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Labh Singh,
S/o Surjit Singh,
105-D, Deep Nagar,
District Patiala.

Versus

Public Information Officer,
o/o XEN, Civil Works Division,
Punjab State Power Corporation Limited,
Sangrur.

Complaint Case No. 164 of 2020 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

Labh Singh (Complainant) 94632-95103

Parambir Singh, SDO (for the Respondent) 96461-29458

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 26.8.2020 and 2.12.2020)

1. The complainant, **Labh Singh**, filed this RTI application dated **3.1.2020** and sought Information **regarding 66 Kv works along with copies of tenders; works completed; works still in progress; vehicle expenses incurred; and copies of gate passes issued at the Gobindgarh Nut-bolt unit etc.** from the PIO o/o **XEN, Civil Works Division, PSPCL, Sangrur**. When no information was received, the Complainant filed a complaint under Section 18 of the RTI Act, 2005 to the Commission on **5.2.2020**. The case was last heard on **2.12.2020**.

2. Both parties are present through Video Conference Facility at Deputy Commissioner's Office Patiala. The respondent PIO represented by Parambir Singh, SDO, stated that most of the information (367 pages) has been supplied to the complainant. There is however, some pending information related to 11 works, which is being collected and will be supplied to the complainant. The complainant has meanwhile raised some objections regarding shortcomings in the information already supplied.

3. This Commission directs the respondent PIO to furnish all the information requested by the complainant and to intimate this Commission when this is done. The respondent PIO is also directed to maintain copies of all the information that has been given to the appellant. This Commission, if required, will conduct a physical verification of the information before a final order.

4. IMPORTANT! All documents / information supplied to appellants / complainants must mandatorily be attested as under:

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Information supplied under the RTI Act, 2005

Signature of the PIO

Name of the PIO

Name of the Public Authority

Date

5. Next hearing on 19.5.2021 at 11.00 am through Video Conference Facility in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Patiala.

Sd/-

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Harmilap Singh Grewal,

22173, Street-12/2

Power House Road,

Bathinda-151001

Versus

Public Information Officer,

o/o Punjab Urban Planning & Development Authority,

PUDA Bhawan,

Sector-62, S.A.S Nagar, Mohali

Public Information Officer,

o/o Bathinda Development Authority,

Model Town, RD, Civil Lines,

District Bathinda

First Appellate Authority,

o/o Punjab Urban Planning & Development Authority,

PUDA Bhawan,

Sector-62, S.A.S Nagar,

Mohali.

Appeal Case No. 741 of 2020 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

Harmilap Singh Grewal (Appellant) 93562-00018

Jagmeet Singh, Clerk (for the Respondent) 62390-15193

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 26.8.2020 and 2.12.2020)

1. The RTI application is dated **3.9.2019** vide which the appellant has sought information **by way of a copy of a Map showing the demarcation of PUDA-acquired / earmarked land of rakba 2519 and 2520 for Phase Three of the Bathinda Power House and a copy of the Court Order directing status quo on land along with rakba numbers,** as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **28.11.2019** and second appeal was filed in the Commission on **14.2.2020** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **2.12.2020**.

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2. Both parties are present through Video Conference Facility at the Deputy Commissioner's Office in Bathinda. The respondent PIO, represented at this hearing by Jagmeet Singh, Clerk, handed over an affidavit as directed by this Commission at the last hearing on 2.12.2020. The said affidavit states that the information regarding demarcation of the land cited in the RTI application is vested with the concerned Kanugo and Tehsildar. As per the provisions of the RTI Act, the respondent PIO, should have transferred this RTI application under Section 6(3) of RTI Act to the concerned authority where the requested information is vested.

3. This Commission directs the respondent PIO to now transfer this RTI application and ensure that the requested information is retrieved at the earliest and supplied to the appellant. This Commission once again emphasizes that it is the duty and responsibility of the respondent PIO-cum-Estate Officer, Bathinda Development Authority, to ensure that the information requested, is supplied to the appellant. The Commission also directs the respondent PIO to explain in writing why this RTI application was not transferred as per the provisions of the RTI Act. Failing to comply this Commission's orders, will invite penal action as per the RTI Act.

