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FINAL ORDER

Gurpreet Singh,

S/o Sh. Chinderpal Singh, Village Abul Khurana, Tehsil Malout, District Sri Muktsar Sahib-152114

Versus

Public Information officer,

o/o Superintendent Engineer, Water Drainage Division, Gidderbaha, District Sri Muktsar Sahib.

Complaint Case No. 291 of 2021(Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

Gurpreet Singh (Complainant) 97800-99052 Sukhjinder Singh, Superintendent (for the Respondent) 88721-54055

ORDER:

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

- 1. The complainant, Gurpreet Singh, filed this RTI application dated **29.1.2021** and sought information <u>regarding computer operators since 2008</u>, from the PIO o/o <u>Superintendent Engineer</u>, <u>Water Drainage Division</u>, <u>Sri Muktsar Sahib</u>. When no information was received, the Complainant filed a Complaint under Section 18 of the RTI Act, 2005 to the Commission on **8.3.2021**. The case was last heard on **7.7.2021**.
- 2. Both parties are present. The respondent PIO, represented by Sukhjinder Singh, Superintendent, has, as directed by this Commission, submitted duly attested copies of the information provided to the complainant vide Letter No. 1874-75/RTI Dated 24.8.2021 (86 pages) and vide Letter No. 2313-14/RTI Dated 5.10.2021 (85 pages). The complainant states that he has not received the information sent to the Commission, by way of the aforesaid second reply.
- 3. The respondent PIO is herewith directed to send the information sent to this Commission alongwith Letter No. 2313-14/RTI Dated 5.10.2021, to the complainant forthwith. A copy of the postal receipt and the dispatch register wherein the letter sent to the complainant is entered, is to be scanned and emailed to this Commission.
- 4. There is no further cause for action and this Complaint Case is herewith CLOSED.

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Chandigarh
9.12.2021

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FINAL ORDER

Kadambini Advocate, D/o Mukand Lal, # 4125. Abohar Road. District Muktsar – 152 026

Versus

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

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

PRESENT:

Kadambini (Complainant) 98142-06385 Vipin Kumar, PIO-EO (Respondent) 96467-09100

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on **4.6.2020**, **6.8.2020**, **25.11.2020**, **27.1.2021**, **and 8.9.2021**)

- 1. The complainant, Kadambini, filed this RTI application dated **2.12.2019** and sought information <u>regarding the Muktsar Club</u>, 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 **8.9.2021**.
- 2. Both parties are present. At the last hearing on 8.9.2021, a Show Cause Notice was issued to the respondent PIO-cum-EO, Vipin Kumar, to which he has submitted a reply vide Letter No. 3981 Dated 26.11.2021. Also in compliance with this Commission's directions, the respondent PIO has sent a covering letter to the affidavit earlier given to the complainant. A copy of the affidavit has also been submitted to this Commission.
- 3. The respondent PIO is directed to send a copy of the covering letter given to the complainant, to this Commission forthwith. This RTI application was submitted on 2.12.2019 and the first reply of the respondent PIO to the complainant is dated 12.11.2020. While there is an initial delay which the respondent attributes to the fact that the information pertaining to the RTI application had to be sought from various branches of Municipal Council, Sri Muktsar Sahib, a large portion of the delay, in this Commission's view, is attributable to the pandemic-related restrictions in the state. Notably, some of those restrictions i.e. the social distancing and masking are still in place. The respondent PIO is nonetheless advised to be more careful in addressing RTI applications in future, including RTI applications currently pending in his office.
- 4. There is no further cause for action and this Complaint Case is herewith CLOSED.

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FINAL ORDER

Kadambini (Advocate), d/o MukandLal, # 4125, Abohar Road, District Muktsar – 152 026

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 Vipin Kumar, PIO-EO (Respondent) 96467-09100

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on **4.6.2020**, **6.8.2020**, **25.11.2020**, **27.1.2021**, **8.9.2021**)

