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Sh. Niranjn Singh s/o Fauja Singh 9988854725
r/o H.no. 1681,
Street Guruawali,
Jandiala Guru,
District Amritsar.

..Complainant

Vs

Public Information Officer
o/o Deputy Commissioner,
Mini Secretariat,
District Amritsar.

Smt. Santosh Rani
Public Information Officer-cum-Under Secy., (Registered)
o/o the Financial commissioner,
Rural Development & Panchayat Deptt., Pb.
Vikas Bhawan, Sector 62,
Mohali.

....Respondent

Complaint Case No. 340 of 2020
(Video Conference Proceedings)

Present:- Sh. Niranjn Singh, complainant.
Ms. Paramjit Kaur, Addl. Deputy Commissioner (Dev.) on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 3.8.2020 vide which the Public Information Officer o/o the Financial Commissioner, Rural Development & Panchayat Deptt., Pb. was impleaded as necessary party in this case and the case was adjourned to 1.9.2020 but could not be heard due to administrative reasons and further adjourned to 5.10.2020.

2. The appellant states that no information has been provided by the respondents so far. However, the representative of the respondents states that the sought information relates to the personal information which cannot be provided under Section 8(1)(j) of the RTI Act, 2005. Since, the complainant has sought the information concerning Ms. Paramjit Kaur, Addl. Deputy Commissioner (Dev.) she is exempted from further appearance in this case. With regard to the sought information the Commission is of the view that such information should have been in the public domain, hence, the plea taken by the respondent-Public Information Officer is not acceptable at this stage.

3. During the hearing it has transpired that the information in such case(s) is in the office of the Financial Commissioner, Rural Development & Panchayat Punjab. Accordingly Smt. Santosh Rani, Under Secretary-cum-Public Information Officer, is, impleaded as necessary party in this case and is directed to file the reply/supply the information as has been sought by the complainant before the next date of hearing. A copy of the RTI application is again sent with this order.

4. To come up on 10.11.2020 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Amritsar/Cisco Webex.

Dated: 5.10.2020

Sd/-
(Suresh Arora)
Chief Information Commissioner,
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Sh. Gagandeep Kumar s/o Sh. Joginder Pal,
r/o VPO Kathu Nangal,
Tehsil Majitha,
District Amritsar.

..Complainant

Vs

Public Information Officer
o/o Deputy Commissioner,
Mini Secretariat,
District Amritsar.

....Respondent

Complaint Case No. 350 of 2020
(Video Conference Proceedings)

Present:- None on behalf of the complainant.
Sh. Mukesh Kumar, D.R.O. on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 3.8.2020 vide which the case was adjourned to 1.9.2020 but due to administrative reasons the case was further adjourned to 5.10.2020.

2. The complainant has sent a request through email that it is not possible for him to join the video conference and further requested for the information, which is taken on record. However, the respondent-Public Information Officer states that the information sought by the complainant is in question form and cannot be supplied as per the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

3. After going through the information and hearing the submissions of the respondent-Public Information Officer the Commission rejected the plea taken by him as the information sought by the complainant is not in question form but it is the factual information. Accordingly, the respondent-Public Information Officer is directed to reconsider the matter and file the reply/supply the information as per the RTI application of the complainant before the next date of hearing under intimation to the Commission.

4. To come up on 10.11.2020 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Amritsar/Cisco Webex.

Dated: 5.10.2020

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Sh. Suresh Kumar Sharma, 9855890233
New Sharma Furniture House,
Partap bazaar Cheatta,
District Amritsar.

..Complainant

Vs

Public Information Officer
o/o sub Registrar-2,
Tehsil complex,
District Amritsar.

....Respondent

Complaint Case No. 433 of 2020
(Video Conference Proceedings)

Present:- Sh. Suresh Kumar Sharma, complainant.
Sh. Pritpal on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 1.9.2020 vide which the case was adjourned to 5.10.2020 due to administrative reasons.

2. The representative of the respondents submitted a written reply/submissions of the respondent-Public Information Officer which is taken on record, and also states that the complainant may be advised to come to the office for inspection and the documents will be supplied to him in case so identified by him after inspection with which the complainant agreed to. The representative of the respondents further states that the information will be supplied provided the fee of the same will be deposited by the appellant as per the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005 as the office has dealt the RTI application in time bound manner. With the mutual understanding of both the parties, the date of inspection has been fixed as 7.10.2020 at 11.00 AM.

3. Accordingly, the respondent-Public Information Officer is directed to make available the record for inspection to the complainant with regard to his RTI application and supply the information and the appellant is advised to inspect the record of the respondent-Public Information Officer on the said date and time and identify the documents, if so desired and the respondent-Public Information Officer will provide the same provided the necessary fee under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005 will be deposited by the appellant as the office has dealt the RTI application and informed the appellant within 30 days from the date of the RTI application.

4. To come up on 29.10.2020 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Amritsar/Cisco Webex.

Dated: 5.10.2020

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Sh. Ashwani Chawla, 9914405765,
2872, Sector 42-C,
Chandigarh.

..Complainant

Vs

Public Information Officer
o/o The Director,
Information & Public Relations, Punjab,
Punjab Civil Secretariat-1,
Chandigarh.

