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**Mohit Arora,**  
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Amritsar-143001

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**  
o/o Municipal Town Planner,  
Municipal Corporation,  
Ranjit Avenue, Amritsar-143001  
**First Appellate Authority,**  
o/o Joint Commissioner,  
Municipal Corporation,  
Ranjit Avenue, Amritsar-143001

## **Appeal Case No. 1563 of 2022 (Video Conference Proceedings)**

PRESENT:

(Appellant) Absent

Dheeraj Kumar, Building Inspector (for the Respondent) 99146-86456

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **1.11.2021** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding life care hospital**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **30.12.2021** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **29.3.2022** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **8.9.2022**.

2. The appellant is absent without intimation. The respondent PIO, represented by Dheeraj Kumar, Building Inspector from the office of MTP, has sought some additional time to search the record for a copy of reply that was purportedly sent by the earlier PIO. The respondent PIO is granted 15 days from the date of receipt of this Order to comply. In case said reply is not available, the respondent PIO is directed to file a fresh pointwise reply along with duly attested copies of the requested information as available in the record.

3. **Next hearing on 2.12.2022 at 11.30 am via Video Conference Facility at DC Office, Amritsar.**

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

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**Baljeet Singh**, Civil Engineer,  
# 64-H, BRS Nagar,  
Ludhiana- 141012

**Versus**

**Public Information officer**,  
o/o ATP, Building Branch, Zone D,  
Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana.  
**First Appellate Authority**,  
o/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation,  
Ludhiana.

## **Appeal Case No. 660 of 2022 (Video Conference Proceedings)**

PRESENT:

Baljeet Singh (Appellant) 76965-00015  
(Respondent) Absent

ORDER:

*(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 31.3.2022 and 7.7.2022)*

1. The RTI application is dated **13.10.2021** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding illegal construction and encroachment pertaining to five buildings**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **15.11.2021** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **3.2.2022** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **7.7.2022**.

2. The respondent PIO is absent without intimation. At the last hearing on 7.7.2022, the respondent PIO was given a final opportunity to submit clear legible copies of the information, duly attested in the format stipulated by the Commission. The PIO has resubmitted his reply vide Letter No. 106-107 Dated 6.7.2022, along with copies of the information already submitted after due attestation. The appellant who is present, has restated his contention that the record supplied to him is incomplete.

3. The Commission notes that as per the RTI Act 2005, only information that is available in the record is to be supplied. No information is to be created afresh. However, in light of the appellant's objection, the Commission directs the respondent PIO to submit a duly notarized affidavit as under:-

- i) Reproducing the points in the appellant's RTI application at the top.
- ii) Reproducing the exact contents of his reply vide Letter No. 106-107 Dated 6.7.2022, below.

The affidavit must be attested by notary public. The original affidavit is to be supplied to the appellant by registered post and a copy of the same is to be submitted to this Commission within 10 days of receipt of this Order.

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## Appeal Case No. 660 of 2022 (Video Conference Proceedings)

5. Next hearing on 10.11.2022 at 11.30 am via Video Conference Facility at DC Office, Ludhiana.

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State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

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**Amarjit Singh Dhamotia,**  
# 1331-5, Street No 5, Vishawkarma Bhawan,  
Down Canal Road, Simlapuri,  
Ludhiana – 141003.

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**  
o/o Executive Officer,  
Nagar Council, Khanna, Ludhiana.  
**First Appellate Authority,**  
o/o Additional Deputy Commissioner (UD),  
Ludhiana.

