant/applicant.
Sh. Gurmeet Singh Kahlon, Block Development and Panchayats Officer
9914412211 on behalf of the respondents.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 15th December 2021 vide which the case was adjourned for 18th January, 2022 but due to administrative reasons the case could not be heard on the said date and further adjourned for today i.e. 31st January 2022. Also due to non supply of information in this case the Drawing and Disbursing Officer office of the Block Development and Panchayats Officer, Ghal Khurd was directed that the amount of penalty of Rs.10,000 be deducted from the salary of Mr Balwinder Singh, Public information Officer, Panchayat Secretary-cum-Gram Panchayat and the Drawing and Disbursing Officer office of Addl. Deputy Commissioner (Dev.) Ferozepur was directed to recover the penalty amounting to Rs.10,000 from the salary of Mr Charanjit Singh, APO Manrega and the same be deposited in the, Government treasury.

2. The Block Development and Panchayats Officer, Ferozepur states that the office has been impleaded as necessary party in this case although the information relates to Block Ghal Khurd and the RTI application of the appellant has already been transferred to the said office. He also states that Mr Balwinder Singh, Public Information Officer-cum-Panchayat Secretary is working under the Block Development and Panchayats Officer,

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Ghal Khurd and Mr. Charanjit Singh, APO Manrega is working under the Addl. Deputy Commissioner (Dev.), Ferozepur and the said office has to recover the penalty amount.

3. Accordingly, the Public Information Officer o/o the Block Development and Panchayats Officer Ghal Khurd and Public Information Officer o/o the Addl. Deputy Commissioner (Dev.), Ferozepur are impleaded as necessary party in this case with the directions to recover the penalty as has been imposed and a copy of the challan be sent to the Commission.

4. Also a copy of the order is being sent to Sh. MS Chhatwal, IAS, Director, Rural Development & Panchayat, Pb., Mohali to ensure compliance of this order before the next date of hearing.

5. To come up on 5.4.2022 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Ferozepur.

sd

Dated: 31.1.2022

(Suresh Arora)
Chief Information Commissioner,
Punjab. *

CC - (Regd.)

Sh. MS Chhatwal, IAS
Director, Rural Development & Panchayat, Pb.,
Vikas Bhawan, Sector 62, Mohali

Additional Deputy Commissioner (Dev.),
Ferozepur.

Mr. Balwinder Singh, Public Information Officer
-cum-Panchayat Secretary,
Gram Panchayat
Valoor, Block Ghal Khurd.

Mr. Charanjit Singh, Public Information Officer
-cum-APO, MANREGA, Block Ghall Khurd

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Shri Bakhshish Singh, S/o Shri Balwinder Singh,
Village Jandwala Kharta,
Tehsil & Distt. Fazilka.



..... Appellant

Vs

(Regd.) Public Information Officer,
O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer,
Fazilka.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o District Development and Panchayat Officer,
Fazilka.

.....Respondent

Appeal Case No. 4001 of 2020

(Video Conference/Telephone Proceedings)

Present:- Shri Bakhshish Singh, appellant on telephone.
None present on behalf of the PIO, O/o Block Development and Panchayat
Officer, Fazilka.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 15th of December 2021 vide which the case was adjourned for 18th January 2022. But due to administrative reasons the case could not be heard on the said date and further adjourned for today that is 31st January 2022.

Also, the penalty amounting to Rs.25,000 has already been imposed upon the Panchayat Secretary office of Block Development and Panchayats Officer, Fazilka and also a compensation amounting to Rs.5000 has already been awarded in favour of the appellant as compensation.

2, No compliance has been received from the respondent regarding compliance of dated 15th December, 2021. One opportunity is granted to the respondent Public Information Officer /office of the Block Development and Panchayats Officer, Fazilka to comply with the order dated 15th December 2021 before the next date of hearing.

3. Also a copy of this order is being sent to Shri MS Chhatwal, IAS, Director Rural Development and Panchayat Punjab with the directions to ensure compliance of the order dated 15th December 2021 before the next date of hearing.

