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FINAL ORDER

Parkash Singh,

S/o Sewa Singh, Village Kotduna, Tehsil Barnala, District Barnala.

Versus

Public Information Officer,

o/o Executive Engineer,
Punjab State Power Corporation Limited (PSPCL)
City Division, Barnala.
First Appellate Authority,
o/o Superintendent Engineer Distribution Circle,
Punjab State Power Corporation Limited (PSPCL),
Court Chowk, Shaheed Jita Singh Market,
Barnala.

Appeal Case No. 698 of 2020 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

(Appellant) Absent Vikas Singla, SDO (for the Respondent) 96461-10097

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 17.12.2020, 12.2.2021, 30.9.2021, and 26.10.2021)

- 1. The RTI application is dated **2.10.19** vide which the appellant has sought Information <u>regarding an electricity connection</u>, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **22.11.2019** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **10.2.2020** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **26.10.2021**.
- 2. As directed at the last hearing on 26.10.2021, the respondent PIO has submitted an affidavit dated 9.11.2021, by way of a pointwise reply to the RTI application. The original affidavit be sent to the appellant by registered post. A copy be kept on the file.
- 3. There is no further cause for action and this Appeal Case is herewith **CLOSED**.

Sd/-(ASIT JOLLY)

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FINAL ORDER

Rajinder Kumar Sharma, S/o Sh. Harbans Lal, VPO – Raisar, Tehsil & District Barnala – 148 101

Versus

Public Information officer, o/o Divisional Forest Officer, District Sangrur. First Appellate Authority, o/o Conservator of Forests, South Circle. District Patiala.

Appeal Case No. 1459 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT: (Appellant) Absent Shivani Rani, Forest Guard (for the Respondent) 79731-51483

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on **5.8.2021**)

- 1. The RTI applications are dated **19.10.2020** vide which the appellant has sought information regarding plantations done by the Sangrur Forests Division from 2000 to 2020, as enumerated in his RTI applications. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **5.1.2021** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **18.3.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **5.8.2021**.
- 2. At the last hearing on 5.8.2021, the Commission had directed the respondent Public Authority to upload / post all information regarding plantation work undertaken, on the official website of the department. The respondent was also directed to intimate compliance to the Commission as well as the appellant.
- 3. The respondent PIO informed the appellant vide Letter No. 439 Dated 12.11.2021, that the requested information regarding plantation work has been uploaded and is publicly available on two websites, in compliance with the Commission's Order. Details about said websites have also been given.
- 4. There is no further cause for action and this Appeal Case is herewith **CLOSED**.

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FINAL ORDER

Sohan Singh,

S/o Sh. Bhakhtwar Singh, Village-Upper Badhal, PO Kotla Power House, Tehsil-Anandpur Sahib, District Rupnagar – 140 116

Versus

Public Information officer,

o/o Divisional Soil Conservation Officer, Department of Soil and Water Conservation, Near Dara Studio, Phase-6, SAS Nanar (Mohali).

Complaint Case No. 327 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

(Complainant) Absent Rajesh Kumar, Superintendent (for the Respondent) 98153-86580

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 5.8.2021)

- 1. The complainant, **Sohan Singh**, filed this RTI application dated **February**, **2021** and sought information <u>regarding a pipeline</u>, <u>flood irrigation and connections etc.</u>, from the PIO o/o **Divisional Soil Conservation Officer**, **Mohali**. When no information was received, the Complainant filed a Complaint under Section 18 of the RTI Act, 2005 to the Commission on **16.3.2021**. The case was last heard on **5.8.2021**.
- 2. The complainant is absent without intimation. As directed at the last hearing, the respondent PIO has submitted a copy of the reply sent to the complainant vide Letter No. 14 Dated 1.4.2021 along with some information. The Commission notes that the respondent PIO had in fact, first sent a reply to the complainant vide Letter No. 3148 Dated 3.3.2021 which was well within the stipulated time period given that the RTI application was filed in February, 2021.
- 3. There has been no attempt to delay or deny the information requested by the complainant and so no penal action is warranted against the respondent PIO.
- 4. There is no further cause for action and this Complaint Case is herewith **CLOSED**.

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FINAL ORDER

Sohan Singh,

S/o Sh. Bhakhtwar Singh, Village-Upper Badhal, PO Kotla Power House, Tehsil-Anandpur Sahib, District Rupnagar – 140 116

Versus

Public Information officer,

o/o Divisional Soil Conservation Officer, Department of Soil and Water Conservation, Near Dara Studio, Phase-6, SAS Nagar (Mohali).

