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Pankaj Kumar,
S/o Sh. Nabh Singh,
03225, Street No. 1-B,
MCB Zone-6, Surkhpeer Road,
District Bathinda-151001

Versus

Public Information Officer,
o/o Divisional Forest Officer,
Joga Nand Road,
Near Thermal Colony,
District Bathinda.

First Appellate Authority,
o/o Forest Department,
Joga Nand Road,
Near Thermal Colony,
District Bathinda-151001

Appeal Case No. 159 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

Sanjeev Goyal (for the Appellant) 99882-41285
(Respondent) Absent

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **27.7.2020** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding domestic and other animals, cowsheds etc.,** as enumerated in his RTI applications. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **19.9.2020** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **24.12.2020** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **8.9.2021**.

2. The respondent PIO is absent without intimation. However, as per a reply to this Commission's Notice for Hearing, vide Letter No. 6208 Dated 16.2.2021, the respondent PIO had informed this Commission that a reply along with four pages of information was sent to the appellant vide Letter No. 6038 Dated 9.2.2021. The appellant, who is represented by Sanjeev Goyal, states that the aforesaid reply is incomplete. He is requested to list deficiencies to the respondent PIO with a copy to this Commission. He is also requested to send copies of 4 pages of information supplied to him by the respondent PIO, to this Commission.

3. 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

4. **Next hearing on 14.1.2022 at 11.00 am through Video Conference Facility at D.C. Office, Bathinda.**

Sd/-

(ASIT JOLLY)

State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

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REGISTERED SHOW CAUSE NOTICE

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

Rupinder Singh, Senior Assistant (for the Respondent) 98727-77046

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 26.8.2020, 2.12.2020, and 4.2.2021)

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 **4.2.2021**.

2. Both parties are present via Video Conference Facility from Bathinda. The respondent PIO has, vide Letter No. 464 Dated 10.8.2021, sent a reply to the appellant along with a map. However, as per the appellant this is not the map he has requested in the RTI application which specifically seeks copy of the map showing demarcation of PUDA-acquired/earmarked land of rakba 2519 and 2520 for Phase Three of the Bathinda Power House.

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3. The Commission notes that the respondent PIO has been deliberately delaying for the supply of requested information. The Commission deems it fit to serve the respondent PIO with this Show Cause Notice.

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 willful delay/denial of the information requested by the appellant as far back as on **3.9.2019**.

“In addition to the written reply, the respondent PIO is also given an opportunity under Section 20 (1) provision 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*.” Copies of this order be sent to the parties through registered post.

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 14.1.2022 at 11.00 am through Video Conference Facility at D.C. Office, Bathinda,

Sd/-

(ASIT JOLLY)

State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

Chandigarh

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Cc: Chief Administrator, Punjab Urban Planning & Development Authority, PUDA Bhawan, Sector-62, S.A.S Nagar, Mohali.

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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:

Pankaj Mittal (Complainant) 62809-50922

Rupinder Singh, Senior Assistant (for the Respondent) 98727-77046

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 2.12.2020 and 4.2.2021)

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 **4.2.2021**.

2. Both parties are present via Video Conference Facility from Bathinda. At the last hearing on 4.2.2021, the complainant had requested time to examine the information supplied to him by the respondent PIO. The complainant now says that some of the information has not been provided. He is requested to list deficiencies to the respondent PIO with a copy to this Commission. Meanwhile, the respondent PIO is directed to send copies of all replies and information supplied to the complainant, to this Commission.

3. **Next hearing on 14.1.2022 at 11.00 am through Video Conference Facility at D.C. Office, Bathinda,**

Sd/-
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Sanjeev Goyal,

S/o Sh. Ashok Kumar,

148, Model Town, Phase 1,

District Bathinda – 151 001

Versus

Public Information Officer,

o/o Punjab Mandi Board,

Near Dana Mandi,

District Bathinda – 151 001

First Appellate Authority,

o/o Chief General Manager,

Punjab Mandi Board,

Sector 65 A, SAS Nagar (Mohali) – 160 062

Appeal Case No. 2861 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

Sanjeev Goyal (for the Appellant) 98141-97689

Preet Kamal Singh, PIO, District Mandi Officer (Respondent) 98728-00160

Kulbir Singh, Senior Assistant (for the Respondent) 98557-00027

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **15.5.2021** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding contracts for street lights; advertisements for the market committees etc.,** as enumerated in his RTI applications. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **7.6.2021** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **24.12.2020** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **8.9.2021**.