## **Appeal Case No. 451 of 2022 (Video Conference Proceedings)**

PRESENT:

Amarjit Singh Dhamotia (Appellant) 98887-10031  
Gurpal Singh, PIO-cum-Executive Officer (Respondent) 96461-40215

ORDER:

*(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on **15.7.2022**)*

1. The RTI application is dated **10.9.2021** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding streets and roads**, enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **18.10.2021** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **17.1.2022** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **15.7.2022**.
2. Both parties are present. The respondent PIO-cum-EO, Gurpal Singh, has submitted a reply to the Show Cause Notice issued to him vide this Commission's Order of 15.7.2022, through Letter No. SPL-2 Dated 7.9.2022. The PIO-cum-EO is present in person and requests some time to make a written submission in this case.
3. The respondent PIO-cum-EO, Gurpal Singh, is directed to make the aforesaid submission before the next hearing.
4. **Next hearing on 15.11.2022 at 11.30 am at Punjab State Information Commission, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.**

**Sd/-**  
**(ASIT JOLLY)**  
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Ludhiana – 141003.

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**  
o/o Executive Officer, Nagar Council Khanna,  
District Ludhiana.  
**First Appellate Authority,**  
o/o Additional Deputy Commissioner (UD),  
Ludhiana.

## **Appeal Case No. 1191 of 2022 (Video Conference Proceedings)**

PRESENT:

Amarjit Singh Dhamotia (Appellant) 98887-10031  
Gurpal Singh, PIO-cum-Executive Officer (Respondent) 96461-40215

ORDER:

*(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on **15.7.2022**)*

1. The RTI application is dated **13.11.2021** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding interlocking tiles**, enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **20.12.2021** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **7.3.2022** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **15.7.2022**.
2. Both parties are present. The respondent PIO-cum-EO, Gurpal Singh, has submitted a reply to the Show Cause Notice issued to him vide this Commission's Order of 15.7.2022, through Letter No. SPL-1 Dated 7.9.2022. The PIO-cum-EO is present in person and requests some time to make a written submission in this case.
3. The respondent PIO-cum-EO, Gurpal Singh, is directed to make the aforesaid submission before the next hearing.
4. **Next hearing on 15.11.2022 at 11.30 am at Punjab State Information Commission, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.**

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

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**Gurmej Lal,**  
# 6375, St.No.16,  
Guru Gobind Singh Nagar,  
Backside Bachan Gas Agency,  
PO Daba, Ludhiana.

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**  
o/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation,  
Ludhiana.

**First Appellate Authority,**  
o/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation,  
Ludhiana.

## **Appeal Case No. 2 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)**

PRESENT:

Gurmej Lal (Appellant) 97816-72776

Kuljeet Singh Mangat, Building Inspector from Zone B (for the Respondent) 98153-88860

ORDER:

*(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on **9.4.2021, 12.8.2021, 30.9.2021, 17.11.2021, and 1.7.2022**)*

1. The RTI application is dated **25.9.2020** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding a complaint bearing Diary No. 2108-PS-R dated 21.9.2020**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **30.10.2020** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **18.12.2020** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **1.7.2022**.

2. Both parties are present. The respondent PIO, represented by Kuljeet Singh Mangat, Building Inspector (Technical) is present and states that as far as his record shows no specific enquiry was instituted on Amarjeet Singh Dhamotia's complaint cited in this RTI application.

3. The Commission also notes here that successive representatives of the respondent PIO have sought to mislead the Commission with regard to this Appeal Case. In an earlier reply from the respondent PIO to the appellant vide Letter No. 1213 Dated 9.4.2021, the requested information was denied as per Section 8(1)h of the RTI Act 2005 as well as by citing a Judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court.

4. Sh. Kuljeet Singh, Mangat, Building Inspector (Technical), who is representing the respondent PIO in this Appeal Case, is hereby directed to submit a fresh pointwise reply to this RTI application within 10 days. Said reply must specifically state whether any enquiry/investigation was constituted with regard to Amarjeet Singh Dhamotia's complaint vide Diary No. 2108-PS-R Dated 21.9.2020, as cited in the RTI application.