4. To come up on 5.4.2022 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Fazilka/cisco webex

sd

Dated:31.1.2022

(Suresh Arora)

Chief Information Commissioner,
Punjab*

CC

Shri MS Chhatwal, IAS,
Director Rural Development and Panchayats Punjab,
Vikas Bhawan, Sector 62, Mohali

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Sh. Daljit Singh,
House No 6E,
Khalsa College Colony,
patiala-147001.
M : 9501026319

..Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o DPI (SE), PB,
Mohali.

First Appellate Authority
O/o Secretray,
School Education, PB,
Mohali.

....Respondent(s)

Appeal Case No. 5447/2021

(Video Conference/Cisco Webex/Telephone Proceedings)

Present:- Shri Daljit Singh appellant.

Ms. Kulwinder Kaur Assistant Director-cum-Public Information Officer
on behalf of the respondents.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 5.1.2021 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 2.9.2021 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 2.12.2021 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter called RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 18.1.2022 but due to administrative reasons the case was fixed for hearing today i.e. 31.1.2022.

2. The appellant states that incomplete information has been supplied to him. However, the respondent Public Information Officer states that the information as available on record has already been supplied to the appellant. She also states that the appellant has filed number of cases in the Commission as well as in the Education Department and requested that all the cases be fixed for hearing on a single day. According to the request of the respondent Public information Officer, both the parties are directed to remain present on the next date of hearing in person along with original record/information supplied in this case to take the matter to its logical.

3. To come on 3rd March 2022 at 12:30 PM at Chandigarh.

sd

Dated: 31.1.2022

(Suresh Arora)

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..Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o DGSE, PB,
Vidya Bhawan, Sector 62,
Mohali.

First Appellate Authority
O/o Secretary,
Department of School Education, PB,
Vidya Bhawan, Sector 62,
Mohali.

....Respondent(s)

Appeal Case No. 5450/2021

(Video Conference/Cisco Webex/Telephone Proceedings)

Present:- Sh. Daljit Singh, appellant.
None on behalf of the respondents.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 23.4.2021 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 4.9.2021 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 2.12.2021 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter called RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 18.1.2022 but due to administrative reasons the case was fixed for hearing today i.e. 31.1.2022.

2. The other cases of the appellant has been fixed for hearing at Chandigarh on 3.3.2022. Therefore, this case is fixed for hearing. Also both the parties are directed to remain present along with the original record pertaining to the RTI application of the appellant/information supplied to take the matter to its logical end.

3. To come up on 3.3.2022 at 12.30 PM at Chandigarh.

sd

Dated: 31.1.2022

(Suresh Arora)

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Sh. Jagtar Singh 9463064909

2028 Sector 66, SAS Nagar 160062.



....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer

o/o Secretary,

Punjab School Education Board, Punjab,

Sector 62, Mohali.

First Appellate Authority

o/o Secretary

Punjab School Education Board, Punjab,

Sector 62, Mohali.

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 5650 of 2021

(Video Conference/Telephone/Cisco Webex Proceedings)

Present:- Shri Jagtar Singh, appellant

Shri Mohinder Singh Additional Director on behalf of the respondents.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 7.7.2021 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 4.10.2021 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 13.12.2021 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter called RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 18.1.2022 but due to administrative reasons the case was fixed for hearing today i.e. 31.1.2022.

2. The appellant states that incomplete information has been provided to him just to save the skin of the defaulters as he himself filed the complaint and the matter relates to 2017 and till date no action is being taken by the department for the one reason or the other. However, the respondent states that the matter is pending and after the finality of the case the information will be supplied to the appellant.

3. After detailed deliberations with both the parties the directions are issued to the respondent Public Information Officer to place on record the complete

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information as has been sought by the appellant in this case, duly certified, for the consideration of the submissions made by the respondent before the next date of hearing.

4 Accordingly the case is adjourned.

5. To come up on 5.4.2022 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Mohali/cisco webex.

Dated: 31.1.2022

sd
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Sh. Daljit Singh House No. 6#
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....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer
o/o Secretary,
Department of School Education Punjab,
Mohali.

