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Sh. Tarsem Lal,
Mohalla cool wala,
House No. S/15719, Ward No.48,
Near Ex-Foji Tilak Raj,
VPO: Sarna -145025
District- Pathankot.

.....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o Seva Kendra, Deputy Commissioner,
Administration Complex, Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Seva Kendra, Deputy Commissioner,
Administration Complex, Ludhiana.

..... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 511 of 2020

(Video Conference Proceeding)

Present:- None on behalf of the appellant.
Shri Gurpreet Singh, APIO on behalf of the respondents.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 19.10.2019 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 24.11.2019 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 28.01.2020 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter called RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today.

2. The appellant is absent but he has sent an e-mail dated 05.03.2020 stating that his case may be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Pathankot as he is not feeling well due to old age.

3. The respondent-APIO states that the information asked for by the appellant cannot be supplied as it relates to personal information of third party. The third party has refused to share her information with any person. He further states that no public interest is involved in seeking the information and the appellant has sought similar information in AC-540/2020 which has been disposed of by Shri Ajae Sharma, Hon'ble State Information Commissioner.

4. After hearing the respondent-APIO, it is revealed that the appellant has sought similar information in two cases, which is not allowed under the provisions of RTI Act, 2005. The appellant is advised to send justification for seeking similar information in two cases and establish larger public interest involved in it before the next date of hearing failing which the case will be decided on merits of the case.

4. To come up on 20.03.2020 at 3.00 P.M. to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner's office at Pathankot and Ludhiana. The appellant is advised to appear at Pathankot and respondents are directed to appear at Ludhiana.

Dated: 05.03.2020.

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Sh. Gagandeep Singh Threake,
R/o SCO -26, (97804-00680)
Shant Park, Main Sua Road, Threeka,
District –Ludhiana.Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o Tehsildar, (West),
District -Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o District Revenue Officer,
Mini Secretariat, Ludhiana. Respondents

Appeal Case No. 496 of 2020
(Video Conference Proceeding)

Present:- Shri Gagandeep Singh Thareeke appellant.
Shri Amanpreet Singh, Reader to Tehsildar (West), Ludhiana on behalf of the respondents.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 09.10.2019 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 16.11.2019 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 27.01.2020 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter called RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today.

2. The appellant states that he has filed another appeal case, which is pending before Shri Asit Jolly, Hon'ble SIC for seeking the next date of hearing. He assures that he will send an e-mail mentioning case number and next date of hearing.

3. The representative of the respondents places on record a copy of letter dated 25.10.2019 vide which they sent reply to the appellant to his application for seeking information dated 9.10.2019 stating that to get a copy of Jamabandi, conveyance deed, Girdawari and how much area is covered by plots, parks and roads after depositing the government fees

4. In view of the assurance given by the appellant, he has not sent any e-mail giving appeal case number and date of hearing in which he has sought similar information before the next date of hearing failing which the case will be decided on the merits of the case.

5. To come up on 20.03.2020 at 3.00 P.M. to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana.

Dated: 05.03.2020.

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Sh. Nachhatar Singh S/o Sh. Gurdiyal Singh,
R/o Village- Ratta gudda, (81958-05065)
Tehsil –Patti,
District –Tarn Taran.

.....Complainant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o Block Development & Panchayat Officer,
District- Tarn Taran.

.....Respondent

Complaint Case .No. 125 of 2020
(Video Conference Proceedings)

Present:- None on behalf of the complainant.
Shri Gurmeet Singh, Panchayats Secretary, on behalf of the respondent-PIO.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 20.08.2019 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. Complaint case was filed in the Commission on 27.01.2020 under Section 18 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter called RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today.

2. The complainant is absent without intimation.
3. The respondent-PIO states that they have sent complete information to the complainant on 3.3.2020 through registered post. He sent a copy of the information said to have been sent to the complainant through whatsapp, the print of which has been placed on the record of the case file. After comparing the information supplied with the information sought by the complainant, it is found that the grant received for which purpose and spent on which purpose and copies of resolutions has not been sent to the complainant. The respondents are directed to supply complete information to the complainant within five days from today. The complainant is advised to go through the information on its receipt from the complainant and revert back to the authorities in case of deficiencies in the information before the next date of hearing.
4. To come up on 20.03.2020 at 3.00 P.M. to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Tarn Taran.

Dated: 05.03.2020.

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Sh. Kewal Singh S/o Sh. Sarwan Singh,
R/o Village- Mandiani, PO –Mohar,
Tehsil –Balachaur,
District –SBS Nagar.

.....Complainant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o Block Development & Panchayat Officer,
Balachaur,
District –SBS Nagar.

