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### Bharat BhushanMattu,

# 153, Akash Nagar, Near Green Land School, PO Netaji Nagar, Salem Tabri, Ludhiana – 141008

Versus

### **Public Information Officer,**

o/o District Election Officer-cum-Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority, o/o Chief Electoral Officer, Punjab, Chandigarh.

Appeal Case No. 2747 of 2019

#### PRESENT:

Bharat BhushanMattu (Appellant) Absent (Respondent)Absent

- 1.The RTI application is dated 25.4.19 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 29.07.19 under section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (RTI Act). The first hearing of this appeal case was held in the Commission on 30.8.19, during which, the respondent PIO was directed to furnish information pertaining to point No. 4 of the appellant's RTI application.
- 2. However, the appellant, Bharat Bhushan Mattu, e-mailed the Commission on 25.9.19 stating that he has still not received information pertaining to points No. 2, 3, (a) (b) and 4 of his RTI application. The appellant also telephonically (on 4.10.19) informed the Commission of his inability to attend today's hearing.
- 3.Meanwhile, the respondent PIO, who is also absent today, has sent a point-wise reply to the appellant's RTI request.

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- 4. The appellant is advised to peruse this information and intimate the Commission whether he is satisfied with it, via email.
- 6. Next hearing on 21.11.19 at 11.00 am.

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### Maninder Kaur,

W/o Manpreet Singh, C/o BhavishRauni (advocate), Chamber No. 509, Yadvindra Court Complex, Patiala.

Versus

## **Public Information Officer,**

o/o Director, Technical Education & Industrial Training, Punjab, Chandigarh.

### Complaint Case No. 678 of 2019

### **PRESENT:**

Jagmohan Singh (for the Complainant) 82890-24144 Sukhjinder Singh (for the Respondent) 90410-77112

#### ORDER:

- 1. The complainant, Maninder Kaur, filed this RTI application dated 20.5.19, seeking information pertaining to official letters, receipt registers, noting pages of files etc. When no information was received within the stipulated 30 days, she filed a complaint, under Section 18 of the RTI Act, 2005, to the Commission on 6.8.19.Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on 4.10.19.
- 2. The respondent has reiterated, as in earlier communication with the complainant, that she was not supplied the information only because she had not submitted a copy of her Identity Proof.
- 3. Under the circumstances, this Commission advises the complainant to submit a copy of her Identity Proof to the respondent PIO at the earliest so that her request for information can be addressed.

### 4. Next hearing on 21.11.19 at 11.00 am.

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### Maninder Kaur,

W/o Manpreet Singh, C/o Bhavish Rauni (Advocate), Chamber No. 509, Yadvindra Court Complex, Patiala.

Versus

## **Public Information Officer,**

o/o Director, Technical Education & Industrial Training, Punjab, Chandigarh.

### Complaint Case No. 677 of 2019

### **PRESENT:**

Jagmohan Singh (for the Complainant) 82890-24144 Sukjinder Singh (for the Respondent) 90410-77112

#### ORDER:

- 1.The complainant, Maninder Kaur, filed this RTI application dated 20.5.19, seeking voluminous information pertaining to noting pages of all files dealt with by additional director (IT), including letters, orders, reports, lists, copies of file movement registers, *dak* receipts, despatch registers etc. from 5.10.09 to 11.4.11. When no information was received within the stipulated 30 days, she filed a complaint, under Section 18 of the RTI Act, 2005, to the Commission on 6.8.19. Notice was issued to the parties for the first hearing of this complaint case in the Commission on 4.10.19.
- 2. The respondent PIO has reiterated, as in his reply to CC # 678 and in earlier communication with the complainant, that she was not supplied the information only because she had not submitted a copy of her Identity Proof.
- 3. Under the circumstances, this Commission advises the complainant to submit a copy of her Identity Proof to the respondent PIO at the earliest so that her request for information can be addressed.

## 4. Next hearing on 21.11.19 at 11.00 am.

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### Suresh Kumar,

# 99, Focal Point, Modern Avenue, NayaNangal, District Roopnagar – 140126

Versus

**Public Information Officer,** o/o Senior Superintendent of Police, Roopnagar.

## Complaint Case No. 672 of 2019

### **PRESENT:**

Suresh Kumar (Complainant) Absent Sardool Singh, ASI(for the Respondent) 98729-32659

- 1.The complainant, Suresh Kumar, filed this RTI application dated 13.4.19 and sought information by way of a copy of his consent letter submitted to the court of SDJM Anandpur Sahib in connection with FIR No. 101 dated 30.7.14 at PS Nangal. When no information was received, he filed a complaint under Section 18 of the RTI Act, 2005 to the Commission on 30.7.19.Notice was issued to both parties for the first hearing of this complaint case in the Commission on 4.10.19.
- 2. The respondent PIO, represented today by Sardool Singh, ASI, has submitted, as in a number of earlier communications with the complainant, that the requested information/document is not available with the office of the SSP Roopnagar or the Police Station Nangal. He also reiterated that the requested document is in the custody of the SDJM's court at Anandpur Sahib.
- 3. However, the complainant stated that his queries to the SDJM court at Anandpur Sahib, revealed that the aforesaid document consent letter was in fact in the custody of the Roopnagar Police department.
- 4. Under the circumstances, this Commission directs the respondent PIO, o/o SSP Roopnagar, to submit an AFFIDAVIT stating that the information/document requested by

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the complainant Suresh Kumar, is not in his custody or with any police station/office under his jurisdiction.