4. IMPORTANT! All documents / information supplied to appellants / complainants must mandatorily be attested as under:

Information supplied under the RTI Act, 2005

Signature of the PIO

Name of the PIO

Name of the Public Authority

Date

5. Next hearing on 19.5.2021 at 11.00 am through Video Conference Facility in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Bathinda.

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Pankaj Mittal, S/o Subhash Singh Mittal,
22009/B, Street No. 12/1,
Power House Road,
Bathinda.

Versus

Public Information Officer,
o/o Chief Administrator,
Bathinda Urban Development Authority (BDA),
Bathinda.

Complaint Case No. 610 of 2020 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

(Complainant) Absent

Jagmeet Singh, Clerk, (for the Respondent) 62390-15193

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 2.12.2020)

1. The complainant, **Pankaj Mittal**, filed this RTI application dated **14.8.2020** and sought **information regarding a housing project namely, Virat Colony, by Indira Infratec Private Limited**. When no information was received, the Complainant filed a complaint under Section 18 of the RTI Act, 2005 to the Commission on **2.9.2020**. The case was last heard on **2.12.2020**.

2. The complainant is absent but has emailed the Commission about his inability to attend this hearing. The respondent PIO, represented by Jagmeet Singh, Clerk, present through Video Conference Facility at Deputy Commissioner Office Bathinda, has, as directed by this Commission at the last hearing on 2.12.2020, sent attested copies of the information by registered post to the appellant. The appellant has however, stated that he is not well and has not been able to examine the information furnished. He has requested another hearing.

3. This Commission grants the complainant until the next hearing to list any deficiency in the information furnished.

4. IMPORTANT! All documents / information supplied to appellants / complainants must mandatorily be attested as under:

Information supplied under the RTI Act, 2005

Signature of the PIO

Name of the PIO

Name of the Public Authority

Date

5. **Next hearing on 19.5.2021 at 11.00 am through Video Conference Facility in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Bathinda.**

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Daljeet Singh,

s/o Late Smt. Gurbachan Kaur,

181/1, Street No. 1,

Near Bakeman, Guru Nanak Nagar,

District Patiala – 147 001

Versus

Public Information Officer,

o/o Deputy Commissioner,

District Fatehgarh Sahib.

First Appellate Authority,

o/o Sub Divisional Magistrate,

District Fatehgarh Sahib.

Appeal Case No. 3039 of 2019 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

Daljeet Singh (Appellant) 90238-80115

K.C. Dutta, Naib Tehsildar (for the Respondent) 94632-01008

ORDER:

*(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on **24.10.19, 12.12.19, 27.2.2020, and 9.12.2020**)*

1. The RTI application is dated **8.1.19** vide which the appellant has sought **information regarding some old land records**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **22.5.19** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **20.8.19** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **9.12.2020**.

2. Both parties are present through Video Conference Facility at Deputy Commissioner Office Patiala. The respondent PIO represented by K.C Dutta, Naib Tehsildar, has submitted an affidavit as per this Commission's Order of 27.2.2020 as well as the Show Cause Notice issued to him on 9.12.2020. The appellant however, pointed out some discrepancies in the affidavit.

3. The respondent PIO is directed to file a fresh affidavit specifically referring to this Commission's order of 27.2.2020. In addition to his statement at point 5 of the affidavit dated 2.2.2021. The respondent PIO is given until 5.3.2021. The original affidavit is to be delivered by hand to the residence of the appellant and copies of his receipt and the affidavit be sent to this Commission.

4. IMPORTANT! All documents / information supplied to appellants / complainants must mandatorily be attested as under:

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Appeal Case No. 3039 of 2019 (Video Conference Proceedings)

Information supplied under the RTI Act, 2005

Signature of the PIO

Name of the PIO

Name of the Public Authority

Date

5. Next hearing on 27.5.2021 at 11.00 am through Video Conference Facility in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Patiala.

Sd/-

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REGISTERED SHOW CAUSE NOTICE

Lajpat Rai,

S/o Harbans Lal,

Street No. II, Ganesh Estate,

Bathinda.

Versus

Public Information Officer,

o/o Station House Officer,

Urban Estate, Patiala.