First Appellate Authority
o/o Secretary,
Department of School Education Punjab,
Mohali.

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 5449 of 2021
(Video Conference Proceedings)

Present:- Sh. Daljit Singh, appellant.
None on behalf of the respondents.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 20.5.2021 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 2.9.2021 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 2.12.2021 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter called RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties 18.1.2022 but due to administrative reasons the case was fixed for hearing today i.e. 31.1.2022.

2. The other cases of the appellant has been fixed for hearing at Chandigarh on 3.3.2022. Therefore, this case is fixed for hearing. Also both the parties are directed to remain present along with the original record pertaining to the RTI application of the appellant/information supplied to take the matter to its logical end.

3. To come up on 3.3.2022 at 12.30 PM at Chandigarh.

sd

Dated: 31.1.2022

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Shri Gulab Singh,
S/o Shri Malkit Singh,
R/o Kalyan,
Distt. Bathinda.

..... Complainant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer,
Nathana, Distt. Bathinda.

.....Respondent

Complaint Case No. 388 of 2021

Present:- Shri Gulab Singh, complainant/applicant is absent.
None present on behalf of the SPIO, O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Nathana, Distt. Bathinda.

O R D E R

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 2.12.2021 vide which the case was adjourned for 18.1.2022 but due to administrative reasons the case was further adjourned for today i.e. 31.1.2022.

2. The respondent-Public Information Officer Sh. Harpreet Singh, Panchayat Secretary Gram Panchayat Village Kalyan Sukha Block Nathana has sent the written submissions that he has joined about an year ago and the information pertaining to the said period has already been supplied to the appellant. Regarding the remaining information from 2009 to 2013, he had informed that the record has not been handed over by the previous panchayat secretary Sh. Bhupinder Singh. He also states that the Block Development and Panchayats Officer has never intimated about the RTI application to him. He further informed that he has also filed an RTI application in this regard with the Block Development and Panchayats Officer, Nathana and requested that the penalty imposed in this case may kindly be stayed till the information is supplied by the respondent Public Information Officer i.e. Block Development and Panchayats Officer Nathana. None is present on behalf of the Block Development and Panchayats Officer although the order dated 2nd December 2021 vide which the penalty has been imposed has been sent to him through registered post and also the said case was listed for hearing on 18 January 2022. But

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due to administrative reasons the case was further adjourned for today i.e. 31st January 2022. It is also a fact on record that the appellant filed the RTI application to the Block Development and Panchayats Officer, Nathana and also the penalty has already been imposed amounting to Rs.10,000 upon Shri Harpreet Singh, Panchayat Secretary.

3. In the interest of natural justice, a copy of the submissions made by the respondent Shri Harpreet Singh, Panchayat Secretary, is being sent to the Block Development and Panchayats Officer Shri Gurinder Singh. Sh. Gurinder Singh, is also directed to file the submissions along with the documentary proof vide which the RTI application was transferred under Section 6(3) of the RTI Act, 2005 to Sh. Harpreet Singh, Panchayat Secretary failing which the show cause notice will be issued to him, as the appellant filed the RTI application on 22 June 2020 and till date none is appearing on behalf of the Block Development and Panchayats Officer. He is also directed to place on record the posting details of the Block Development and Panchayats Officer's from 22nd June, 2020 to date. He is also directed to place on record regarding the action taken against Shri Bhupinder Singh Panchayat Secretary for not handing over the record to the present incumbent Shri Harpreet Singh, Panchayat Secretary.

4. Also a copy of this order is being sent to Sh. Rahul Bhandari, IAS, Secretary to Govt. of Punjab, Department of Rural Development & Panchayats Punjab, Vikas Bhawan, Sector 62, Mohali to look into the matter as the respondent-Public Information Officer-cum- Panchayat Secretary has filed a separate RTI application to his own Block Development and Panchayats Officer, Nathana to prove that he is not guilty as he has supplied the information in his custody and his predecessor has not handed over the official record regarding the previous years

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to enable him to supply the information as has been sought by the appellant. He has also requested the Commission to stay the penalty imposed upon him in the titled case.