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## **Appeal Case No. 2 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)**

**5. Next hearing on 15.11.2022 at 11.30 am at Punjab State Information Commission, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.**

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

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**Gurmej Lal,**

S/o Sh. Baldev Raj Sharma,  
# 6375, Street No.16, Guru Gobind Singh Nagar,  
Backside Bachan Gas Agency,  
Near Mair Di Chakki, Post Office-Daba,  
District Ludhiana – 141 002

Versus

**Public Information officer,**

o/o Municipal Corporation,  
Tehbzari Branch, Zone-C,  
Ludhiana.

**Public Information officer,**

o/o Municipal Corporation Headquarters,  
Ludhiana.

**First Appellate Authority,**

o/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation,  
Ludhiana.

## **Appeal Case No. 847 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)**

PRESENT:

Gurmej Lal (Appellant) 97816-72776

Sanjeev Uppal, PIO-cum-Superintendent (Respondent) 98154-00593

ORDER:

*(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 14.7.2021, 10.12.2021, and 1.7.2022)*

1. The RTI application is dated **20.11.2020** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding A.S. Dhamotia's complaint bearing Diary No. 3208-PS-R dated: 16.11.2020**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **20.12.2020** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **9.2.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **1.7.2022**.

2. Both parties are present. During the deliberation at this hearing, it has become evident that the respondent PIO, Tehbazari Branch, Sh. Sanjeev Uppal, does not have the RTI application and other documents pertaining to this Appeal Case. A copy of the RTI application and the appended complaint be sent to him on the Whatsapp number provided by the respondent PIO, who shall thereafter submit a fresh written reply to said RTI application.

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. 847 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

4. Next hearing on 15.11.2022 at 11.30 am at Punjab State Information Commission, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.

Sd/-  
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State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

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Backside Bachan Gas Agency, Near Mair Di Chakki,  
Post Office-Daba, Ludhiana.

Versus

**Public Information officer,**

o/o Establishment Branch,  
Municipal Corporation,  
Ludhiana.

**Public Information officer,**

o/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation,  
Ludhiana.

**First Appellate Authority-cum-**

o/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation,  
Ludhiana.

## **Appeal Case No. 2010 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)**

PRESENT:

Gurmej Lal (Appellant) 97816-72776

Gurpreet Kaur, Building Inspector from Zone A (for the Respondent) 99885-00257

ORDER:

*(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 17.11.2021 and 1.7.2022)*

1. The RTI application is dated **1.2.2021** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding Building Inspector Dalip Soni**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **2.3.2021** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **23.4.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **1.7.2022**.

2. Both parties are present. In its Order of 17.11.2021 and 1.7.2022, the respondent PIO-cum-ATP, Zone A, was directed to furnish a list of illegal colonies, to the appellant and to transfer point no. 2 and 3 of this RTI application, to the Establishment Branch. The respondent PIO has failed to comply either direction.

3. The PIO is given another opportunity to submit a written reply to point no. 1 of this RTI application along with a list of unauthorized colonies under the jurisdiction of Zone A, as available in the record. In the instance, that such a list is not available, the respondent PIO is to inform the appellant in writing. With regard to point nos. 2 and 3, the respondent PIO-cum-ATP, Building Branch is once again directed to transfer said points to the PIO Establishment Branch Zone A, under Section 6(3) of the RTI Act. The PIO Establishment Branch Zone A is thereafter to furnish a written pointwise reply along with attested copies of the information as per the RTI Act 2005.

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## **Appeal Case No. 2010 of 2021 (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 15.11.2022 at 11.30 am at Punjab State Information Commission, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.**

**Sd/-**

**(ASIT JOLLY)**

State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

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## **REGISTERED** **SHOW CAUSE NOTICE**

**Gurmej Lal,**  
# 1331-5, Street No. 5, Near Vishawkarma Bhawan,  
Down Canal Road, Simlapuri, Ludhiana – 141003

Versus

**Public Information officer,**  
o/o Superintendent, Headquarters,  
Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana.  
**Public Information officer,**  
o/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation,  
Ludhiana.  
**First Appellate Authority,**  
o/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation,  
Ludhiana.