First Appellate Authority,

o/o Inspector General of Police,

Patiala.

Appeal Case No. 3092 of 2020 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

Lajpat Rai (Appellant) 98142-30616

(Respondent) Absent

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 2.12.2020)

1. The RTI application is dated **10.10.2020** vide which the appellant has sought information regarding complaint filed by Harish Kumar, Clerk Punjabi University Patiala, as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **12.10.2020** and second appeal was filed in the Commission on **20.10.2020** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **2.12.2020**.

2. The respondent PIO, o/o SHO Police Station Urban Estate, Patiala, is absent without intimation. At the last hearing on 2.12.2020, the respondent PIO, represented by ASI Kuldeep Singh, had claimed that the appellant had submitted an affidavit stating that 'both parties have reached a compromise and that the case be closed'. A copy of the said affidavit signed by one Vishali Rani (the appellant's niece) was submitted to the Commission. However, this affidavit does not address the information requested by the appellant in his RTI application submitted on 10.7.2020.

3. The respondent PIO-cum-SHO, Police Station Urban Estate, Patiala is directed to submit a point-wise reply along with the information requested in this RTI application. Also taking a very serious view of the respondent PIOs conduct, this Commission also serves him with a show cause notice for delaying information requested in this RTI application.

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Appeal Case No. 3092 of 2020 (Video Conference Proceedings)

4. The respondent PIO-cum-SHO, Police Station Urban Estate, Patiala, is herewith ordered to **SHOW CAUSE** as to why a penalty should not be imposed upon him under Section 20 (1) of RTI Act, 2005, for causing wilful delay/denial of the information requested by the appellant as far back as on 10.10.2020.

“In addition to the written reply, the respondent PIO is also given an opportunity under Section 20 (1) proviso there to, for a personal hearing before the imposition of such penalty on the next date of hearing. He may take note that in case he does not file his written reply and does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the date fixed, it will be presumed that he has nothing to say and the Commission shall proceed to take further proceedings against him *ex parte*.”

5. IMPORTANT! All documents / information supplied to appellants / complainants must mandatorily be attested as under:

Information supplied under the RTI Act, 2005

Signature of the PIO

Name of the PIO

Name of the Public Authority

Date

6. **Next hearing on 27.5.2021 at 11.00 am through Video Conference Facility in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Patiala.**

Sd/-

(ASIT JOLLY)

State Information Commissioner

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Cc: Senior Superintendent of Police,
District Patiala, for information and further necessary action.

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Lajpat Rai,
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Street No. II, Ganesh Estate,
Bathinda.

Versus

Public Information Officer,
o/o Senior Superintendent of Police,
Patiala.

First Appellate Authority,
o/o Inspector General of Police,
Patiala.

Appeal Case No. 3093 of 2020 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

Lajpat Rai (Appellant) 98142-30616

ASI Hakam Singh (for the Respondent) 94643-92733

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 2.12.2020)

1. The RTI application is dated **10.10.2020** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding documents regarding complaints from Punjab Raj Mahila Commission**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **12.10.2020** and second appeal was filed in the Commission on **20.10.2020** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **2.12.2020**.

2. Both parties are present through Video Conference Facility at Deputy Commissioner Office Patiala. The respondent PIO, represented by ASI Hakam Singh, had sent the requested information to the appellant vide Letter No. 2225 dated 16.11.2020. The appellant however, stated that the information was incomplete and was requested to list the deficiencies. The appellant contends that he had listed deficiencies in a letter to the respondent PIO on 19.1.2021. Neither the respondent PIO nor this Commission have received that letter. The appellant is requested to convey the deficiencies to the respondent PIO (ASI Hakam Singh) via whatsapp after this hearing.

3. The respondent PIO is directed to examine the deficiency and submit a written reply which is point-wise and supply the information where available.

4. IMPORTANT! All documents / information supplied to appellants / complainants must mandatorily be attested as under:

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Appeal Case No. 3093 of 2020 (Video Conference Proceedings)

Information supplied under the RTI Act, 2005

Signature of the PIO

Name of the PIO

Name of the Public Authority

Date

5. **Next hearing on 27.5.2021 at 11.00 am through Video Conference Facility in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Patiala.**

Sd/-

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Gurvinder Paul Singh Rana (Advocate),
S/o Sh. Baldev Singh,
Chamber No.145, New Courts, District Jalandhar.