.....Respondent

Complaint Case .No. 139 of 2020

(Video Conference Proceeding)

Present:- Shri Kewal Singh complainant.

Shri Taranjit Bajaj, Panchayats Secretary alongwith Shri Parma Nand, Clerk
on behalf of the respondent-PIO

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 13.09.2019 vide which the complainant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. Complaint case was filed in the Commission on 20.01.2020 under Section 18 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter called RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today.

2. The complainant states that no information has been supplied to him by the respondent-PIO till date. The respondent-PIO states that the application for seeking information is dated 17.09.2019 and they asked the complainant to deposit Rs.5000/- as necessary fee vide their letter dated 30.09.2019 for supplying the information . On this the complainant states that letter was sent by post on 18.11.2019 after the stipulated period as provided in the RTI Act, 2005.

3. After hearing both the parties and going through the record available on the case file, it is ascertained that there is some confusion about the date of letter sent to the complainant. To sort out the matter, both the parties are directed to appear before the Commission with original record concerning the application for seeking information.

4. To come up on 20.03.2020 at 11.00 at Chandigarh.

Dated: 05.03.2020.

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Sh. Baldev Singh Sohal S/o Sh. Gurmukh Singh,
R/o Village- Sohal Jagir,
Tehsil Shahkot, 144702,
District Jalandhar.

.....Complainant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o Block Development & Panchayat Officer,
Shahkot, District Jalandhar.

.....Respondent

Complaint Case .No. 135 of 2020

(Video Conference Facility)

Present:- Shri Baldev Singh, complainant.

Ms. Kavita Garg, Block Development and Panchayats Officer, Shahkot-cum-PIO.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 28.06.2019 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. Complaint case was filed in the Commission on 28.01.2020 under Section 18 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter called RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today.

2. The complainant states that till date no information has been provided to him by the respondent-PIO.

3. The respondent-PIO requests for giving some time as she has recently joined in this Block.

4. On the request of the respondent-PIO, the case is adjourned to 20.03.2020 with the direction to supply the information before the next date of hearing failing which punitive action will be initiated on the next date of hearing..

5. To come up on 20.03.2020 at 3.00 P.M. to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Jalandhar.

Dated: 05.03.2020.

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Chief Information Commissioner,
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R/o House No. 156-157, Street No.-11,
New Sarpanch Colony, Jamalpur,
Tehsil Mudian Kalan,
District Ludhiana. 141015

.....Complainant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o Addl. Deputy Commissioner (D),
Administration Complex, Ludhiana.

.....Respondent

Complaint Case .No. 124 of 2020

(Video Conference Proceeding).

Present:- Shri Gulzar Singh, complainant.
Shri Manjit Singh, Clerk on behalf of the respondent-PIO.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 23.11.2019 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. Complaint case was filed in the Commission on 27.01.2020 under Section 18 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter called RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today.

2. The complainant states that no information has been received from the respondents till date.

3. The representative of the respondent-PIO, states that the information sought by the complainant might be available in the office of the Sub Divisional Magistrate because the work of corrections of voter lists is done by Sub Divisional Magistrates through BLOs. He assures that complete information will be supplied after collecting the same from the SDM's office.

4. The respondent-PIO is directed to supply the information after collecting it from the office of the Sub Divisional Magistrate before the next date of hearing failing which punitive action will be initiated on the next date of hearing.

4. To come up on 20.03.2020 at 3.00 P.M. to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana.

Dated: 05.03.2020.

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Sh. Kulwant Singh o/o Sh. Sukhdev Singh,
R/o Village –Phoos mandi,
District –Bathinda.

.....Appellant
Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o Panchayat Secretary, Phoos Mandi,
C/o Block Development & Panchayat Officer,
Bathinda.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o District Development & Panchayat Officer,
Mini Secretariat, Bathinda.

..... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 480 of 2020 **(Video Conference Proceeding)**

Present:- Shri Varun Bansal, advocate, on behalf of the appellant.
None on behalf of the respondents.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 02.04.2019 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 20.07.2019 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 24.01.2020 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter called RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today.

2. The counsel for the appellant states that the appellant deposited Rs.1500/- on asking by the respondents vide their letter dated 1.5.2019 for supplying the information. The appellant requested the First Appellate Authority to refund Rs.1138/- as the respondents have supplied information consisting of 181 pages only. On the intervention of the FAA, the PIO refunded Rs.904/- vide cheque No.156050 dated 13.08.2019. He further states that only copies of Kacha Bills (invalid invoices) have been provided to the appellant, which are also not certified and remaining information is yet to be provided.

3. The respondents are absent without intimation. Viewing the absence of the respondents seriously, they are directed to appear and supply complete information including certified copies of original bills to the appellant immediately failing which punitive action will be initiated against the respondents on the next date of hearing.

