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Kanta Rani,

C/o Sh. Ashwani Kumar,
S/o Sh. Paras Ram,
VPO: Jarg, Tehsil Payala,
District Ludhiana-141415

Versus

Public Information Officer,

o/o Tehsildar, Derabassi,
District Mohali.

First Appellate Authority,

o/o Sub Divisional Magistrate,
Derabassi,
District Mohali.

Appeal Case No. 3643 of 2019

PRESENT:

Kanta Rani (Appellant)

Surjit Singh (for the Appellant)

Madhurinder Rao Gautam, Patwari (for the Respondent) 98764-40455

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **31.5.19** vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in her RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on **27.9.19** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **6.12.19**.

2. Both parties are present. The respondent PIO is represented by Madhurinder Rao Gautam, Patwari. After going through the case file, including the original RTI application, it is evident that the appellant, who is a senior citizen and a widow, is not seeking any documentary or material information other than a site map of a particular property. Besides this, she is seeking demarcation and possession of her property, which not in the purview of the RTI Act and so not within the jurisdiction of this Commission.

3. However, the second part of the request wherein she has sought the aforesaid map, is valid and the respondent PIO is directed to supply an attested copy of the map, free of cost, to the appellant Kanta Rani.

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4. Next hearing on 6.2.20 at 11.00 am.

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Jasbir Singh,
Village Bholapur,
Jhabewal, P.O: Ramgarh,
District Ludhiana.

Versus

Public Information Officer,
o/o Commissioner of Police,
Ludhiana.
First Appellate Authority,
o/o Commissioner of Police, Ludhiana.

Appeal Case No. 3692 of 2019

PRESENT:

(Appellant) Absent

Tarsem Singh, Head Constable (for the Respondent) 94632-02699

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **18.6.19** vide which the appellant has sought **information regarding his complaint of 30.5.19 to the Commissioner of Police, Ludhiana**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **22.7.19**, and second appeal was filed in the Commission on **1.10.19** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **6.12.19**.
2. The appellant is absent without intimation to the Commission. The respondent PIO, represented by Head Constable Tarsem Singh, has submitted that a reply was first sent to the appellant on 30.7.19 and he was informed that the case is still under investigation. He stated that investigation is now complete and has submitted a duly attested copy of the investigation report, sought by the appellant in his RTI application, to the Commission.
3. The appellant can collect this from the Commission at his convenience before the next hearing.
4. **Next hearing on 6.2.20 at 11.00 am for Compliance.**

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Tarjinder Singh,
s/o Late Mohan Singh,
60, Royal Residency,
Sector-127, Chhaju Majra,
Mohali-140307.

Versus

Public Information Officer,
o/o Municipal Council,
Kharar – 140 301, District Mohali.
First Appellate Authority,
o/o Municipal Council,
Kharar-140301, District Mohali.

Appeal Case No. 3701 of 2019

PRESENT:

(Appellant) Absent

(Respondent) Absent

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **29.4.19** vide which the appellant has sought **information regarding municipal byelaws etc.**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **1.5.19**, and second appeal was filed in the Commission on **1.10.19** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **6.12.19**.

2. Both parties are absent without any intimation to the Commission. However, the respondent APIO, Municipal Council, Kharar has sent a letter to the Commission vide letter No. 245, dated 3.12.19, stating that the information, as requested by the appellant, has already been furnished vide his office letter No. 127, dated 26.6.19 and letter No. 162, dated 19.7.19.

3. Since the appellant is absent at this hearing, the Commission grants him one more opportunity to point out any deficiencies.

4. **Next hearing on 6.2.20 at 11.00 am.**

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Raj Kaur,
w/o Jaspal Singh,
Vill: Chak Dogran,
Tehsil: Ajnala,
District Amritsar.

Versus

Public Information Officer,
o/o Senior Superintendent of Police, (Rural),
Amritsar.

Complaint Case No. 870 of 2019

PRESENT:
(Complainant) Absent
(Respondent) Absent

ORDER:

1. The complainant, **Raj Kaur**, filed this RTI application dated **16.9.19** and sought **information regarding the action taken on her applications to the DSP and SHO Ajnala**. When no information was received, the Complainant filed a complaint under Section 18 of the RTI Act, 2005 to the Commission on **27.9.19**. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **6.12.19**.
2. Both parties are absent without any intimation to the Commission. Under the circumstances, the Commission grants one more opportunity to the appellant as well as respondent to present their case at the next hearing.
3. **Next hearing on 6.2.20 at 11.00 am.**

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Sandeep Singh,
s/o Sukhwinder Singh,
Navi Abadi, Near Girls School,
Tehsil Ajanal,
District Amritsar.

