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REGISTERED SHOW CAUSE NOTICE

Kamalveer,

S/o Budh Ram, Village Udasar Chhota, PO Moter, Tehsil Rawatsar, District Hanumangarh, Rajasthan.

Versus

Sub Divisional Magistrate, Sri Mukatsar Sahib, First Appellate Authority, o/o Deputy Commissioner, Sri Mukatsar Sahib.

Appeal Case No. 1952 of 2020 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT: (Appellant) Absent (Respondent) Absent

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 24.2.2021 and 29.9.2021)

- 1. The RTI application is dated **31.12.2019** vide which the appellant has sought information regarding a domicile certificate (No. 556 dated **22.4.1986**) issued to Gurmail Singh s/o Jwala Singh of Lohara Village, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **8.3.2020** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **27.7.2020** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **29.9.2021**.
- 2. Both parties are absent. At the last hearing on 29.9.2021, the Sub Divisional Magistrate, Sri Muktsar Sahib, was impleaded as the deemed PIO in this case and directed to submit a written reply to the RTI application along with the requested information within ten days of that Order. Prior to this, the PIO-cum-Tehsildar, Sri Muktsar Sahib had transferred this RTI application on the direction of this Commission vide Letter No. 120 Dated 12.3.2021 to the Sub Divisional Magistrate, Sri Muktsar Sahib. The Sub Divisional Magistrate, Sri Muktsar Sahib, has however, failed either to submit a reply to the RTI application or be present at today's hearing.
- 3. In view of the above, the Sub Divisional Magistrate, Sri Muktsar Sahib is herewith issued 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 **31.12.2019**.

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"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. <u>Next hearing on 6.4.2022 at 11.00 am via Video Conference Facility at DC Office, Sri Muktsar Sahib.</u>

Sd/-(ASIT JOLLY)

State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

Chandigarh 9.12.2021

Cc: Deputy Commissioner, Sri Muktsar Sahib, for information and further necessary action.

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REGISTERED SHOW CAUSE NOTICE

Trilochan Singh,S/o Gurbachan Singh,
848 A, M.I.G., Jamalpur, District Ludhiana.

Versus

Public Information Officer, o/o Sub Divisional Magistrate-cum-Licensing & Registration Authority, District Sri Muktsar Sahib First Appellate Authority, o/o Sub Divisional Magistrate District Sri Muktsar Sahib

Appeal Case No. 2985 of 2020 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT: (Appellant) Absent (Respondent) Absent

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 3.3.2021 and 7.7.2021)

- 1. The RTI application is dated **10.5.2020** vide which the appellant has sought information regarding vehicle registration of a particular series; commercial vehicles, outside vehicles etc., as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **21.6.2020**, and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **8.10.2020** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **7.7.2021**.
- 2. Both parties are absent. At the last hearing on 7.7.2021, the respondent PIO was given one more opportunity to comply with the directions of Commission at paragraph three of its Order of 3.3.2021, wherein he / she was directed to send a fresh reply giving complete detail and how the information is requested in this RTI application, can be accessed online with details of website/portal etc. A copy of said reply was to be sent to the Commission. The respondent has again failed to comply.
- 3. In view of the above this Commission deems it fit to issue the respondent PIO office of Sub Divisional Magistrate--cum-Licensing & Registration Authority, Sri Muktsar Sahib, 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 **10.5.2020**.

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Appeal Case No. 2985 of 2020 (Video Conference Proceedings)

"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 6.4.2022 at 11.00 am via Video Conference Facility at DC Office, Sri Muktsar Sahib.

Sd/-(ASIT JOLLY)

State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

Chandigarh 9.12.2021

Cc: Deputy Commissioner, Sri Muktsar Sahib, for information and further necessary action.

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Som Parkash,

S/o Tej Ram, Peer Khane Wali Gali, Near Baba Chajju Ram Ashram, Gidderbaha, Tehsil Gidderbaha, District Sri Muktsar Sahib.

Versus

Public Information Officer,

o/o Municipal Counsel,
Gidderbaha,
District Sri Mukatsar Sahib
First Appellate Authority,
o/o Regional Deputy Director Local Government,
District Bathinda.

Appeal Case No. 3331 of 2020 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

Prince Goyal Advocate (for the Appellant) 78889-10080 Jagshir Singh, PIO-cum-E.O (Respondent) 94171-72653

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 3.3.2021 and 7.7.2021)

