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Smt. Neelam Sharma, Astt. Prof.
Mehsampur Road, VPO Rurka Kalan,
Tehsil Phillaur, Distt. Jalandhar.

.....Appellant

Vs.

Public Information Officer,
O/o D.P.I. (Colleges), Punjab,
PSEB Complex, Phase-8, Mohali.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o D.P.I. (Colleges), Punjab,
PSEB Complex, Phase-8, Mohali.

.....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 5717 of 2021.

(Video Conference Proceedings)

Present:- Dr Neelam Sharma, appellant.
None on behalf of the respondents.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 23.11.2020 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 17.9.2021 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 14.12.2021 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter called RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 25.1.2022 but due to administrative reasons the case was adjourned for further fixed for hearing today i.e. 6.4.2022.

2. The appellant requests that the direction may be issued to the respondent PIO to supply the complete information in this case. However, none is present on behalf of the respondent Public Information Officer. One opportunity is granted to the respondent Public Information Officer to provide the specific information to the appellant before the next date of hearing failing which the punitive action will be taken on the next date of hearing.

3. To come up on 11.5.2022 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Jalandhar for the appellant and at Chandigarh for the respondents.

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Dated: 6.4.2022

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Chief Information Commissioner, Punjab.

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sh. Sushil Kumar, M: 9814500575
#1410, Phase-1, Urban Estate, Dugri Ludhiana.

.....Appellant

Vs.

Public Information Officer,
O/o Punjab State Information Commission,
Sector-16, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Punjab State Information Commission,
Sector-16, Chandigarh.

.....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 12 of 2022.

(Video Conference Proceedings)

Present:- None on behalf of the appellant.
Sh. Sudhir Kumar, SO-cum-Public Information Officer on behalf of the respondents

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 03.02.2022.

2. The appellant has made the submissions in this case, which are taken on record. However, the reply has already been sent by the respondent and also a copy of the same was sent to the appellant along with the order of the Commission.
3. Since the appellant is absent, therefore, the case is adjourned.
4. To come up on 27.4.2022 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana.

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Dated: 6.4.2022

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Smt. Neena Gupta, M: 9855014101

#1410, Phase-1, Urban Estate,

Dugri Road, Ludhiana - 141013

.....Appellant

Vs.

Public Information Officer,
O/o S.D.M. Ludhiana (West),
Distt. Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o S.D.M. Ludhiana (West),
Distt. Ludhiana.

.....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 5196 of 2021.

(Video Conference Proceedings)

Present:- None on behalf of the appellant.

Sh. Rajesh on behalf of the respondents

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 7.3.2022.

2. The appellant has sent the written submissions in this case, which are taken on record, vide which she has also informed that her husband Ms Sushil Kumar will attend the hearing, who is not well. According to the request of the appellant, the case is adjourned.

3. To come up on 27.4.2022 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana.

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Dated: 6.4.2022

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#1410, Phase-1, Urban Estate,
Dugri Road, Ludhiana - 141013

.....Appellant

Vs.

Public Information Officer,
O/o S.D.M. Ludhiana (West),
Distt. Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o S.D.M. Ludhiana (West),
Distt. Ludhiana.

.....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 5170 of 2021.

(Video Conference Proceedings)

Present:- None on behalf of the appellant.
Sh. Rajesh on behalf of the respondents

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 7.3.2022.

2. The appellant has sent the written submissions in this case, which are taken on record, vide which she has also informed that her husband Ms Sushil Kumar will attend the hearing, who is not well. According to the request of the appellant, the case is adjourned.

3. To come up on 27.4.2022 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana.

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Dated: 6.4.2022

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#1410, Phase-1, Urban Estate,
Dugri Road, Ludhiana - 141013

.....Appellant

Vs.

Public Information Officer,
O/o S.D.M. Ludhiana (West),
Distt. Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o S.D.M. Ludhiana (West),
Distt. Ludhiana.

.....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 5116 of 2021.

(Video Conference Proceedings)

Present:- None on behalf of the appellant.
Sh. Rajesh on behalf of the respondents

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 31.01.2022.

2. The appellant has sent the written submissions in this case, which are taken on record, vide which she has also informed that her husband Ms Sushil Kumar will attend the hearing, who is not well. According to the request of the appellant, the case is adjourned.

