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Sh. Sukhchain Singh s/o Baldev Singh

r/o Basti Hajara Singh Wali,

Tehsil & Distt. Ferozepur.

..Complainant

Vs

Sh. Gurmeet Singh Kahlon,

Public Information Officer **Registered**

o/o Block Development and Panchayats Officer,

Block Ferozepur, Ferozepur

Sh. Sarabjit Singh,

Public Information Officer **Registered**

o/o Block Development and Panchayats Officer,

Block Mamdot, Ferozepur.

Sh. Ruldu Singh, Panchayat Secretary (**Registered**)

-cum-Public Information Officer

Basti Hazara Singh Wali,

c/o Block Development and Panchayats Officer

Block Mamdot, Ferozepur.

Public Information Officer

Registered

o/o The Director,

Rural Development & Panchayat Deptt., Pb.

Vikas Bhawan, Sector 62, Mohali

....Respondents

Complaint Case No. 811 of 2020

Present:- Sh. Sukhchain Singh, complainant in person.

Sh. Jasdev Singh, Panchayat Officer, 9463094313 Sh. Ruldu Singh, Panchayat Secretary 9780432301 and Sh. Gurmeet Singh, Samiti Patwari 9653997147 9463830644, 9646729136, in person, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 6.9.2021.

2. The complainant states that the information related to NAREGA supplied by the respondent is not legible and requested for the compensation due to harassment being caused to him in getting the information from the respondents. However, no satisfactory reply is given by the respondents in this regard. Sh. Jasdev Singh, Panchayat Officer present during the hearing states that due to illness of the mother of the Block Development and Panchayats Officer Sh. Sarabjit Singh, he is absent.

3. However, the representative of the respondents Sh. Sanjeev Garg, Deputy Director Rural was present during the last hearing on behalf of the Sh. M.S. Chhatwal, IAS, Director, Rural Development & Panchayat, Pb. and assured that the complete information will be supplied to the complainant before the next date of hearing and according to his request

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the case was adjourned. But today i.e. 4.10.2021 he is absent without intimation and also incomplete information has been supplied to the complainant so far.

4. It is a fact on record that the copies of orders of the Commission are being sent to the Public Information Officer o/o Director, Rural Development & Panchayat Deptt., Pb. Director, Rural Development & Panchayat Deptt., Pb. as well as to the Block Development and Panchayats Officer, Mamdot through registered post but the order of the Commission are not being complied with.

5. The perusal of the file shows that in this case, application for information was filed on 15.06.2020 but after lapse of more than one year, incomplete information has been given to the complainant so far. It is, thus apparent from the response of the respondents that there has been delay in providing the information. Appellant had also suffered financial loss in getting the information. There are systemic deficiencies in the manner of receiving and disposing of applications. The department still does not appear to be properly tuned to the performance of its obligations enshrined under the RTI Act.

5. I am, therefore, of the view that ends of justice would be met by awarding a sum of Rs. 10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only) by way of compensation to the Appellant. This amount shall be payable from the State Exchequer by the office of the Director, Rural Development and Panchayats, Punjab before the next date of hearing as the case was adjourned on 6.9.2021 on the assurance given by Sh. Sanjeev Garg, Deputy Director, Rural, and he is absent without intimation, and the incomplete information has been supplied to the complainant. In addition, he is also directed to ensure that the complete information be supplied to the complainant before the next date of hearing.

6. Also a reply regarding show cause notice issued to Sh. Ruldu Singh, Panchayat Secretary has been received and the decision on the same will be taken on the next date of hearing.

7. Copy of this order is being **sent** to Sh. M.S. Chhatwal, IAS, Director, Rural Development & Panchayat, Pb., and Sh. Sanjeev Garg, Deputy Director, Rural and Sh. Sarabjit Singh, Block Development and Panchayats Officer, Mamdot for the compliance of

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this order failing which they will be bound for personal appearance on the next date of hearing.

8. To come up on 01.11.2021 at 12.30 PM at Chandigarh.

sd

Dated: 4.10.2021

(Suresh Arora)

Chief Information Commissioner,
Punjab.