- 1. The RTI application is dated 17.7.2020 vide which the appellant has sought information regarding a colony, DD Chandigarh Enclave being promoted by one Jatinder Kumar s/o Yashpal at Hunser Road Gidderbaha, in four points, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on 31.8.2020, and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on 2.11.2020 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on 7.7.2021.
- 2. Both parties are present. The advocate for the appellant, Prince Goyal states that the respondent PIO has only provided information to point C of the 4 deficiencies listed by him in his letter to EO-cum-PIO, Municipal Counsel, Gidderbaha, Dated 31.8.2021.
- 3. The respondent PIO, however, states that the information regarding point A and B is not available in his record and as regards point D he has agreed to search the record and provide the requested information if available.
- 4. The respondent PIO is herewith directed to submit a reply to 4 deficiencies listed by the appellant in his letter dated 31.8.2021, by way of notarised affidavit. The original affidavit must be sent to the appellant by registered post and a copy of the same is to be sent to this Commission also by registered post.
- 5. <u>Next hearing on 6.4.2022 at 11.00 am via Video Conference Facility at DC Office, Sri Muktsar Sahib.</u>

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State Information Commissioner, Punjab.
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Amar Jit Kalra, # 169 A, Sector 51 A, Chandigarh-160047

Versus

Public Information Officer, o/o Senior Superintendent of Police, District Sri Mukatsar Sahib. First Appellate Authority, o/o Inspector General of Police, Faridkot Range, District Faridkot.

Appeal Case No. 2976 of 2020 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT: (Appellant) Absent DSP Gurpreet Singh (for the Respondent) 98761-63985

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 3.3.2021 and 7.7.2021)

- 1. The RTI application is dated 29.5.2020 vide which the appellant has sought information regarding his applications against dismissed patwari Tejinder Pal Singh dated 2.7.19 and 16.12.19, including statements recorded; records sought from the kanugo; Order No. 53 of 6.8.19 by DC Muktsar etc. in nine points, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on 24.7.2020, and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on 7.10.2020 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on 7.7.2021.
- 2. The appellant is absent without intimation. The respondent PIO, represented by DSP Gurpreet Singh, from the office of SSP Sri Muktsar Sahib, states that a reply to the RTI application alongwith the record was sent to the Commission by messenger. However, nothing has been received in the Commission except an email Dated 7.12.2021. None of the record requested in this RTI application has been received in this Commission despite clear direction to the respondent PIO at para no. 3 of this Commission's order of 7.2.2021.
- 3. The respondent PIO was given one week's time to submit a detailed point-wise reply to each of all the points listed in the RTI application alongwith requested information as available in the record of the office of SSP, Sri Muktsar Sahib.
- 4. Subsequent to the Hearing, the respondent submitted a pointwise reply to the RTI application along with attested copies of the requested information.
- 5. The appellant be notified so that he can arrange to collect the above from the Commission on any working day. Alternatively, he can request the office of this Bench to send him the reply and information by registered post. Once he receives it, the appellant is advised to examine the same for any deficiencies. Deficiencies, if any, must be listed in writing to the respondent PIO with a copy to the Commission.

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6. Next hearing on 6.4.2022 at 11.00 am via Video Conference Facility at DC Office, Sri Muktsar Sahib.

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Versus

Public Information Officer, o/o Tehsildar, District Sri Mukatsar Sahib. First Appellate Authority, o/o Commissioner, District Ferozepur.

Appeal Case No. 3061 of 2020 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT: (Appellant) Absent (Respondent) Absent

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 3.3.2021 and 7.7.2021)

- 1. The RTI application is dated 27.5.2020 vide which the appellant has sought information in six points regarding Integal No. 11542 of Abadi Zahid One Muktsar on 28.2.2017 in favour of dismissed patwari Tejinder Pal Singh; Office Order No. 53 of 6.8.2019; his (appellant's) complaint dated 16.12.2019; correspondence with police authoprities regarding the said Integal; Action against retired patwari Harbans Singh, retired kanugo Mohar Singh and Tehsildar Muktsar who approved the said Integal; and, action against dismissed patwari Tejinder Pal Singh etc., as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on 24.7.2020, and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on 14.10.2020 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on 7.7.2021.
- 2. Both parties are absent. At the last hearing on 7.7.2021, the respondent PIO-cum-Tehsildar, Sri Muktsar Sahib, was issued a Show Cause Notice to which he has sent a reply vide Letter No. 24 Dated 16.8.2021. Prior to this, the respondent has also submitted reply to this Commission's Notice of Hearing vide Letter No. 22 Dated 22.6.2021, along with several letters, reports etc. regarding *Intekal* No. 11542 (cited in the RTI application).
- 3. At the hearing on 3.3.2021, the respondent PIO, represented by Joginder Singh, APIO-cum-Superintendent and Sukhdev Mohammad, Sadar Kanugo had stated that the requested information had already been supplied. The appellant Amar Jit Kalra had however, pointed out some deficiencies in the reply/information supplied to him.