5. Also the parties are directed to remain present on the next date of hearing failing which ex-parte decision will be taken.

6. Till the next date of hearing the penalty imposed upon Sh. Harpreet Singh, Panchayat Secretary is stayed.

7. To come up on 15.3.2022 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Bathinda/Cisco Webex.

sd

Dated: 31.1.2022

(Suresh Arora)
Chief Information Commissioner,
Punjab

CC

Sh. Rahul Bhandari, IAS
Secretary to Govt. of Punjab,
Department of Rural Dev. & Panchayats, Punjab,
Vikas Bhawan, Sector 62, Mohali

To ensure compliance

Sh. MS Chhatwal, IAS,
Director, Rural Development & Panchayat, Pb.,
Vikas Bhawan, Sector 62, Mohali

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District Development and Panchayats Officer
(By name)
Bathinda

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Sh. Harpreet Singh
Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panchayat
Kalyan Sukha,
c/o Block Development and Panchayats Officer,
Nathana, District Bathinda

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Smt. Neena Gupta,
1410, Phase-1,
Urban Estate, Dugri Road,
Ludhiana-141013.
M : 9855014101

Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
o/o Sub Divisional Magistrate
Ludhiana (West),
District Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,
o/o Sub Divisional Magistrate
Ludhiana (West), District Ludhiana.

Respondents

Appeal Case No.5116/2021
(Video Conference Proceedings)

Present:- Sh. Sushil Kumar, appellant on telephone.
Sh. Rajesh Sharma on behalf of the respondents.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 20.12.2021 vide which the case was adjourned for 17.1.2022 but due to administrative reasons the case was further adjourned for today i.e. 31.1.2022.

2. The representative of the respondent states that the similar information has been sought by the appellant in Complaint Case No. 886 & 887 of 2021 in which the reply has already been given to the appellant. According to the submissions made by the respondents the case is adjourned with the directions to the appellant to file the rejoinder, if any, in this regard to take the matter to its logical end. Also, Ms Mandeep Kaur, Superintendent-cum-Public Information Officer o/o S.D.M. District Ludhiana (West) has filed the written reply regarding show cause notice issued to her, which is taken on record, and the decision on the same will be taken on the next date of hearing.

3. To come up on 6.4.2022 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, District Ludhiana.

sd

Dated: 31.1.2021

(Suresh Arora)

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Sh. Manjit Singh,
S/o Sh. Gurcharan Singh,
Village Manemajra,
Tehsil Chamkaur Sahib,
Distt. Ropar.

Appellant.

V/s.

Public Information Officer,
O/o Director, Rural Dev. & Panchayat
Department, Punjab,
Sector 62, Mohali.

First Appellate Authority:
O/o Director, Rural Dev. & Panchayat
Department, Punjab,
Sector 62, Mohali.

Regd

Ms Parneet Kaur M 9041605555,
Public Information Officer cum
Block Development and Panchayat Officer,
Derabassi.

....Respondent(s)

Appeal Case No. 4762 of 2021

(Video Conference/Cisco Webex/Telephone Proceedings)

Present:- Shri Manjit Singh appellant on telephone.

Ms Parneet Kaur M 9041605555 respondent Public Information
Officer.(On telephone)

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 17.5.2021 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 10.8.2021 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 21.10.2021 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter called RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 18.1.2022 but due to administrative reasons the case was further fixed for hearing today i.e. 31.1.2022.

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2 The appellant states that he cannot attend the video conference as he is not well. Regarding information he states that nothing has been supplied to him so far. He has also requested to adjourned the case.

3. The written submissions have been received from the respondent o/o Director Rural Development and Panchayat Deptt. Punjab, vide letter dated 31.12.2022 with which the RTI application of the appellant has been transferred to the Block Development and Panchayats Officer, Derabassi under Section 6(3) of the RTI Act, 2005.