2. Both parties are present via Video Conference Facility from Bathinda. The respondent PIO-cum-District Mandi Officer, Preet Kamal Singh, stated that the information was withheld because the appellant has not submitted any ID proof along with the RTI application. The ID proof is now available with this Appeal and the respondent PIO is directed to file a written, point-wise reply along with the requested information. The respondent must specifically cite provisions of RTI Act 2005, where he seeks exemption from disclosing the requested information.

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

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Appeal Case No. 2861 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

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(ASIT JOLLY)
State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

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Ravi Kumar, S/o Dharmendar Kumar,
107, Near Santpura, Patiala Gate,
District Sangrur – 148 001.

Versus

Public Information Officer,
o/o Regional Transport Officer,
District Sangrur.

First Appellate Authority,
o/o State Transport Commissioner,
Punjab, Chandigarh.

Appeal Case No. 2759 of 2019 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

(Appellant) Absent

Karamvir Singh Chinna, PIO-cum-RTO (Respondent) 98724-26400

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 4.9.19, 10.10.19, 28.11.19, 30.1.2020, 3.6.2020, 6.8.2020, 25.11.2020, and 27.1.2021)

1. The RTI application is dated **18.2.19** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding preferred vehicle registration numbers from 1.1.2012 to 18.2.19**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **26.3.19**, and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **30.7.19** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **27.1.2021**.

2. The appellant is absent without intimation. At the last hearing on 27.1.2021, the respondent PIO was directed to submit a copy of the information supplied to the appellant, to this Commission. He has failed to comply. The respondent PIO is once again advised to send duly attested copies of the said information, to this Commission at the earliest.

3. **Next hearing on 26.10.2021 at 11.00 am through Video Conference Facility at D.C. Office, Sangrur,**

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

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REGISTERED SHOW CAUSE NOTICE

Avtar Singh Alias Tari,
S/o Gurcharan Singh,
Near Shaheed Udham Singh,
Kamboj Dharamshala,
Tehsil Sunam, District Sangrur.

Versus

Public Information Officer,
o/o Assistant Labour Commissioner,
District Sangrur.

First Appellate Authority,
o/o Assistant Labour Commissioner,
District Sangrur.

Appeal Case No. 4061 of 2020 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

Avtar Singh Alias Tari (Appellant)
(Respondent) Absent

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 27.1.2021)

1. The RTI application is dated **9.5.19** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding beneficiaries who benefited from the Protection of Labour Board etc.,** as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **3.9.2019**, and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **15.12.2020** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **27.1.2021**.

2. The respondent PIO is absent without intimation. At the last hearing on 27.1.2021, the respondent PIO was directed to supply the information requested in the RTI application which is available in his office. If not available, he was to transfer the RTI application to the relevant public authority. He has failed to comply and intimate to this Commission. This Commission deems it fit to serve the respondent PIO with this Show Cause Notice.

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 willful delay/denial of the information requested by the appellant as far back as on **9.5.2019**.

“In addition to the written reply, the respondent PIO is also given an opportunity under Section 20 (1) provision 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*.” Copies of this order be sent to the parties through registered post.

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Appeal Case No. 4061 of 2020 (Video Conference Proceedings)

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 26.10.2021 at 11.00 am through Video Conference Facility at D.C. Office, Sangrur.**

Sd/-

(ASIT JOLLY)

State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

Chandigarh

8.9.2021

Cc: Assistant Labour Commissioner, District Sangrur, for information and further necessary action.

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Satnam Singh,
S/o Sh. Ajaib Singh,
Sarabha Nagar, Sunam,
District Sangrur.

Versus

Public Information Officer,
o/o District Manager,
Punjab Agro,
District Sangrur.