- 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 **8.9.2021**.
- 2. Both parties are present. At the last hearing on 8.9.2021, the Show Cause Notice was issued to the respondent PIO-cum-EO, Vipin Kumar, to which he has submitted a reply vide Letter No. 3981 Dated 26.11.2021. Also in compliance with this Commission's direction, the respondent PIO has sent a covering letter to the affidavit earlier given to the complainant. A copy of the affidavit has also been submitted to this Commission.
- 3. The respondent PIO is however, directed to send a copy of the covering letter given to the complainant, to this Commission forthwith. This RTI application was submitted on 27.3.2019 and the first reply of the respondent PIO to the complainant is dated 12.11.2020. There was initial delay which, the respondent attributes to the fact that the information pertaining to the RTI application had to be sought from various branches of Municipal Corporation, Sri Muktsar Sahib. In this Commission's view, a significant portion of the delay is attributable to the pandemic-related restrictions in Punjab. The Commission strongly advises the respondent PIO to be more proactive in addressing RTI applications in future.
- 4. The Commission sees, there is no further cause for action and this Complaint Case is herewith **CLOSED**.

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FINAL ORDER

Paramjeet Singh,

S/o Sh. Balveer Singh, Village Gurusar Jodha, Tehsil Malout, District Sri Muktsar Sahib.

Versus

Public Information officer,

o/o Executive Engineer, Punjab Mandi Board, District Sri Muktsar Sahib. First Appellate Authority, o/o S.C., Punjab Mandi, District Ferozepur.

Appeal Case No. 1068 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

Paramjit Singh (Appellant) 80544-81890 Jasvir Singh, Superintendent (for the Respondent) 97800-07674

ORDER:

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

- 1. The RTI application is dated **23.10.2020** vide which the appellant has sought information <u>regarding the stadium in village Gurusar Jodha</u>, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **23.11.2020**, and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **24.2.2021** 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 respondent PIO represented by Jasvir Singh, Superintendent, as directed by the Commission at the last hearing on 7.7.2021, has submitted a fresh, pointwise reply to the RTI application along with 16 pages by way of information. This is received in the Commission vide Letter No. 8476 Dated 25.8.2021. The appellant, who is present at this hearing, has also confirmed receipt of said letter and information and is satisfied with it.
- 3. The Commission sees, there is no further cause for action and this Complaint Case is herewith **CLOSED**.

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FINAL ORDER

Neta Singh,

S/o Lal Singh, VPO Kot Bhai (Near 66 K.V. Grid), Tehsil Gidderbaha, District Sri Muktsar Sahib.

Versus

Public Information Officer,

o/o Assistant, XEN (Rural Sub Division), POWERCOM, Gidderbaha, District Muktsar Sahib. First Appellate Authority, o/o Superintendent Engineer, POWERCOM, District Sri Muktsar Sahib.

Appeal Case No. 2321 of 2020 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

(Appellant) Absent

Deepak Kurmi, APIO-cum-Senior XEN (for the Respondent) 96461-15550

ORDER:

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

- 1. The RTI application is dated **9.3.2020** vide which the appellant has sought information regarding two applications No. 2024 and No. 2026, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **2.6.2020** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **26.8.2020** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **29.9.2021**.
- 2. The appellant is absent but has informed the Commission via an email dated 17.11.2021 that the respondent PIO has still not complied with the directions of 29.9.2021, wherein he was directed to submit the reply and information sent to the appellant vide Letter No. 2571 Dated 16.7.2021 by way of a notarised affidavit. The PIO has failed to comply with said directions. The respondent PIO represented at this hearing by Deepak Kurmi, APIO-cum-Senior XEN, PSPCL, Gidderbaha, states that the affidavit is ready and can be sent immediately.
- 3. A copy of the said affidavit was received in this Commission vide Letter No, 5530/31 dated 13.12.2021. In view of this, I see no further cause for action and this appeal case is herewith, **CLOSED**.

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30.12.2021 (Date of Hearing: 9.12.2021)

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FINAL ORDER

Amar Jit Kalra, # 169 A, Sector 51 A, Chandigarh – 160 047

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, Faridkot.

Appeal Case No. 2977 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 **3.6.2020** vide which the appellant has sought information <u>on</u> whether any departmental inquiry was ordered / held regarding the DSP (SD)'s decision to return appellant's application without his (appellant's) consent etc., as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **22.7.2020**, 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. At the last hearing on 7.7.2021, Show Cause Notice was issued to the SSP-cum-PIO, Sri Muktsar Sahib wherein he was to explain the delay in addressing this RTI application. The PIO has submitted a written reply received in this Commission vide Letter No. 818/RTI Dated 7.12.2021, wherein he states that no record pertaining to the RTI application is available in the office of SSP Sri Muktsar Sahib. He further states that the appellant was informed that no departmental action was initiated against the officer cited in the RTI application (vide Letter No. 170-71 RTI-1 dated 12.3.2021.
- 3. There is no further cause for action and this Complaint Case is herewith **CLOSED**.