4. Also, the Public Information Officer o/o the Block Development and Panchayats Officer, Derabassi states that she has received the RTI application of the appellant under Section 6(3) of the RTI Act, 2005 vide letter no. 18/7/2021/L-D-3/4996 dated 31.12.2021. She assured that the sought information will be supplied to the appellant before the next date of hearing and requests for the adjournment of the case.

5. Accordingly, Public Information Officer o/o Block Development and Panchayats Officer, Derabassi is impleaded as necessary party in this case. On the assurance given by the Public Information Officer o/o Block Development and Panchayats Officer, Derabassi, the case is adjourned with the directions to supply the information to the appellant. Also, the appellant is directed to go through the same on its receipt and point out deficiency, if any within a week to the respondent-Public Information Officer with a copy to the Commission. Also the respondent-Public Information Officer is directed to remove the same in case any deficiency is pointed out by the appellant before the next date of hearing.

6. To come up on 16.3.2022 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, District Ropar/Mohali/ Cisco Webex.

Dated: 31.01.2022

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Sh. Prem Kumar Rattan,
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Navi Mandi, Dhuri,
Distt. Sangrur.

Appellant.

V/s.

Public Information Officer,
O/o BDPO, Dhuri, Distt. Sangrur.

First Appellate Authority:
O/o DDPO, Sangrur.

Respondent

Appeal Case No. 4765 of 2021

Present: Shri Prem Kumar Rattan, appellant.
Shri Darshan Singh, Superintendent M 8146543401 on behalf of the respondents.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 19.7.2021 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 21.8.2021 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 29.10.2021 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter called RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 18.1.2022 but the case was postponed to 31.1.2022 due to administrative reasons. The appellant has sought the following information in his RTI application.

ਉਪਰੋਕਤ ਵਿਸ਼ੇ ਦੇ ਸਬੰਧ ਵਿੱਚ ਹੱਕ ਸੂਚਨਾ ਐਕਟ 2005 ਤਹਿਤ ਹੇਠ ਲਿਖੀ ਸੂਚਨਾ ਲੋੜੀਂਦੀ ਹੈ।

1. ਆਪ ਜੀ ਦੇ ਅਧੀਨ ਆਉਂਦੇ ਬਲਾਕ ਦੂਰੀ ਵਿੱਚ ਪੰਚਾਇਤਾਂ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਗਲੀਆਂ ਅਤੇ ਸੜਕਾਂ ਦੇ ਕਿਨਾਰਿਆਂ ਤੇ ਇੰਨਟਰਲਾਕ ਟਾਇਲਾਂ ਲਗਾਈਆਂ ਹਨ, ਅਪ੍ਰੈਲ 2017 ਤੋਂ ਲੈ ਕੇ ਜੁਲਾਈ 2021 ਤੱਕ ਦੇ ਸਮੇਂ ਦੌਰਾਨ ਜਿੰਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਪੰਚਾਇਤਾਂ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਇੰਨਟਰਲਾਕ ਟਾਇਲਾਂ ਖਰੀਦਣ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਟੈਂਡਰ ਲਗਾਏ ਸਨ, ਕੁਟੇਸ਼ਨਾ ਹਾਸਲ ਕੀਤੀਆਂ ਸਨ, ਪੈਮੇਂਟ ਸਮੇਂ ਬਿਲ ਆਦਿ ਲਏ ਸਨ, ਇਸ ਸਬੰਧ ਵਿੱਚ ਹੋਏ ਸਾਰੇ ਖਰਚੇ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਸਮੇਤ ਮਤਾ ਕਾਰਵਾਈ, ਮੁਕੰਮਲ ਗਰਾਂਟ, ਅਦਾਇਗੀ ਲਈ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤ ਕੀਤੇ ਬਿਲ ਆਦਿ ਇਸ ਲਗਾਏ ਗਏ ਫਰਜ਼ ਨਾਲ ਸਬੰਧਤ ਤਮਾਮ ਦਸਤਾਵੇਜ਼ੀ ਸੂਚਨਾ ਲੋੜੀਂਦੀ ਹੈ।