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- 4. In the Commission's Order of 7.7.2021, the respondent PIO office of Tehsildar, Sri Muktsar Sahib, was directed to submit a written, pointwise reply to the RTI application, to which, he has submitted a copy of an earlier reply sent to the SDM-cum-First Appellate Authority vide Letter No. 57 Dated 27.12.2020. The respondent PIO however, has not submitted any reply to the deficiencies listed by the appellant. The appellant is not present at today's hearing and under the circumstances he is requested to list specific deficiencies in writing to the respondent PIO as well as this Commission.
- 5. On receiving the list of deficiencies, the respondent PIO is directed to submit a written, pointwise reply to the deficiencies along with requested information as per the RTI Act. The Show Cause Notice issued to the respondent PIO vide this Commission's order of 7.7.2021 is not withdrawn and shall remain in place until this RTI application is adequately addressed.
- 6. 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

7. Next hearing on 6.4.2022 at 11.00 am via Video Conference Facility at DC Office, Sri Muktsar Sahib.

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Nitin Sharma,

S/o Sh. Vinod Sharma, 513, Sector 6, MDC Panchkula-134114

Versus

Public Information Officer,

o/o Chief Engineer, Drainage, Water Resources Department, (Punjab), Sector-18, Chandigarh. First Appellate Authority, o/o Chief Engineer, Drainage, Water Resources Department (Punjab), Sector-18, Chandigarh.

Appeal Case No. 638 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

(Appellant) Absent Paramjit Singh, Senior Assistant (for the Respondent) 97803-63142

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on **7.7.2021**)

- 1. The RTI application is dated **29.7.2020** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding the qualification of 26 SDOs posted in Drainage wing of the Water Resources department**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **1.10.2020**, and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **25.1.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **7.7.2021**.
- 2. The appellant is absent without intimation. As per the respondent PIO, represented by Paramjit Singh, Senior Assistant, 26 regional offices were intimated regarding the information sent to the appellant and they were asked to convey the requested information directly to the respondent. PIO's of 26 regional offices have confirmed that the requested information has been supplied to the appellant.
- 3. The respondent PIO is herewith, directed to get a copy of the information given to the appellant by each of the 26 regional offices and submit copies of this to the Commission at the earliest. The appellant is meanwhile requested to go through the information provided to him and list deficiencies if any to the respondent PIO.

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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. <u>Next hearing on 7.4.2022 at 11.00 am via Video Conference Facility at DC Office, Sri Mohali.</u>

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Ankit Sehgal,

C/o Bombay Studio, Near Main Post Office Chowk, District Pathankot-145001

Versus

Public Information officer, o/o Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Rajpura. First Appellate Authority, o/o Principal Secretary, Local Body, Punjab, Chandigarh.

Appeal Case No. 2011 and 2179 of 2021 (Heard together via Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

Ankit Sehgal (Appellant) Via Cisco Webex Paramjit Singh, Junior Engineer (for the Respondent) 78883-39673

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 22.10.2021)

- 1. The RTI applications are dated **14.1.2021** and **3.2.2021** vide which the appellant has sought information <u>regarding road-cutting for laying gas pipelines by a private company etc.</u>, as enumerated in his RTI applications. First Appeals were filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **8.3.2021** and Second Appeals were filed in the Commission on **7.5.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **22.10.2021**.
- 2. Both parties are present. As per the respondent PIO, represented by Paramjit Singh, Junior Engineer, some 35 pages of information were supplied to the appellant vide Letter No. 2538 Dated 29.10.2021. This has however, not been received in the Commission.
- 3. The respondent PIO is directed to send a hard copy of the reply along with the information, to this Commission. The appellant is advised to examine the information sent to him vide Letter No. 2538 dated 29.10.2021 and list deficiencies, if any, to the PIO with a copy to the Commission.
- 4. Next hearing on 7.4.2022 at 11.00 am via Video Conference Facility at DC Office, Sri Mohali.

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Ashish Kapur,

S/o Late Arun Kapur, # 695, First Floor Annexe, Phase-2, Mohali – 160 055

Versus

Public Information Officer,

o/o Greater Mohali Area Development Authority (GMADA), PUDA Bhawan, Sector-62, Mohali.

First Appellate Authority,

o/o Estate Officer, Greater Mohali Area Development Authority (GMADA), PUDA Bhawan, Sector-62, Mohali.

Appeal Case No. 2331 and 2332 of 2020 (Heard together via Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

(Appellant) Absent (Respondent) Absent

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 13.1.2021 and 22.9.2021)

- 1. The RTI applications are dated 19.2.2020 and 22.2.2020 vide which the appellant has sought information regarding Letter No. 7/2/2019-2G-PRB-1639 dated 13.3.2019 from the office of Hon'ble Governor Punjab, which was forwarded to Chief Administrator PUDA, by the Department of Housing & Urban Development, as enumerated in these two RTI applications. First Appeals were filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on 6.6.2020, and Second Appeal were filed in the Commission on 27.8.2020 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on 22.9.2021.
- 2. Both parties are absent. While the appellant has not intimated the Commission, the respondent PIO has emailed the Commission regarding his inability to attend this hearing. These Appeal Cases were adjourned to its next hearing.
- 3. <u>Next hearing on 7.4.2022 at 11.00 am via Video Conference Facility at DC Office, Sri Mohali.</u>

Sd/-

(ASIT JOLLY)

State Information Commissioner, Punjab.