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FINAL ORDER

Jatinder Kumar, C/o Sachkhand Mishthan Bhandar, Nehru Gate, Nawanshehar.

Versus

Public Information Officer,

o/o Principal Secretary Local Government, Punjab Plot No. 3, Sector-35 A, Dakshin Marg, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,

o/o Principal Secretary Local Government, Punjab Plot No. 3, Sector-35 A, Dakshin Marg, Chandigarh.

Appeal Case No. 543 of 2020 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

(Appellant) Absent Ashish Kumar, PIO-cum-Superintendent (Respondent) 98764-06550

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on **28.8.2020**, **10.12.2020**, **10.2.2021**, **and 22.9.2021**)

- 1. The RTI application is dated **22.8.19** vide which the appellant has sought information regarding **two complaints to the Regional Director Local Bodies Nawanshahar in 2016 regarding purchase of stationery and material for streetlights,** as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **27.11.19** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **29.1.2020** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **22.9.2021**.
- 2. The appellant is absent without intimation. The respondent PIO-cum-Superintendent, Ashish Kumar, has meanwhile submitted a copy of the statement signed by the appellant, wherein he has stated that he has received the requested information and is satisfied with it. As per respondent PIO 143 pages plus 10 pages have been given to the appellant by way of information.
- 3. The respondent PIO is herewith directed to submit a copy of the reply sent to the appellant along with attested copies of 153 pages provided to him by way of information, to this Commission forthwith.
- 4. There is no further cause for action and this Appeal Case is herewith **CLOSED**.

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FINAL ORDER

Karnail Singh,

s/o Late Sarwan Singh, # 106, Street No. 4, Sidhu Colony Bhadson Road, District Patiala.

Versus

Public Information Officer,

o/o Director General of Police, Punjab Police Headquarters, Sector- 9 C, Chandigarh. **First Appellate Authority,** o/o Director General of Police, Punjab Police Headquarters, Sector- 9 C, Chandigarh.

Appeal Case No. 3922 of 2019 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT: (Appellant) Absent (Respondent) Absent

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on **26.12.19 and 14.2.2020, 24.7.2020, 25.9.2020, 13.11.2020, 13.1.2021, and 7.7.2021**)

- 1. The RTI application is dated **14.5.19** vide which the appellant has sought <u>information by way of copies of original promotion letters of DSPs mentioned in Letter No. 1/34/2016-311/dsp dated 21.4.16</u>, 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 **18.10.19** 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 directed to submit a hard copy of the affidavit given to the appellant. Said copy has been received in this Commission vide Letter No. 2403 Dated 6.7.2021.
- 3. There is no further cause for action and this Complaint Case is herewith **CLOSED**.

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FINAL ORDER

Davinder Singh, S/o Mohan Singh, # 353, Phase-2, Mohali.

Versus

Public Information Officer, o/o Greater Mohali Area Development Authority, PUDA Bhawan, Sector-62, SAS Nagar (Mohali). First Appellate Authority, o/o Greater Mohali Area Development Authority, PUDA Bhawan, Sector-62, SAS Nagar (Mohali).

Appeal Case No. 1080 of 2020 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:
Davinder Singh (Appellant (Respondent) Absent

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on **23.7.2020, 24.9.2020, 13.11.2020, 13.1.2021, and 7.7.2021)**

- 1. The RTI application is dated **5.11.2019** vide which the appellant has sought <u>information</u> <u>regarding Plot No. 353 Phase-2, SAS Nagar (Mohali)</u>, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **16.12.2019**, and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **11.3.2020** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **7.7.2021**.
- 2. The respondent PIO is absent. However, as directed at the last hearing on 7.7.2021, the respondent PIO has submitted a duly notarised affidavit to the Commission. The said affidavit is to be collected in person from the office of this bench by the appellant after seeking appointment on telephone.
- 3. There is no further cause for action and this Complaint Case is herewith **CLOSED**.

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State Information Commissioner, Punjab.