ਇਹ ਸੂਚਨਾ ਆਪ ਜੀ ਦੇ ਅਧੀਨ ਆਉਂਦੇ ਦਫਤਰ/ਉੱਚ ਦਫਤਰ ਦੀ ਹੈ, ਜੇਕਰ ਇਸ ਨੂੰ ਇਨਫਾਰਮੇਸ਼ਨ ਐਕਟ 2005 ਦੀ ਧਾਰਾ 6 (3) ਅਧੀਨ ਟਰਾਂਸਫਰ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾਂਦਾ ਹੈ ਤਾਂ ਪ੍ਰਾਰਥੀ ਨੂੰ ਸੂਚਿਤ ਕਰਨ ਦੀ ਖੋਜ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਵੇ ਜੀ। ਸੂਚਨਾ ਮੁਕੰਮਲ ਲੋੜੀਂਦੀ ਹੈ, ਪਾਰਟਲੀ ਨਹੀਂ। ਐਕਟ ਮਤਾਬਿਕ ਅਰਜੀ ਫੀਸ 10/- ਰੁਪਏ ਨਾਲ ਨੱਥੀ ਕਰ ਰਿਹਾ

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2. The appellant states that he has sought the information pertaining to all the panchayats falling under office of the Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Dhuri, Sangrur and his office has all the information as has been sought, but he has not provided the same. He has also sent a letter in this regard, which is taken on the record.

3. The representative of the respondents states that the sought information is not available in the office of Block and Development and Panchayat Officer, Dhuri. He further states that the RTI application of the appellant has been transferred to different PIOs of the Gram Panchayats to supply the information to the appellant.

4. After deliberations, the Commission is of the view that a PIO can transfer RTI application of the applicant to one public authority as per the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005 and the applicant has to file the RTI application afresh in case he is interested to get the information from all the Public Information Officers. As far as the titled case is concerned, the respondent Public Information Officer o/o the Block Development and Panchayat Officer Dhuri is directed to supply the information, if the same is available on the official record else file an affidavit that the sought information is not available in the official record as has been sought by the appellant before the next date of hearing to take the matter to its logical end. The case is adjourned.

5. To come up on 9.3.2022 at 12.30 PM through video conference facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner Sangrur/Cisco webex

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Dated: 31.01.2022

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Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
o/o Guru Nanak Dev University
Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority,
o/o Vice Chancellor, Guru Nanak Dev University,
Amritsar

Respondents

Appeal Case No.5097/2021

(Video Conference/Telephone Proceedings)

Present:- None on behalf of the appellant.

Shri Manjit Singh, 9417032936 on behalf of the respondents.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 20.12.2021 vide which the case was adjourned for 17.1.2022 but due to administrative reasons the case could not be heard and further adjourned for today i.e. 31.1.2022.

2. The appellant has sent the written submissions in this case, which are taken on record, and also showed her inability to attend the hearing. Also the respondent-Public Information Officer has sent the written submissions in this case, which are taken on record.

3. After going through the submissions made by the appellant and hearing the submissions made by the respondent-Public Information Officer, the directions are issued to the respondent-Public Information Officer to send the complete information duly certified in this case before the next date of hearing to the Commission to consider the submissions made by both the parties.

4. To come up on 28.3.2022 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, District Amritsar.

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Dated: 31.1.2022

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Shri Gurdeep Singh
Village Dina Nagar
Distt. Gurdaspur.

..Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o Block Development and Panchyat Officer,
Dina Nagar, Distt. Gurdaspur.

First Appellate Authority
O/o Block Development and Panchyat Officer,
Dina Nagar, Distt. Gurdaspur.

....Respondent(s)

Appeal Case No. 4758/2021

(Video Conference/Cisco Webex/Telephone Proceedings)

Present:- Shri Gurdeep Singh appellant on telephone.