Versus

Public Information Officer,
o/o Senior Superintendent of Police, (Rural),
Amritsar.

Complaint Case No. 880 of 2019

PRESENT:

(Complainant) Absent

(Respondent) Absent

ORDER:

1. The complainant, **Sandeep Singh**, filed this RTI application dated **20.3.19** and sought **information regarding his complaint against one Mukhtiar Singh etc.** When no information was received, the Complainant filed a complaint under Section 18 of the RTI Act, 2005 to the Commission on **1.10.19**. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **6.12.19**.

2. Both parties are absent without any intimation to the Commission. Under the circumstances, the Commission grants one more opportunity to the appellant as well as respondent to present their case at the next hearing.

3. **Next hearing on 6.2.20 at 11.00 am.**

Sd/-

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Rajinder Parkash,

s/o Lok Raj,

Flat No. 7, Munish Ram Bhawan

Via Raiwala, Haripur Kalan-249205

Dehrdun.

Versus

Public Information Officer,

o/o Finance Secretary,

Department of Finance, Punjab Government,

Chandigarh.

Complaint Case No. 881 of 2019

PRESENT:

(Complainant) Absent

Deepak Hans, Auditor (for the Respondent) 95926-52276

Jasbir Singh, Auditor (for the Respondent) 98766-51385

ORDER:

1. The complainant, **Rajinder Parkash**, filed this RTI application dated **3.6.19** and sought **information regarding his pension arrears etc.**. When no information was received, the complainant filed a complaint under Section 18 of the RTI Act, 2005 to the Commission on **1.10.19**. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **6.12.19**.

2. The complainant is absent without any intimation to the Commission. The respondent PIO, represented by Deepak Hans, Auditor, has submitted that a reply has already been sent to the complainant, wherein it was pointed out that this RTI application contains queries or questions and does not refer specific documentary or material information. The complainant was told his request does not qualify as "information" as defined in Section 2(f) of the RTI Act.

3. The Commission concurs with the respondent PIO and sees no further cause for action. This complaint case is herewith, **CLOSED**.

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Birsh Bhan,

s/o Sh. Saroop Chand,
33, Kahangarh Road,
Pataran,
District Patiala.

Versus

Public Information Officer,

o/o Department of Home Affairs and Justice,
Punjab, Chandigarh.

Complaint Case No. 882 of 2019

PRESENT:

(Complainant) Absent

(Respondent) Absent

ORDER:

1. The complainant, **Birsh Bhan**, filed this RTI application dated **30.4.19** and sought information by was of the year-wise number of "licensed opium users" in Punjab from January 2008 to 31.12.19. When no information was received, the Complainant filed a complaint under Section 18 of the RTI Act, 2005 to the Commission on **1.10.19**. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **6.12.19**.

2. Both parties are absent. But in an email to the Commission on 6.12.19, while stating his inability to attend this hearing, the complainant stated that he has still not received any information / response from the respondent PIO.

3. The respondent PIO is directed to file a written reply to this RTI application and also state reasons for not addressing this request for information, which has been pending since 30.4.19.

4. **Next hearing on 6.2.20 at 11.00 am.**

Sd/-

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New Mandi,
Tehsil Dhuri,
District Sangrur.

Versus

Public Information Officer,
o/o Additional Director General of Police,
(NRI) Wing,
Mohali.

First Appellate Authority,
o/o Additional Director General of Police,
(NRI) Wing,
Mohali.

Appeal Case No. 3659 of 2019

PRESENT:

(Appellant) Absent

Verpal Kaur, Inspector (Respondent) 98882-17528

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **11.7.19** vide which the appellant has sought **information regarding complaint UID 1424980, 1386288, 1408868 and 1333175 etc.**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **12.8.19**, and second appeal was filed in the Commission on **30.9.19** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **6.12.19**.