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

Sh. Sanjeev Garg, **Registered**
Deputy Director, Rural
o/o Director,
Rural Development & Panchayat Deptt., Pb.
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Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta,
8/237, Jagraon Road, Mandi Mullanpur,
District Ludhiana

....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer
o/o E.O. Municipal Council,
Jagraon,
District Ludhiana

First Appellate Authority
o/o Deputy Director, Local Bodies,
District Ludhiana

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 577 of 2021
(Video Conference Proceedings)

Present:- Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, appellant through cisco webex.

Sh. Narinder Kumar, _____ on behalf of the respondents.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 18.3.2020 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 27.9.2020 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 2.2.2021 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. After the perusal of the case file the appellant is directed to establish the public interest involved in seeking the voluminous information from 1.1.2015 to date of providing information before the next date of hearing to take the matter to its logical end.

3. To come up on 23.11.2021 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, District Ludhiana.

sd

Dated: 4.10.2021

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Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta,
8/237, Jagraon Road, Mandi Mullanpur,
District Ludhiana

....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer
o/o E.O. Municipal Council,
Mullanpur Dakha,
District Ludhiana

First Appellate Authority
o/o Deputy Director, Local Bodies,
District Ludhiana

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 563 of 2021
(Video Conference Proceedings)

Present:- Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, appellant through cisco webex.
None on behalf of the respondents.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 17.7.2020 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 1.9.2020 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 2.2.2021 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 written submissions have been received from the respondent-Public Information Officer that the office of the Municipal Council Mullanpur is under shifting and requested for the adjournment of the case. However, after the perusal of the case file, the appellant is directed to establish the public interest involved in seeking the voluminous information from 1.1.2015 to date of providing information before the next date of hearing to take the matter to its logical end.

3. To come up on 23.11.2021 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, District Ludhiana.

Dated: 4.10.2021

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8/237, Jagraon Road, Mandi Mullanpur,
District Ludhiana

....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer
o/o E.O. Municipal Council,
Mullanpur Dakha,
District Ludhiana

First Appellate Authority
o/o Deputy Director, Local Bodies,
District Ludhiana

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 562 of 2021
(Video Conference Proceedings)

Present:- Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, appellant through cisco webex.
None on behalf of the respondents.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 17.7.2020 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 1.9.2020 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 2.2.2021 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 written submissions have been received from the respondent-Public Information Officer that the office of the Municipal Council Mullanpur is under shifting and requested for the adjournment of the case. However, after the perusal of the case file, the appellant is directed to establish the public interest involved in seeking the voluminous information before the next date of hearing to take the matter to its logical end.

3. To come up on 23.11.2021 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, District Ludhiana.

Dated: 4.10.2021

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District Ludhiana 9463747332

....Appellant

vs

Public Information Officer

o/o Addl. Deputy Commissioner,

Khanna,

District Ludhiana

First Appellate Authority

o/o Addl. Deputy Commissioner,

Khanna,

District Ludhiana

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3431 of 2021

(Video Conference Proceedings)

Present:- Sh. Jagjit Singh Sohi, appellant.

Sh. Harvinder Singh Sr. Asstt _____ on behalf of the respondents.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 16.9.2021.

2. The representative of the respondents states that the complete information has already been supplied to the appellant. However, the appellant states that he is not satisfied with the information. Accordingly both the parties are directed to remain present in person on the next date of hearing to take the matter to its logical end.

3. To come up on 21.10.2021 at Chandigarh.

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(Suresh Arora)

Dated: 4.10.2021

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....Appellant

Vs

Sh. Joginder Singh, **Registered**
Distt. Revenue Officer-cum-
Public Information Officer
o/o Deputy Commissioner,
District Ludhiana

First Appellate Authority
o/o Deputy Commissioner,
District Ludhiana

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2942 of 2021
(Video Conference Proceedings)

Present:- Sh. Surinderpal, Advocate on behalf of the appellant.
Sh Ranjit Singh, N.S.K. _____ on behalf of the respondents.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 6.9.2021.

2. The representative of the respondents requested for the adjournment of the case and assured that the up to date status/information will be supplied to the appellant before the next date of hearing with which the representative of the appellant agreed to. Also the reply has been received from Sh. Joginder Singh, Distt. Revenue Officer-cum-Public Information Officer which is taken on record and the decision on the same will be taken on the next date of hearing.

3. Accordingly, the case is adjourned.

4. To come up on 8.11.2021 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, District Ludhiana.

Dated: 4.10.2021

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(Suresh Arora)
Chief Information Commissioner,
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