Shri Gurmail Singh Superintendent M 7986782205 on behalf of the respondents. (On Telephone)

Order

The RTI application is dated 16.9.2020 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 23.2.2021 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 14.10.2021 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter called RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 18.1.2022 but the case was postponed to 31.1.2022 due to administrative reasons. The appellant has sought the following information as per his RTI application.

Subject matter of information required

Subject matter of information: ਪ੍ਰਿੰਟੀ ਆਊਟਰ ਦੀ ਜੋ ਡੇਪੋਜ਼ ਪਾਏ ਗਏ ਹਨ ਪਾਏ ਪੱਤਰ
ਦੇ ਨਾਲ ਸ਼੍ਰੀ ਜਗਰ ਗੋਲ ਦੇ ਪਾਏ ਗਏ ਤੇ ਦਿੱਤੀ ਜਾਵੇ ਤੇ ਇਹੋ ਤੇਜ਼ੀ ਨਾਲ
ਦਿੱਤੀ ਜਾਵੇ ਜਿਸ ਤੇ 09/06/2020 ਨੂੰ ਪਾਇਆ ਗਿਆ ਦਿੱਤੀ ਜਾਵੇ ਜਿਸ ਪਾਏ ਦੀ Detail
ਮਿਲੇ ਜਾਵੇ ਤੇ ਪਾਏ Attested ਜਾਵੇ ਤੇ ਜਿਸ ਪਾਏ Account No 91102006667555
The period to which the information relates: ਇਹ ਪਾਏ ਦਿੱਤੀ ਤੇ ਪਾਏ ਕਰਵਾਏ ਜਾਣੇ ਪਾਏ ਤੇ ਪਾਏ ਦੀ Detail ਦਿੱਤੀ
Description of the information required: ਜਿਸ ਪਾਏ
AS above

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Appeal case No. 4758 of 2021

2. The representative of the respondents states that the information has already been supplied to the appellant and the appellant has received the same. The respondent Public Information Officer has sent a letter no. 15 dated 12.1.2022, which is taken on record, along with the receipt of the appellant. Also a copy of the said letter is sent to the appellant through whatsapp to submit his response.

3. After going through the same the appellant states that no information has been supplied by the respondent Public Information Officer so far.

4. After deliberations the respondent Public Information Officer is hereby directed to send the information through email i.e. pcic20@punjabmail.gov.in pertaining to the RTI application before the next date of hearing failing which show cause notice will be issued to the respondent-Public Information Officer on the next date of hearing. The case is adjourned.

5. To come up on 15.3.2022 at 12.30 P.M. to be heard through video conference facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Gurdaspur/ Cisco Webex.

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Dated: 31.01.2022

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Sh. Jasbir Singh,
Guru Nanak Nagar,
Village Bholapur. Jhabewal,
Post Office Ramgarh,
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Appellant

Vs

Sh. Kuldeep Kumar, Sr. Asstt-cum-
Public Information Officer,
O/o SDM (East),
Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority
O/o SDM (East),
Ludhiana.

Respondents

Appeal Case No. 5442/2021
(Video Conference Proceedings)

Present:- Sh. Jasbir Singh, appellant in person.
None on behalf of the respondents.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 31.8.2021 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 1.10.2021 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 2.12.2021 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter called RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 18.1.2022 but due to administrative reasons the case could not be heard and further fixed for hearing today i.e. 31.1.2022.

2. The appellant states that no information has been supplied to him. He also states that he has already sent the written submissions in this regard, which are taken on record.

3. Video Conference Facility/cisco webex facility was introduced for the convenience of general public and for government officials. Viewing the absence of the respondent seriously and dealing with the RTI application in a casual manner, Sh. Kuldeep Kumar, Sr. Asstt.-cum-Public Information Officer is, thus, issued a show

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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 wilful delay/denial of the information to the RTI application and to issue show cause that why a compensation may not be awarded to the appellant for detriment suffered by him under section 19(8) of the RTI Act, 2005.

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.

4. To come up on 6.4.2022 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, District Ludhiana/cisco webex.

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(Suresh Arora)

Chief Information Commissioner,
Punjab.

Dated: 31.1.2022