Versus

Public Information Officer,
o/o Senior Superintendent of Police,
District Patiala.

Complaint Case No. 851 of 2020 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

(Complainant) Absent

ASI Hakam Singh (for the Respondent) 94643-92733

ORDER:

1. The complainant, **Gurvinder Paul Singh Rana**, filed this RTI application dated **20.2.2020** and sought information **regarding FIR No. 94 dated 2.10.2018, PS Anaj Mandi, Patiala**, from the **PIO o/o SSP, Patiala**. When no information was received, the Complainant filed a complaint under Section 18 of the RTI Act, 2005 to the Commission on **10.11.2020**. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **4.2.2021**.

2. The complainant is absent but has informed this Commission of his inability to attend this hearing in person. The respondent PIO has meanwhile submitted that the FIR cited in the RTI application is currently under investigation with AIG Crime Jalandhar Zone and therefore has sought exemption from disclosure. The complainant is given one more opportunity to make a submission with regard to the exemption claimed by the respondent PIO.

3. IMPORTANT! All documents / information supplied to appellants / complainants must mandatorily be attested as under:

Information supplied under the RTI Act, 2005

Signature of the PIO

Name of the PIO

Name of the Public Authority

Date

4. **Next hearing on 27.5.2021 at 11.00 am through Video Conference Facility in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Patiala.**

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REGISTERED SHOW CAUSE NOTICE

Sohan Singh,
S/o Sucha Singh,
Village Bara, PO Pathreri Jatan,
Tehsil & District Roopnagar.

Versus

Public Information Officer,
o/o Director, V & S, Vigilance,
Punjab State Power Corporation Ltd. (PSPCL),
District Patiala.

Complaint Case No. 503 of 2020 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

Sohan Singh (Complainant) 94648-69183

(Respondent) Absent

ORDER:

1. The complainant, **Sohan Singh**, filed this RTI application dated **6.3.2020** and sought information regarding copies of statements etc in enquiry No. 466/2011 dated 4.7.2021, from the **PIO o/o Director, V & S, Vigilance, PSPCL, Patiala**. When no information was received, the Complainant filed a complaint under Section 18 of the RTI Act, 2005 to the Commission on **4.8.2020**. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **4.2.2021**.

2. The respondent PIO is absent and has claimed in his reply to this Commission's notice (vide memo no. 100/RTI-15 dated 7.1.2021) that the RTI application does not pertain to his office and is related to PSPCL Anandpur Sahib. However, the complainant who is present at this hearing has stated very clearly that the information he seeks pertains to his suspension from service and the subsequent enquiry conducted by the vigilance department of PSPCL, Patiala. The PIO office of Director, V & S, Vigilance, Punjab State Power Corporation Ltd., Patiala, is herewith served a show cause notice for causing unnecessary delay and failing to appear at this hearing.

3. The respondent PIO is herewith ordered to **SHOW CAUSE** as to why a penalty should not be imposed upon him under Section 20 (1) of RTI Act, 2005, for causing wilful delay/denial of the information requested by the appellant as far back as on 6.3.2020.

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Complaint Case No. 503 of 2020 (Video Conference Proceedings)

“In addition to the written reply, the respondent PIO is also given an opportunity under Section 20 (1) proviso there to, for a personal hearing before the imposition of such penalty on the next date of hearing. He may take note that in case he does not file his written reply and does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the date fixed, it will be presumed that he has nothing to say and the Commission shall proceed to take further proceedings against him *ex parte*.”

4. IMPORTANT! All documents / information supplied to appellants / complainants must mandatorily be attested as under:

Information supplied under the RTI Act, 2005

Signature of the PIO

Name of the PIO

Name of the Public Authority

Date

5. **Next hearing on 27.5.2021 at 11.00 am through Video Conference Facility in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Patiala.**

Sd/-

(ASIT JOLLY)

State Information Commissioner

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Cc: Director General of Police,
V & S, Vigilance,
Punjab State Power Corporation Ltd.,
District Patiala, for information and further necessary action.