Complaint Case No. 328 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

(Complainant) Absent Rajesh Kumar, Superintendent (for the Respondent) 98153-86580

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 5.8.2021)

- 1. The complainant, **Sohan Singh**, filed this RTI application dated **14.1.2021** and sought information <u>regarding the Punjab Land Improvement Scheme</u>, from the PIO o/o <u>Divisional Soil Conservation Officer</u>, <u>Mohali</u>. When no information was received, the Complainant filed a complaint under Section 18 of the RTI Act, 2005 to the Commission on **16.3.2021**. The case was last heard on **5.8.2021**.
- 2. The complainant is absent without intimation. As directed at the last hearing, the respondent PIO has submitted a copy of the reply sent to the complainant vide Letter No. 2863 Dated 5.2.2021, wherein the complainant was informed that the information he has sought by way of 23 points in his RTI application, is all in the form of questions, which is not admissible as per the RTI Act, 2005. The said reply was sent well within the stipulated period and there was no attempt on the part of the respondent PIO to delay or deny the requested information.
- 3. There is no further cause for action and this Complaint Case is herewith **CLOSED**.

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FINAL ORDER

Sohan Singh,

S/o Sh. Bhakhtwar Singh, Village-Upper Badhal, PO Kotla Power House, Tehsil-Anandpur Sahib, District Rupnagar – 140 116

Versus

Public Information officer,

o/o Divisional Soil Conservation Officer, Department of Soil and Water Conservation, Near Dara Studio, Phase-6, SAS Nanar (Mohali).

Complaint Case No. 329 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

(Complainant) Absent Rajesh Kumar, Superintendent (for the Respondent) 98153-86580

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 5.8.2021)

- 1. The complainant, **Sohan Singh**, filed this RTI application dated **25.1.2021** and sought information <u>as enumerated in his RTI Application</u>, from the PIO o/o **Department of Agriculture** and **Farmers Welfare**, **Mohali**. When no information was received, the Complainant filed a Complaint under Section 18 of the RTI Act, 2005 to the Commission on **16.3.2021**. The case was last heard on **5.8.2021**.
- 2. The complainant is absent without intimation. The respondent PIO stated that a reply was sent to the complainant vide Letter No. 2860 on 5.2.2021 wherein he was informed that his RTI application is mostly in the form of questions which is not admissible as per the RTI Act 2005. There has been no attempt by the respondent PIO to delay or deny information.
- 3. There is no further cause for action and this Complaint Case is herewith CLOSED.

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FINAL ORDER

Sohan Singh,

S/o Sh. Bhakhtwar Singh, Village-Upper Badhal, PO Kotla Power House, Tehsil-Anandpur Sahib, District Rupnagar – 140 116

Versus

Public Information officer,

o/o Divisional Soil Conservation Officer, Department of Soil and Water Conservation, Near Dara Studio, Phase-6, SAS Nanar (Mohali).

Complaint Case No. 330 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

(Complainant) Absent Rajesh Kumar, Superintendent (for the Respondent) 98153-86580

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 5.8.2021)

- 1. The complainant, **Sohan Singh**, filed this RTI application dated **13.1.2021** and sought information <u>regarding a pipeline in village kotla,</u> from the PIO o/o **Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Mohali**. When no information was received, the Complainant filed a complaint under Section 18 of the RTI Act, 2005 to the Commission on **16.3.2021**. The case was last heard on **5.8.2021**.
- 2. The complainant is absent without intimation. As directed at the last hearing, the respondent PIO has submitted a copy of Letter No. 2868 Dated 5.2.2021, where by the complainant was informed that points 1 to 5 of the RTI application are questions, which are not admissible as per RTI Act, 2005. The information pertaining to points 6 and 7 was provided along with said reply. The reply was well within the stipulated period of 30 days and there was no attempt by the respondent PIO to delay or deny information.
- 3. There is no further cause for action and this Complaint Case is herewith **CLOSED**.

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Sohan Singh,

S/o Sh. Bhakhtwar Singh, Village-Upper Badhal, PO Kotla Power House, Tehsil-Anandpur Sahib, District Rupnagar – 140 116

Versus

Public Information officer,

o/o Divisional Soil Conservation Officer, Department of Soil and Water Conservation, Near Dara Studio, Phase-6, SAS Nanar (Mohali).