....Respondent

Complaint Case No. 574 of 2020
(Video Conference Proceedings)

Present:- Sh. Ashwani Chawla, complainant.
Sh. Krishan Kumar, Jr. Director on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 26.6.2020 vide which the complainant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. Complaint was filed in the Commission on 25.8.2020 under Section 18 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter called RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today.

2. The representative of the respondents states that the complete information as per the record available in the office has been provided to the complainant in respect of Point No. 2 & 3 with which the appellant shows his satisfaction. Regarding Point No. 1 of the RTI application, the representative of the respondents states that the appellant has not sought the specific information and the complainant states that he will submit the same to the respondent-Public Information Officer with a copy to the Commission. Regarding Point No. 4 of the RTI application the representative of the respondents states that it is third party information which cannot be supplied to the complainant.

3. After hearing both the parties, the appellant is advised to provide the specific details to the respondent-Public Information Officer in respect of Point No.1 of the RTI application and regarding Point No. 4 of the RTI application, the plea taken by the respondents is not acceptable as the information concerning work/duty and posting of the employees of the organisation should have been in the public domain as has been sought by the complainant and accordingly, the respondent-Public Information Officer is directed to file the reply/supply the information before the next date of hearing.

4. To come up on 4.11.2020 at 12.30 PM to be heard through cisco webex 913 122 670.

Dated: 5.10.2020

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Sh. Harinder Singh Sidhu s/o Late Sh. Jagdev Singh,
r/o 127, Sector 23-A,
Chandigarh 9815355655

....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer
o/o Secretary to Govt. of Punjab,
Department of Personnel,
Punjab Civil Secretariat,
Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority
o/o Secretary to Govt. of Punjab,
Department of Personnel,
Punjab Civil Secretariat,
Chandigarh.

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2157 of 2020
(Video Conference Proceedings)

Present:- Adv. Ashwani Prashar, on behalf of the appellant.
Ms Shelja, Superintendent-cum-Public Information Officer on behalf of the respondents.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 16.3.2020 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 18.5.2020 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 11.8.2020 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 representative of the respondents states that the reply regarding the information sought by the appellant has already been sent to the appellant with a copy to the Commission, which is taken on record. However, the representative of the appellant submitted that the appellant has not received and requested for the copy of the same to file the rejoinder.

3. According to the request of the representative of the appellant, a copy of the letter so received from the respondent-Public Information Officer is sent with this order to file the rejoinder, if any, to the respondent-Public Information Officer with a copy to the Commission before the next date of hearing. Also the respondent-Public Information Officer is directed to file the replication, if any, before the next date of hearing, in case any rejoinder is filed by the appellant.

4. To come up on 29.10.2020 at 12.30 PM through cisco webex 913 122 670.

Dated: 5.10.2020

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Sh. Harinder Singh Sidhu s/o Late Sh. Jagdev Singh,
r/o 127, Sector 23-A,
Chandigarh 9815355655

....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer
o/o Secretary to Govt. of Punjab,
Department of Personnel,
Punjab Civil Secretariat,
Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority
o/o Secretary to Govt. of Punjab,
Department of Personnel,
Punjab Civil Secretariat,
Chandigarh.

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2158 of 2020
(Video Conference Proceedings)

Present:- Adv. Ashwani Prashar, on behalf of the appellant.
Ms Shelja, Superintendent-cum-Public Information Officer on behalf of the respondents.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 3.1.2020 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 14.2.2020 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 11.8.2020 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 representative of the respondents states that the reply regarding the information sought by the appellant has already been sent to the appellant with a copy to the Commission, which is taken on record. However, the representative of the appellant submitted that the appellant has not received and requested for the copy of the same to file the rejoinder.

3. According to the request of the representative of the appellant, a copy of the letter so received from the respondent-Public Information Officer is sent with this order to file the rejoinder, if any, to the respondent-Public Information Officer with a copy to the Commission before the next date of hearing. Also the respondent-Public Information Officer is directed to file the replication, if any, before the next date of hearing, in case any rejoinder is filed by the appellant.

4. To come up on 29.10.2020 at 12.30 PM through cisco webex 913 122 670.

Dated: 5.10.2020

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Smt. Mandeep kaur w/o Sh. Lakhvir Singh (s/o Sh. Jarnail Singh)
r/o VPO kakrali,
Tehsil Derabassi,
District Mohali – 9915291520.

....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer
o/o Registrar General,
c/o Hon'ble Chief Justice Punjab & Haryana High Court,
Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority
o/o Registrar General,
c/o Hon'ble Chief Justice Punjab & Haryana High Court,
Chandigarh.

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2189 of 2020
(Video Conference Proceedings)

Present:- Sh. Karnail Singh father of Smt. Mandeep Kaur.
Sh. Satish Kumar Wig, Joint Registrar (Buildings) –cum-Public Information
Officer on behalf of the respondents.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 8.3.2020 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 30.6.2020 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 17.8.2020 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 appellant has sent the submissions through email dated 28.9.2020, 30.9.2020 and through post which has been diarized in the Commission vide No. 13171 dated 1.10.2020. Copy of the submissions made by the appellant is taken on record. Also the respondent-Public Information Officer has made the submissions sent through email dated 23.9.2020, which is taken on record.

3. After going through the submissions and hearing both the parties, the case is 'RESERVED' and will be pronounced.

Dated: 5.10.2020

Sd/-
(Suresh Arora)
Chief Information Commissioner,
Punjab.