### **Appeal Case No. 5462 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)**

PRESENT:

Gurmej Lal (Appellant) 97816-72776  
(Respondent) Absent

ORDER:

*(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 7.7.2022)*

1. The RTI application is dated **4.9.2021** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding complaint Diary no. 458-PS-R Dated 31.8.2021**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **4.10.2021** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **2.12.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **7.7.2022**.
2. The respondent PIO is absent for the second successive hearing. The Commission deems it fit to issue the PIO (Headquarters), office of Commissioner, MC, Ludhiana with this Show Cause Notice.
3. The respondent **PIO-cum-Superintend, Headquarter, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana,** 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 **4.9.2021**.

“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. 5462 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)**

4. The PIO (Headquarter), MC, Ludhiana, is further directed to submit a written pointwise reply to this RTI application. This must be done before the next hearing.

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 1.11.2022 at 11.30 am at Punjab State Information Commission, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.**

Sd/-  
(ASIT JOLLY)

State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

Chandigarh  
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**Cc:** Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana, for information and necessary action.

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## REGISTERED SHOW CAUSE NOTICE

**Gurmej Lal,**

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Versus

**Public Information officer,**

o/o Superintend, Headquarter,  
Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana.

**Public Information officer,**

o/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation,  
Ludhiana.

**First Appellate Authority,**

o/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation,  
Ludhiana.

### Appeal Case No. 5465 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

Gurmej Lal (Appellant) 97816-72776

(Respondent) Absent

ORDER:

*(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 7.7.2022)*

1. The RTI application is dated **9.8.2021** vide which the appellant has sought information as **regarding vigilance enquiry against the biggest scan in MC, Ludhiana**, enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **11.9.2021** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **2.12.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **7.7.2022**.

2. The respondent PIO is absent for the second successive hearing. This RTI application was submitted on 9.8.2021, which is more than one year and there has been no reply from the respondent PIO since then. The Commission deems it fit to serve the respondent PIO, Headquarter, office of Commissioner, MC, Ludhiana, with this Show Cause Notice.

3. The respondent **PIO-cum-Superintend, Headquarter, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana**, 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 **9.8.2021**.

“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. 5465 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)**

4. The PIO (Headquarter), MC, Ludhiana, is further directed to submit a written pointwise reply to this RTI application. This must be done before the next hearing.

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 1.11.2022 at 11.30 am at Punjab State Information Commission, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.**

Sd/-

(ASIT JOLLY)

State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

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**Cc:** Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana, for information and necessary action.

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Municipal Corporation Ludhiana.

**Public Information Officer,**

o/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation,  
Ludhiana.

**First Appellate Authority,**

o/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation,  
Ludhiana.

## **Appeal Case No. 197 of 2022 (Video Conference Proceedings)**

PRESENT:

Gurmej Lal (Appellant) 97816-72776

Rashpal Singh, JE (for the Respondent) 78883-39061

ORDER:

*(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 15.7.2022)*

1. The RTI application is dated **21.9.2021** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding a complaint with Diary No. 1874-PS-R Dated 9.2.2021**, enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **21.10.2021** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **30.12.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **15.7.2022**.

2. Both parties are present. The respondent PIO, represented by Rashpal Singh, JE, B&R from Zone C, is hereby directed to submit a written reply to point no. 3 of the RTI application, as to the action taken on Amarjeet Singh Dhamotia's complaint of 9.2.2021.

3. The respondent PIO is to supply duly attested copies of the information as available in the record after more specific action taken on the complaint cited in the RTI application. The reply is to sent to the appellant within 10 days.

4. **Next hearing on 1.11.2022 at 11.30 am at Punjab State Information Commission, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.**

Sd/-

**(ASIT JOLLY)**

State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

Chandigarh  
8.9.2022