3. To come up on 27.4.2022 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana.

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Dated: 6.4.2022

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Sh. Amarjit Singh Dhamotia, RTI Activist,
President Whistle Blower,
NCAG Office, Ludhiana,
#1331-5, Street No.5,
Near Vishawkarma Bhawan,
Down Canal Road,
Simlapuri, Ludhiana – 141003

.....Appellant

Vs.

Public Information Officer,
O/o Chief Secretary, PB.,
Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Chief Secretary, PB,
Chandigarh.

Public Information Officer,
O/o the Principal Secretary to Govt. of Punjab,
Department of Science, Technology & Environment,
Punjab Civil Secretariat-1, Chandigarh.

.....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 5062 of 2021.

(Video Conference Proceedings)

Present:- Sh. Amarjit Singh Dhamotia, appellant.
None on behalf of the respondents.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 27.01.2022.

2. The appellant has sought the information from the Chief Secretary, Punjab. The said public authority transferred the RTI application of the appellant to the Principal Secretary, Science and Technology Department. Further, the RTI application of the appellant transferred to the Punjab Pollution Control Board, who has transferred the RTI application of the appellant to all the Environmental Engineers of the State. Also the submissions have been received from the appellant that the Environmental Engineer, Hoshiarpur has not supplied the information pertaining to Point No. 2 to 7 of the RTI application.

3. Accordingly, the appellant is advised to file a fresh RTI application with the concerned authorities in case he intends to seek the information from different departments as there is no provision under the RTI Act, 2005 to transfer the RTI application to more than one Public Information Officer. However, as per the submissions made by the appellant, The Environmental Engineer, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Hoshiarpur is impleaded as necessary party in this case with the directions to remain present in person along with the original record to take the matter to its logical end.

4. To come up on 7.6.2022 at 12.30 PM at Chandigarh.

sd

Dated: 6.4.2022

(Suresh Arora)

Chief Information Commissioner, Punjab.

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cc

The Environmental Engineer,
Punjab Pollution Control Board,
Hoshiarpur

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Sh. Tejinder Singh (9041004313),
Chamber No. 602, Civil Court, Tehsil Complex,
Back side Sanj Kender, Phillour Distt,
Ludhiana - 144410

.....Appellant

Vs.

Public Information Officer,
O/o Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation, Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Additional Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation, Amritsar.

.....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3038 of 2020.

(Video Conference Proceedings)

Present:- Sh. Tejinder Singh, appellant.

Ms Raj Rani, Building Inspector on behalf of the respondents.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 03.02.2022.

2. Video Conference Facility was introduced for the convenience of general public and for government officials. Viewing the attitude in dealing with the RTI application of the respondent seriously, Sh. Iqbalpreet Singh Randhawa, MTP-cum-Public Information Officer, is, thus, issued a show cause notice to explain in a self-attested affidavit as to why a penalty @ Rs.250/- per day of delay subject to a maximum of Rs.25000/- till the complete information is furnished, be not imposed under Section 20(1) of RTI Act, 2005 on him for causing willful delay/denial of the information to the RTI applicant and to show cause why a compensation under section 19(8) of the RTI Act, 2005, may not be paid to the appellant for causing wilful delay/denial of the information for detriment suffered by him..

In addition to the written reply, the Public Information Officer is also given an opportunity under Section 20(1) proviso thereto, for a personal hearing before the imposition of such penalty on the next date of hearing. He may take a note that in case he does not file his written reply and does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the next date, it will be presumed that he has nothing to say and the Commission will proceed ex-parte.

3. To come up on 8.6.2022 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, District Amritsar.

sd

Dated: 6.4.2022

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Sh. Jagmohan Singh Makkar (9888168223)

334, G.T. Road, Saleem Tabri,

Ludhiana.

.....Appellant

Vs.

Public Information Officer

O/o Tehsildar (East), Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Ludhiana (East),

Ludhiana.

.....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 18 of 2022.

(Video Conference Proceedings)

Present:- Sh. Jagmohan Singh Makkar, appellant.

Sh. Jaspreet, N.T. District Ludhiana East, on behalf of the respondents.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 03.02.2022.

2. The respondent-Public Information Officer submits that the appellant may be advised to visit the office for the inspection of the record pertaining to the sought information with which the appellant agreed to. Accordingly, with the mutual understanding both the parties exchanged their telephone number to fix the date and time for the inspection.

3. Accordingly, the appellant is advised to visit the office of the respondents to inspect the record pertaining to the RTI application. Also the respondent-Public Information Officer is directed to make available the record for the inspection of the appellant on the said date and time and supply the documents duly certified, if so, identified by the appellant.