Complaint Case No. 872 of 2020 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:
(Complainant) Absent
(Respondent) Absent

ORDER:
(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on **27.1.2021**)

1. The complainant, **Satnam Singh**, filed this RTI application dated **11.9.2020** and sought **Information regarding work of Three-member Committee, Sangrur from 1.4.2017 to 31.3.2019**, from the **PIO o/o District Manager, Punjab Agro, Sangrur**. When no information was received, the Complainant filed a complaint under Section 18 of the RTI Act, 2005 to the Commission on **18.11.2020**. The case was last heard on **27.1.2021**.

2. Both parties are absent. As directed by the Commission at the last hearing, the respondent PIO had sent the requested information vide Letter No. 1447-48 Dated 30.1.2021. The complainant was given ample opportunity to examine the requested information, but has not communicated any deficiencies to this Commission. However, in view of his absence, the complainant is given one more opportunity to list any deficiency in the information furnished to him.

3. **Next hearing on 26.10.2021 at 11.00 am through Video Conference Facility at D.C. Office, Sangrur,**

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

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Satnam Singh,
S/o Sh. Ajaib Singh,
Sarabha Nagar, Sunam,
District Sangrur.

Versus

Public Information Officer,
o/o District Manager,
Punjab Agro,
District Sangrur.

Complaint Case No. 874 of 2020 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:
(Complainant) Absent
(Respondent) Absent

ORDER:
(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on **27.1.2021**)

1. The complainant, **Satnam Singh**, filed this RTI application dated **11.9.2020** and sought **Information regarding work of Punjab State Paledar Labour Union from 1.4.2018 to 31.3.2020**, from the **PIO o/o District Manager, Punjab Agro, Sangrur**. When no information was received, the Complainant filed a complaint under Section 18 of the RTI Act, 2005 to the Commission on **18.11.2020**. The case was last heard on **27.1.2021**.

2. Both parties are absent. As directed by the Commission at the last hearing, the respondent PIO had sent the requested information vide Letter No. 1447-48 Dated 30.1.2021. The complainant was given ample opportunity to examine the requested information, but has not communicated any deficiencies to this Commission. However, in view of his absence today, the complainant is given one more opportunity to list any deficiency in the information furnished to him.

3. **Next hearing on 26.10.2021 at 11.00 am through Video Conference Facility at D.C. Office, Sangrur,**

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

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REGISTERED SHOW CAUSE NOTICE

Kadambini Advocate,
D/o Mukand Lal,
4125, Abohar Road,
District Muktsar – 152026

Versus

Public Information Officer,
o/o Executive Officer,
Municipal Council,
District Muktsar.

Complaint Case No. 130 of 2020 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

Kadambini (Complainant) 98142-06385

Vikram Dhuria, APIO-Cum-Superintendent (Respondent) 98889-00445

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 4.6.2020, 6.8.2020, 25.11.2020, and 27.1.2021)

1. The complainant, Kadambini, filed this RTI application dated **2.12.2019** and sought information **regarding the Muktsar Club**, from the PIO o/o **Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Muktsar**. When no information was received, the Complainant filed a complaint under Section 18 of the RTI Act, 2005 to the Commission on **28.1.2020**. The case was last heard on **27.1.2021**.

2. Both parties are present via Video Conference Facility from Sri Muktsar Sahib. At the last hearing on 27.1.2021, the respondent PIO, represented by Vikram Dhuria, APIO-cum-Superintendent, was directed to submit fresh affidavit responding to each point of the RTI application. He is also directed to personally attest all documents earlier supplied to the complainant in the format stipulated by this Commission. While the respondent PIO has complied with the Commission's direction, the complainant has pointed out that the said affidavit is not accompanied by covering letter from the PIO.

3. The respondent PIO is directed to draft an appropriate covering letter and send it to the complainant. He is also to submit copy of the said covering letter and the new affidavit to this Commission forthwith. This RTI application is Dated 2.12.2019 and as contended by the complainant, the respondent has delayed responding to the request for no apparent reason.

4. Under the circumstances, the Commission deems it fit to serve the respondent PIO with this Show Cause Notice wherein he must explain the inordinate delay in filing a reply and supplying the information in this RTI application.

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Complaint Case No. 130 of 2020 (Video Conference Proceedings)

5. 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 willful delay/denial of the information requested by the appellant as far back as on **2.12.2019**.