2. The appellant is absent without any intimation to the Commission. The respondent PIO, represented by Inspector Veerpal Kaur, has submitted that the information requested by the appellant is identical to that already furnished (submitted to this Commission) at the hearing of AC 3492/19 and AC 3493/19 before this bench on 20.11.19. According to Inspector Veerpal Kaur, besides the above cited appeal cases, the information is also common to AC 1493/19 and AC 1498/19 which are slated for hearing before State Information Commissioner Sh. Khushwant Singh on 2.1.20. Not only that, the appellant Prem Kumar Rattan appears to have requested the very same information in this appeal case (AC 3659/19) and two other cases (AC 3662/19 and AC 3667/19) that were heard today.

3. In its Orders pertaining to AC 3492/19 and AC 3493/19 on 20.11.19, this bench had referred all the appeal cases filed by the appellant Prem Kumar Rattan against the PIO o/o ADGP, Punjab Police NRI Wing, to the Chief Information Commissioner Sh. Suresh Arora, with the suggestion that these be clubbed and heard together by one bench, perhaps a double bench.

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4. In view of the numerous superior Court judgements that have frowned upon the practice of applicants filing multiple RTI applications seeking identical information with the evident purpose of harassing public authorities, I do believe that it would be prudent that the appeal cases filed by this appellant, be heard together and disposed by a one bench.

5. Copies of this order be communicated to the CIC and Deputy Registrar, for further necessary action.

6. **The next hearing to be notified following the CIC's decision.**

Sd/-

(ASIT JOLLY)

State Information Commissioner

Chandigarh

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CC:

1. Sh. Suresh Arora, Chief Information Commissioner, Punjab.

2. Sh. Shingara Singh, Deputy Registrar, Punjab State Information Commission.

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Versus

Public Information Officer,
o/o Additional Director General of Police,
(NRI) Wing,
Mohali.
First Appellate Authority,
o/o Additional Director General of Police,
(NRI) Wing,
Mohali.

Appeal Case No. 3662 of 2019

PRESENT:
(Appellant) Absent
(Respondent)

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **11.7.19** vide which the appellant has sought **information regarding complaint UID 1293408 dated 15.3.18 against Sakshi Mehra etc.**, 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 **30.9.19** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **6.12.19**.

2. the appellant is absent without any intimation to the Commission. The respondent PIO, represented by Inspector Veerpal Kaur, has submitted that the information requested by the appellant is identical to that already furnished (submitted to this Commission) at the hearing of AC 3492/19 and AC 3493/19 before this bench on 20.11.19. According to Inspector Veerpal Kaur, besides the above cited appeal cases, the information is also common to AC 1493/19 and AC 1498/19 which are slated for hearing before State Information Commissioner Sh. Khushwant Singh on 2.1.20. Not only that, the appellant Prem Kumar Rattan appears to have requested the very same information in this appeal case (AC 3662/19) and two other cases (AC 3659/19 and AC 3667/19) that were heard today.

3. In its Orders pertaining to AC 3492/19 and AC 3493/19 on 20.11.19, this bench had referred all the appeal cases filed by the appellant Prem Kumar Rattan against the PIO o/o ADGP, Punjab Police NRI Wing, to the Chief Information Commissioner Sh. Suresh Arora, with the suggestion that these be clubbed and heard together by one bench, perhaps a double bench.

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Sd/-

(ASIT JOLLY)

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CC:

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2. Sh. Shingara Singh, Deputy Registrar, Punjab State Information Commission.

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(NRI) Wing,
Mohali.

First Appellate Authority,
o/o Additional Director General of Police,
(NRI) Wing,
Mohali.

Appeal Case No. 3667 of 2019

PRESENT:

(Appellant) Absent

Verpal Kaur, Inspector (Respondent) 98882-17528

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **10.7.19** vide which the appellant has sought **information pertaining to UID 1424980, 1386288, 1408868 and 1333175 etc.**, 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 **30.9.19** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **6.12.19**.

2. The appellant is absent without any intimation to the Commission. The respondent PIO, represented by Inspector Veerpal Kaur, has submitted that the information requested by the appellant is identical to that already furnished (submitted to this Commission) at the hearing of AC 3492/19 and AC 3493/19 before this bench on 20.11.19. According to Inspector Veerpal Kaur, besides the above cited appeal cases, the information is also common to AC 1493/19 and AC 1498/19 which are slated for hearing before State Information Commissioner Sh. Khushwant Singh on 2.1.20. Not only that, the appellant Prem Kumar Rattan appears to have requested the very same information in this appeal case (AC 3667/19) and two other cases (AC 3662/19 and AC 3659/19) that were heard today.

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5. Copies of this order be communicated to the CIC and Deputy Registrar, for further necessary action.

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