Complaint Case No. 485 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

(Complainant) Absent Rajesh Kumar, Superintendent (for the Respondent) 98153-86580

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 5.8.2021)

- 1. The complainant, **Sohan Singh**, filed this RTI application dated **28.1.2021** and sought information <u>regarding a scheme by department of water resources Punjab</u>, from the PIO o/o **Divisional Soil Conservation Officer, Mohali**. When no information was received, the Complainant filed a complaint under Section 18 of the RTI Act, 2005 to the Commission on **20.4.2021**. The case was last heard on **5.8.2021**.
- 2. The complainant is absent without intimation. The respondent PIO, represented by Rajesh Kumar, Superintendent, has submitted vide Letter No. 1173 Dated 9.8.2021, that the complainant was informed that the requested information has been sought, vide Letter No. 1990 Dated 3.11.2020, from the department of irrigation and the information would be supplied as it is received from said department. However, in an earlier reply vide Letter No. 3027 Dated 19.2.2021, the respondent PIO had informed the complainant that his RTI application is in the form of questions which is not admissible as per the RTI Act, 2005.
- 3. The PIO's reply was well within the stipulated period of 30 days and there was no attempt by the respondent PIO to delay or deny information. There is no further cause for action and this Complaint Case is herewith **CLOSED**.

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FINAL ORDER

Sohan Singh,

S/o Sh. Bhakhtwar Singh, Village-Upper Badhal, PO Kotla Power House, Tehsil-Anandpur Sahib, District Rupnagar – 140 116

Versus

Public Information officer,

o/o Divisional Soil Conservation Officer, Department of Soil and Water Conservation, Near Dara Studio, Phase-6, SAS Nanar (Mohali).

Complaint Case No. 584 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

(Complainant) Absent Rajesh Kumar, Superintendent (for the Respondent) 98153-86580

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on **5.8.2021**)

- 1. The complainant, **Sohan Singh**, filed this RTI application dated **25.1.2021** and sought information <u>regarding renovation of pipelines under the Punjab Land Improvement Amendment Act 2017,</u> from the PIO o/o **Divisional Soil Conservation Officer, Mohali**. When no information was received, the Complainant filed a complaint under Section 18 of the RTI Act, 2005 to the Commission on **11.5.2021**. The case was last heard on **5.8.2021**.
- 2. The complainant is absent without intimation. At the last hearing, the respondent PIO has submitted a reply to this Commission wherein he has contended that the RTI application is in the form of questions and does not qualify as "information" defined in Section 2(f) of RTI Act, 2005. In an earlier reply to the complainant vide Letter No. 2857 Dated 5.2.2021, the respondent had informed the complainant that his RTI application was in the form of questions and not admissible as per the Act. The said reply was given within the stipulated 30 days period and there was no attempt by the respondent PIO to delay or deny information.
- 3. There is no further cause for action and this Complaint Case is herewith **CLOSED**.

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FINAL ORDER

Rajesh Giri,

Opposite Tanki No.2, Street No. 10, Basant Nagar, Khanna.

Versus

Public Information Officer, o/o Director Public Instruction (SE), Punjab, Mohali. First Appellate Authority, Director Public Instruction (SE), Punjab, Mohali.

Appeal Case No. 2779 of 2019 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

(Appellant) Absent

Narinder Kant, Senior Assistant (for the Respondent) 94178-68027

ORDER:

(*To be read in continuity with earlier orders on* **5.9.19, 11.10.19, 20.11.19, 22.1.2020, 2.6.2020, 23.6.2021, 5.8.2020, 14.10.2021, and 30.11.2021**)

- 1. The RTI application is dated **30.4.2019** vide which the appellant has sought <u>information</u> <u>regarding a Punjab Government memo on property tax returns etc.</u> as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **1.6.2019** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **31.7.19** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **30.11.2021**.
- 2. At the last hearing on 30.11.2021, the respondent PIO was given a final opportunity to comply with Commission's Order whereby penalty of Rs. 5000/- was imposed on PIO-cum-Assistant Director Service 3 Branch DPI (SE), Mohali, Punjab. The respondent has submitted proof of payment via email on 4.1.2022.
- 3. There is no further cause for action and this Appeal Case is herewith **CLOSED**.

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FINAL ORDER

Bharat Bhushan Mattu,

153, Akash Nagar (Near Green Land School), P.O: Netaji Nagar, Salem Tabri, District Ludhiana.

Versus

Public Information Officer,
o/o District Revenue Officer,
S.A.S. Nagar, Punjab.
Public Information Officer,
o/o Tehsildar,
District Administrative Complex (Ground Floor),
Sector-76, SAS Nagar (Mohali).
First Appellate Authority,
o/o Deputy Commissioner,
S.A.S. Nagar, Punjab.