“In addition to the written reply, the respondent PIO is also given an opportunity under Section 20 (1) provision 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*.” Copies of this order be sent to the parties through registered post.

6. **Next hearing on 9.12.2021 at 11.00 am through Video Conference Facility at D.C. Office, Sri Muktsar Sahib.**

Sd/-

(ASIT JOLLY)

State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

Chandigarh

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Cc: Additional Deputy Commission, (Urban Development), District Muktsar, for information and further necessary action.

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REGISTERED SHOW CAUSE NOTICE

Kadambini (Advocate),
D/o Mukand Lal,
4125, Abohar Road,
District Muktsar-152026

Versus

Public Information Officer,
o/o Executive Officer,
Nagar Council,
District Muktsar.

Complaint Case No. 178 of 2020 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

Kadambini (Complainant) 98142-06385

Vikram Dhuria, APIO-Cum-Superintendent (Respondent) 98889-00445

ORDER:

*(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on **4.6.2020, 6.8.2020, 25.11.2020 and 27.1.2021**)*

1. The complainant, Kadambini, filed this RTI application dated **23.7.2019** and sought information **regarding the cremation ground on Jalalabad Road** from the **PIO o/o Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Muktsar**. When no information was received, the Complainant filed a complaint under Section 18 of the RTI Act, 2005 to the Commission on **28.1.2020**. The case was last heard on **27.1.2021**.

2. Both parties are present via Video Conference Facility from Sri Muktsar Sahib. At the last hearing on 27.1.2021. The respondent PIO, represented by Vikram Dhuria, APIO-cum-Superintendent, was directed to submit fresh affidavit responding to each point of the RTI application. He was also directed to personally attest all documents earlier supplied to the complainant in the format stipulated by this Commission. While the respondent PIO has complied with the Commission's direction, the complainant has pointed out that the said affidavit is not accompanied by covering letter from the PIO.

3. The respondent PIO is directed to draft an appropriate covering letter and send it to the complainant. He is also to submit copy of the said covering letter and the new affidavit to this Commission forthwith. This RTI application is dated 2.12.2019 and as contended by the complainant, the respondent has delayed responding to the request for no apparent reason.

4. Under the circumstances, the Commission deems it fit to serve the respondent PIO with this Show Cause Notice wherein he must explain an inordinate delay in filing a reply for supplying the information in this RTI application.

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5. 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 willful delay/denial of the information requested by the appellant as far back as on **23.7.2019**.

“In addition to the written reply, the respondent PIO is also given an opportunity under Section 20 (1) provision 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*.” Copies of this order be sent to the parties through registered post.

6. **Next hearing on 9.12.2021 at 11.00 am through Video Conference Facility at D.C. Office, Sri Muktsar Sahib.**

Sd/-

(ASIT JOLLY)

State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

Chandigarh

8.9.2021

Cc: Additional Deputy Commission, (Urban Development), District Muktsar, for information and further necessary action.

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Kadambini (Advocate)

D/o Mukand Lal,

4125, Abohar Road,

Muktsar – 152026

Versus

Public Information Officer,

o/o Shiv Dham Welfare Society

Jalalawad,

District Ferozepur.

Public Information Officer,

o/o Executive Officer,

Municipal Council,

District Muktsar.

Complaint Case No. 129 of 2020 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

Kadambini (Complainant) 98142-06385

Gautam Arora Advocate, Shiv Dham Welfare Society (for the Respondent) 98728-00042

ORDER:

*(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on **4.6.2020, 6.8.2020, 25.11.2020, 27.1.2021**)*

1. The complainant, Kadambini, filed this RTI application dated **7.11..2019** and sought information **regarding bank accounts, expenditure etc. of the Shiv Dham Welfare Society,** from the **PIO o/o Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Muktsar**. When no information was received, the Complainant filed a complaint under Section 18 of the RTI Act, 2005 to the Commission on **28.1.2020**. The case was last heard on **27.1.2021**.

2. Both parties are present via Video Conference Facility from Sri Muktsar Sahib. The respondent PIO represented by Advocate Gautam Arora, had made a written submission to this Commission.

Order RESERVED

Sd/-

(ASIT JOLLY)

State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

Chandigarh

8.9.2021