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Sushil Gupta, S/o Lal Chand,
1410, Phase-I, Urban Estate, Dugri Road,
District Ludhiana – 141 013

Versus

Public Information Officer,
o/o Deputy Secretary,
Punjab State Power Corporation Limited,
District Patiala.

Complaint Case No. 721 of 2020 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

(Complainant) Absent

Amandeep Singh, Senior XEN (for the Respondent) 96461-18116

ORDER:

1. The complainant, **Sushil Gupta**, filed this RTI application dated **24.8.2020** and sought information **regarding a complaint / request dated 12.8.2020 to the Chief Engineer (Enforcement) PSPCL, Patiala**, from the **PIO o/o Deputy Secretary, PSPCL, Patiala**. When no information was received, the Complainant filed a complaint under Section 18 of the RTI Act, 2005 to the Commission on **4.8.2020**. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **4.2.2021**.

2. The complainant is absent but in an email to this Commission dated 4.2.2021, has requested hearing through Cisco Webex. The respondent PIO, represented by Amandeep Singh, Senior XEN, is present through Video Conference Facility at the Deputy Commissioner's Office in Patiala, contended that the requested information was sent to the complainant within the stipulated 30 days period, on 17.9.2020. The complainant however, contended that he has not received any information.

3. The respondent PIO is directed to send a copy of the reply / information sent to the complainant on 17.9.2020, to this Commission at the earliest.

4. IMPORTANT! All documents / information supplied to appellants / complainants must mandatorily be attested as under:

Information supplied under the RTI Act, 2005

Signature of the PIO

Name of the PIO

Name of the Public Authority

Date

5. **Next hearing on 27.5.2021 at 11.00 am through Video Conference Facility in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Patiala and the complainant will attend the hearing through CISCO WEBEX Meeting No. 918076792**

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Sukhwinder Singh,

S/o Harbans Singh, C/o Amar Nath,

33159, Street No.1, Partap Nagar,

District Bthinda – 151 005.

Versus

Public Information Officer,

o/o Chairman, Punjab State Power Corporation Ltd.,

District Patiala.

Complaint Case No. 786 of 2020 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

(Complainant) Absent

Sunil Jain, Deputy Secretary (for the Respondent) 96461-08888

ORDER:

1. The complainant, **Sukhwinder Singh**, filed this RTI application dated **31.7.2020** and sought information **regarding an application to Chairman PSPCL on 11.3.2020**, from the **PIO o/o PSPCL, Patiala**. When no information was received, the Complainant filed a complaint under Section 18 of the RTI Act, 2005 to the Commission on **14.10.2020**. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **4.2.2021**.

2. The complainant is absent without intimation. The respondent PIO, represented by Sunil Jain, Deputy Secretary (Finance) from PSPCL Patiala, present through Video Conference Facility at the Deputy Commissioner's Office in Patiala, stated that the information requested in the RTI application was sent to the complainant vide Letter No. 322 dated 26.2.2020. A copy of the same has also been received in this Commission.

3. The respondent PIO explained the delay in furnishing the information due to the fact that the RTI Branch PSPCL Patiala had wrongly transferred the RTI application to some other office and that it was received by the o/o Deputy Secretary Finance on 19.10.2020. Following this, the information was sent to the complainant on 26.10.2020. Since the complainant is absent at this hearing, he is given one final opportunity to list any deficiencies, and be heard in person at the next hearing.

4. IMPORTANT! All documents / information supplied to appellants / complainants must mandatorily be attested as under:

Information supplied under the RTI Act, 2005

Signature of the PIO

Name of the PIO

Name of the Public Authority

Date

5. **Next hearing on 27.5.2021 at 11.00 am through Video Conference Facility in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Patiala.**

Sd/-

(ASIT JOLLY)

State Information Commissioner

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Gurleen Singh (Advocate),
Chamber No.154, Tehsil Sunam,
Udham Singh Wala,
District Sangrur.

Versus

Public Information Officer,

o/o Municipal Committee,

District Sunam.

Public Information Officer,

o/o Patiala Development Authority,

District Patiala.