Appeal Case No. 4259 of 2019 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

(Appellant) Absent

Narmita Kapoor, Junior Assistant (for the Respondent) 99150-95152

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on **29.1.2020**, **28.8.2020**, **10.12.2020**, **10.2.2021**, **and 22.9.2021**)

- 1. The RTI application is dated 25.7.19 vide which the appellant has sought <u>information</u> <u>pertaining to the attendance registers, daily diary (roznamcha) of patwaris; the appointment letter issued to Jagtar Singh as patwari on compassionate grounds; all appointment letters of all patwaris appointed on compassionate grounds; and the log book, fuel receipts; <u>pollution certificates and registration certificate for the official vehicle of the Tehsildar Mohali. The information was sought for the period 1.1.18 to 20.7.19</u>, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on 3.9.19 and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on 15.11.19 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on 22.9.2021.</u>
- 2. The appellant is absent but has written to the Commission contending that he has still not been given the information sought at point no. 1 of the RTI application. However, as directed by this Commission, the respondent PIO has submitted copy of pointwise reply sent to the appellant along with a list of 135 patwaris along with their telephone numbers and addresses etc.

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- 3. As regards point no. 1, wherein the appellant has demanded certified copies of the attendance registers and roznamchas of all the patwaris working in blocks Kharar, Mohali, Derabassi and Lalru from 1.1.2018 to 20.7.2019, the respondent has reiterated the contention made at the first hearing of this Appeal Case on 29.1.2020, wherein he had stated that the record pertaining to point no. 1 is far too voluminous. However, in the reply to the appellant dated 24.12.2021, the respondent has informed the appellant that the roznamchas pertaining to specific patwaris can be taken after paying the requisite fees from individual patwaris. To facilitate the appellant, the respondent has appended the Patwar Circle-wise list of patwaris along with there telephone numbers.
- 4. The Commission concurs with the respondent PIO that the information pertaining to the point no. 1 is not only voluminous but is publically available to any citizen on payment of fees designated by the State Government of Puniab.
- 5. In view of the above, there is no further cause for action and this Appeal Case is herewith **CLOSED**.

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FINAL ORDER

Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia, Ward No. 18, Street No. 2, Kartar Nagar, Amloh Road,

Khanna - 141 401

Versus

Public Information Officer,

o/o Municipal Engineer, o/o Municipal Council, Mandi Gobindgarh.

First Appellate Authority,

o/o Regional Deputy Director, Urban Local Government, 1st Floor, Mini Secretariat, Ferozepur Road, District Ludhiana.

Appeal Case No. 3067 of 2019 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

(Appellant) Absent

Gurjant Singh, Junior Engineer (for the Respondent) 94641-56944

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 1.11.19, 20.12.19, 13.2.2020, 1.7.2020, 28.8.2020, 10.12.2020, 10.2.2021, and 22.9.2022)

- 1. The RTI application is dated 4.4.19 vide which the appellant has sought information by way of certified copies of MB No. 452 to 460, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on 19.5.19 and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on 22.8.19 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on 22.9.2021.
- 2. The appellant is absent but has informed the Commission that he had to leave this hearing to attend another Court. As per this Commission's Order of 22.9.2021, the respondent PIO has submitted copies of the deficient pages vide Letter No. 961/RTI Dated 24.9.2021. The respondent PIO had earlier also submitted an affidavit dated 15.2.2021, vide Letter No. 653/RTI dated 24.5.2021. The original affidavit and the deficient pages, are available on file and can be collected by the appellant at his convenience on any working day.
- There is no further cause for action and this Appeal Case is herewith <u>CLOSED</u>.

Sd/-(ASIT JOLLY)

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FINAL ORDER

Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia, Ward No. 18, Street No. 2, Kartar Nagar, Amloh Road, Khanna – 141 401

Versus

Public Information Officer,
o/o Executive Officer,
Municipal Council, Amloh.
First Appellate Authority,
o/o Regional Deputy Director Urban Local Government,
1st Floor, Mini Secretariat, Ferozepur Road,
Ludhiana.

Appeal Case No. 3608 of 2019 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT: (Appellant) Absent Barjinder Singh, PIO-cum-EO (Respondent) 98885-18255

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on **27.11.19**, **29.1.2020**, **1.7.2020**, **28.8.2020**, **10.12.2021**, **and 22.9.2021**)

- 1. The RTI application is dated **29.4.19** vide which the appellant has sought <u>information by way of copies of MB No. 206 with work orders of all bills entered in it etc.</u>, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **10.6.19**, and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **26.9.19** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **22.9.2021**.
- 2. The appellant is absent but has informed the Commission that he had to leave this hearing to attend another Court. The respondent PIO-cum-EO, Barjinder Singh, has submitted a reply regarding the action taken to account for the missing record vide Letter No. 1400 Dated 24.9.2021. As directed by the Commission on 10.2.2021, the respondent PIO has submitted a fresh affidavit dated 23.3.2021, which was received in the Commission vide Letter No. 434 Dated 17.3.2021. The original affidavit is available on file and can be collected by the appellant at his convenience on any working day.
- 3. There is no further cause for action and this Appeal Case is herewith **CLOSED**.

Sd/(ASIT JOLLY)
State Information Commissioner, Punjab.