4. To come up on 18.5.2022 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, District Ludhiana.

sd

Dated: 6.4.2022

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Sh. Tejinder Singh Advocate,
Civil Court, Tehsil Complex,
Backside Sanjh Kender,
Phillaur – 144410, M: 9041004313

.....Appellant

Vs.

Public Information Officer,
O/o Sub-Registrar,
Khanna, Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o SDM Khanna,
Ludhiana.

.....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3757 of 2021.

(Video Conference Proceedings)

Present:- Sh. Tejinder Singh, appellant.
Sh. Davinder, on behalf of the respondents.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 27.01.2022.

2. After deliberations with both the parties, the directions are issued to the respondent-Public Information Officer to file the specific reply concerning Point No. 1,2,3,4 & 7 of the RTI application.

3. To come up on 8.6.2022 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, District Ludhiana.

sd

Dated: 6.4.2022

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Tehsil Complex, Backside Sanj Kender,
Phillour, Distt. Ludhiana – 144410.

.....Appellant

Vs.

Public Information Officer,
O/o Nagar Council, Dasuya,
Distt.. Hoshiarpur.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Deputy Director,
Local Government, Jalandhar.

.....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3079 of 2021.

(Video Conference/Telephone Proceedings)

Present:- Sh. Tejinder Singh, appellant.
Sh. Madan Singh EO on telephone

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 03.02.2022.

2. After hearing both the parties, the order in this case is 'RESERVED' and will be pronounced later on.

Dated: 6.4.2022

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Punjab.

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Sh. Tejinder Singh Advocate,
Civil Court, Tehsil Complex,
Backside Sanjh Kender,
Phillaur – 144410, M: 9041004313

.....Appellant

Vs.

Public Information Officer,
O/o Sub-Registrar, Amritsar-1,
Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority,
-cum- S.D.M., Amritsar-1,
Distt. Amritsar.

.....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 4838 of 2021.

(Video Conference Proceedings)

Present:- Sh. Tejinder Singh Advocate, appellant.
Sh. Paras Dhawan on behalf of respondents.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 27.01.2022.

2. After deliberations with both the parties, the directions are issued to the appellant to file the public interest involved in seeking the voluminous information. Also the respondent-Public Information Officer is directed to supply the information pertaining to Point No.8 of the RTI application i.e. name of Registry Clerk and Reader along with their mobile numbers before the next date of hearing.

3. To come up on 8.6.2022 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, District Ludhiana/District Amritsar.

Dated: 6.4.2022

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Sh. Sukhpal Singh, M. 9464900047,
Village Kumbhra, PO Kumbh, Tehsil Amloh,
Distt. Fatehgarh Sahib.

.....Appellant

Vs.

Sh. Ram Singh, Superintendent-cum-
Public Information Officer,
O/o Director, Education Recruitment Board,
Punjab, Mohali.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Director, Education Recruitment Board,
Punjab, Mohali.

.....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 5715 of 2021.

(Video Conference Proceedings)

Present:- Sh. Sukhpal Singh, appellant.

Sh. Sarvpreet Singh, Sr. Asstt on behalf of the respondents

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 27.01.2022.

2. The representative of the respondents submits that the reply has already been sent to the appellant with a copy to the Commission. However, the appellant submits that a copy of the instructions supplied by the respondent does not pertain to the sought information.

3. Viewing the attitude in dealing with the RTI application of the respondent non-seriously and casually, Sh. Ram Singh, Superintendent, Public Information Officer is, thus, issued a show cause notice to explain in a self-attested affidavit as to why a compensation under section 19(8) of the RTI Act, 2005, may not be paid to the appellant for causing wilful delay/denial of the information for detriment suffered by him.

In addition to the written reply, the Public Information Officer is also given an opportunity under Section 20(1) proviso thereto, for a personal hearing before the imposition of such penalty on the next date of hearing. He may take a note that in case he does not file his written reply and does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the next date, it will be presumed that he has nothing to say and the Commission will proceed ex-parte.

4. He is also directed to supply the copy of the instructions as has been sought by the appellant before the next date of hearing failing which disciplinary action will also be recommended against him.

5. To come up on 27.4.2022 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Fatehgarh Sahib/Mohali.

sd

Dated: 6.4.2022

(Suresh Arora)

Chief Information Commissioner,
Punjab.