Complaint Case No. 764 of 2020 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

(Complainant) Absent

Monika Gupta, Junior Assistant (for the Respondent) 98555-20759

Ravinder Kaur, APIO-cum-Assistant Estate Officer (for the Respondent) 98784-30657

ORDER:

1. The complainant, **Gurleen Singh**, filed this RTI application dated **8.8.2020** and sought information **regarding colonies and colonizers in Ward No. 2 of Sunam Town**, from the **PIO o/o Patiala Development Authority, Patiala**. When no information was received, the Complainant filed a complaint under Section 18 of the RTI Act, 2005 to the Commission on **8.10.2020**. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **4.2.2021**.

2. The complainant is absent without intimation. The respondent PIO, represented by Monika Gupta Junior Assistant, present through Video Conference Facility at Deputy Commissioner Office Patiala, stated that a reply was first sent to the appellant on 6.10.2020 vide Letter No. 6471. She was informed that the information sought pertains to the Municipal Committee, Sunam and is not within the jurisdiction of Patiala Development Authority, Patiala.

3. The Commission herewith directs the PIO, Patiala Development Authority, Patiala to transfer this RTI application under Section 6(3) of the RTI Act to the PIO, M.C. Sunam. The PIO, Municipal Committee, Sunam is hereby directed to supply the information sought by the complainant at the earliest.

4. IMPORTANT! All documents / information supplied to appellants / complainants must mandatorily be attested as under:

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Complaint Case No. 764 of 2020 (Video Conference Proceedings)

Information supplied under the RTI Act, 2005

Signature of the PIO

Name of the PIO

Name of the Public Authority

Date

5. Next hearing on 27.5.2021 at 11.00 am through Video Conference Facility in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Patiala.

Sd/-

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REGISTERED SHOW CAUSE NOTICE

Arjun Kakkar,
S/o Mahinder Lal Kakkar,
254, Sector- 1 B, Vikas Nagar,
Mandi Gobindgarh, District Fatehgarh Sahib.

Versus

Public Information Officer,
o/o Executive Officer, Nagar Council,
Mandi Gobindgarh. District Fatehgarh Sahib.
First Appellate Authority,
o/o Deputy Director Urban Local Bodies,
First Floor, District Administration Complex,
District Ludhiana.

Appeal Case No. 3748 of 2019 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

Arjun Kakkar (Appellant)
(Respondent) Absent

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 12.12.19, 7.2.2020, 24.6.2020, 2.9.2020, and 2.12.2020)

1. The RTI application is dated **10.6.19** vide which the appellant has sought **voluminous information regarding building plans, unauthorized colonies etc.**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **30.9.2019** and second appeal was filed in the Commission on **9.10.19** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **2.12.2020**.
2. The respondent PIO is absent without intimation. At the last hearing on 2.12.2020 the respondent PIO had submitted copies of the building plans, but had not provided No Due Certificate/Building Plan Permit as requested by the appellant pertaining to specific buildings.
3. The Commission takes a very serious view of the respondent PIO for avoidably delaying the information requested by the appellant. He is herewith served a Show Cause Notice.

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4. The respondent PIO is herewith ordered to **SHOW CAUSE** as to why a penalty should not be imposed upon him under Section 20 (1) of RTI Act, 2005, for causing wilful delay/denial of the information requested by the appellant as far back as on 10.6.2019.

“In addition to the written reply, the respondent PIO is also given an opportunity under Section 20 (1) proviso there to, for a personal hearing before the imposition of such penalty on the next date of hearing. He may take note that in case he does not file his written reply and does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the date fixed, it will be presumed that he has nothing to say and the Commission shall proceed to take further proceedings against him *ex parte*.”

5. IMPORTANT! All documents / information supplied to appellants / complainants must mandatorily be attested as under:

Information supplied under the RTI Act, 2005

Signature of the PIO

Name of the PIO

Name of the Public Authority

Date

6. **Next hearing on 27.5.2021 at 11.00 am through Video Conference Facility in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Fatehgarh Sahib.**

Sd/-

(ASIT JOLLY)

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Cc: Deputy Director,
Urban Local Bodies,
District Ludhiana, for information and necessary action.