5. Next hearing on 22.11.19 at 11.00 am.

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### Rakesh Kumar,

S/o Nem Chand, C/o Pankaj Verma, Advocate, Chamber No. 506, Yadvindra Court Complex, Patiala.

Versus

## **Public Information Officer,**

o/o Principal Secretary (TE-1 Branch), Technical Education & Industrial Training, Punjab Civil Secretariat-2, Sector 9-A, Chandigarh.

### First Appellate Authority,

o/o Principal Secretary, (TE-1 Branch), Technical Education & Industrial Training, Punjab Civil Secretariat-2, Sector9-A, Chandigarh.

### Appeal Case No. 2820 of 2019

### **PRESENT:**

Jagmohan Singh (for the Appellant) 82890-24144 Rajinder Singh, APIO (for the Respondent) 96464-05423

- 1.The RTI application is dated 24.4.19 vide which the appellant has sought information by way of copies of letters and noting pages of a file, as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 6.8.19 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (RTI Act). Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on 04.10.2019.
- 2.The respondent PIO, represented by APIO Rajinder Singh, claimed exemption from disclosure as per section 8 (1)(h) of the RTI Act 2005 on the plea that the requested information pertained to an ongoing vigilance bureau investigation.
- 3. However, the appellant, represented by Jagmohan Singh, pointed out that no FIR that has been registered in this matter and therefore the question of the formal investigation and consequent exemption from disclosure under Section 8(1)(h), does not arise.

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- 4. This Commission concurs with the appellant and directs the respondent PIO to furnish the requested information within 15 days of receiving this order, or, submit legal premise for not doing so.
- 5. Next hearing on 21.11.19 at 11.00 am.

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### Tarlochan Singh,

S/o Mohinder Singh, C/o Lamba Building Material Store, Chowk Baba Than Singh Ji, Samrala Road, Ludhiana.

Versus

## **Public Information Officer,**

o/o Assistant Town Planner,Zone-A, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana.

### Complaint Case No. 673 of 2019

#### PRESENT:

Tarlochan Singh (Complainant) 99880-13138 (Respondent) Absent

- 1.The complainant, Tarlochan Singh, filed this RTI application dated 5.9.17and sought information by way of a copy of the map of Property No. 2038 B, XI Ambedkar Nagar, Ludhiana along with a copy of the *challan* if the said property was challaned. When no information was received, he filed a complaint under Section 18 of the RTI Act, 2005 to the Commission on 1.8.19.Notice was issued to both parties for first hearing in the Commission on 4.10.19.
- 2. The respondent PIO is absent without any intimation to this Commission.
- 3. This Commission takes a very serious view of the apparently lackadaisical attitude of the respondent PIO with regard to this RTI application that has been pending for more than two years. The respondent PIO's earlier replies (on 11.10.17 and 30.4.180 to the complainant Tarlochan Singh appear evidently designed to delay or deny the information requested. This is also borne out by the fact that the complainant was not shown any record when he visited the Assistant Town Planner Zone A office on the invitation of the respondent PIO on 9.5.18.
- 4. The respondent PIO is directed to appear IN PERSON at the next hearing of this complaint case along with the original record pertaining to the complainant's RTI application i.e. the map of property No.2038 B, XI, Ambedkar Nagar, Chowk Baba Than Singh, Ludhiana alongwith a copy of any challan pertaining to the aforesaid property, if on record. Failing to do so could invite penalties stipulated in the RTI Act, 2005.

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# 5. Next hearing on 22.11.19 at 11.00 am.

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### Manveer Kaur,

w/o Lakvinder Singh, # 15, Green City, near Nitin Petrol Pump, VPOKako, District Hoshiarpur.

Versus

### **Public Information Officer,**

o/o District Education Officer (SE), Hoshiarpur.

# Complaint Case No. 674 of 2019

### PRESENT:

Manveer Kaur (Complainant) Absent Manjeet Kaur, superintendent-cum-PIO (for the Respondent) 99155-24445

### **ORDER:**

- 1. The complainant, Manveer Kaur, filed this RTI application dated 02.05.2017 and sought information from the PIO o/o District Education Officer (SE), Hoshiarpur. When no information was received, the Complainant filed a complaint under Section 18 of the RTI Act, 2005 to the Commission on 02.08.2019.
- 2. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on 04.10.2019.
- 3. The respondent PIO Cum Superintendent Manjeet Kaur has submitted that the requested information has been supplied to the complainant.
- 4. The complainant Manveer Kaur former dismissed employee of the District Education Department in Hoshiarpur is not present in today's hearing.
- 5.The respondent PIO has submitted copy of the information with Manveer Kaur's signatures on the dispatch register. As such, this Commission is satisfied that the information has been furnished and the complainant's request has been adequately addressed. Even so, because the complainant is not present, this Commission grant one more opportunity to inform the Commission that she is satisfied with the information given to her.

6.In case the complainant does not show us for the next hearing on 21.11.2019, the Commission will be constrained to close this case.

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# 7. The next hearing on 21.11.19 at 11.00 am.

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