4. To come up on 20.03.2020 at 3.00 P.M. to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Bathinda.

Dated: 05.03.2020.

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Sh. Malkit Singh S/o Sh. Hoshiar Singh,

R/o Village- Dandrala Dhindsa, (88721-00190)

Tehsil –Nabha, District –Patiala.

.....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,

O/o Block Development & Panchayat Officer,

Nabha, District Patiala.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o District Development & Panchayat Officer,

Mini Secretariat, Patiala.

..... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 549 of 2020

(Video Conference Proceeding)

Present:- Shri Malkit Singh, complainant.

Shri Inderjit Singh, GRS, on behalf of the respondent-PIO.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 01.11.2019 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 13.12.2019 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 29.01.2020 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter called RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today.

2. The appellant states that no information has been provided to him till date but the representative of the respondents states that he sent the information comprising 55 pages through registered post on 4.3.2020, which might have not been received by him.

3. On receipt of the information from the respondents, the appellant is advised to go through the same and revert back to the authorities in case of deficiencies in the information within 5 days on its receipt. The respondents are directed to remove the same on its receipt from the appellant before the next date of hearing.

4. To come up on 20.03.2020 at 3.00 P.M. to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Patiala.

sd/-

(Suresh Arora),

Chief Information Commissioner,
Punjab.

Dated: 05.03.2020.

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Sh. Ashwani Chawla, (99144-05765)

Bureau Chief, Sach Kahoon,

R/o House No. 2872, B,

Sector – 42, Chandigarh.

.....Complainant

Vs

Public Information Officer,

O/o General Administration,

Punjab Civil Secretariat-1,

Accounts -1 Branch,

Chandigarh.

.....Respondent

Complaint Case No. 122 of 2020

Present:- Shri Ashwani Chawla, complainant, in person.

Shri Maninderjit Singh, Senior Assistant, alongwith Shri Jagjit Singh,
Junior Assistant on behalf of the respondent-PIO.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 07.01.2020 vide which the complainant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. Complaint case was filed in the Commission on 27.01.2020 under Section 18 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter called RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today.

2. The representatives of the respondent-PIO state that information regarding point at Sr. No. 1 and 3 has been supplied to the Complainant to his satisfaction and regarding point at Sr. No. 4 is available in the office of the Administrative Officer (1), Punjab Civil Secretariat, Chandigarh as he is the custodian of the record. Regarding point at Sr. No. 2, information cannot be supplied as it relates to third party.

3. After hearing both the parties, it is ascertained that information concerning points at Sr. No. 1 and 3 has been supplied and information concerning point at Sr. No. 4 relates to Administration Branch and point at Sr. No. 2 relates to third party. The respondents are directed to transfer application to the Administration Branch for supplying the information concerning point at Sr. No. 4 for supplying the same under Section 6(3) of the RTI Act, 2005. The respondents are directed to reconsider the position regarding supply of information concerning point at Sr. No.2 in view of Section 4(b)(10) of the Right to Information Act, 2005 and intimate the decision to the complainant with a copy to the Commission, before the next date of hearing

4. To come up on 20.03.2020 at 11.00 A.M.

Dated: 05.03.2020.

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Sh. Manjit Singh S/o Sh. Lashman Singh,
R/o Vill.- Bhojia Hall, Village Dadehar Sahib,
Tehsil & District Tarn Taran. (75269-47707)Complainant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o Block Development & Panchayat Officer,
Tarn Taran.Respondent

Complaint Case No. 113 of 2020
(Video Conference Proceeding)

Present:- Shri Manjit Singh, complainant.
Ms. Mandeep Kaur, Panchayats Secretary, on behalf of the respondent-PIO.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 05.09.2019 vide which the complainant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. Complaint case was filed in the Commission on 24.01.2020 under Section 18 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter called RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today.

2. The complainant states that no information has been provided to him till date but the representative of the respondent-PIO states that they wrote to the complainant that the record for the year 1966-67 had already been weeded out.

3. As per the provisions of RTI Act, 2005, the information sought by the complainant can only be supplied if it is available in the record of the respondents. The respondent-PIO has given in writing that the said record has been weeded out with a copy to the Commission. In view of the written statement given to the complainant, the present case is disposed of and closed. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 05.03.2020.

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Sh. Sukhchain Singh, (94173-52146)

R/o Village- Chand Baja, Gill Patti,

District –Faridkot.

.....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,

O/o Block Development & Panchayat Officer,

Faridkot.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o District Development & Panchayat Officer,

Mini Secretariat, Faridkot.

..... Respondent

Appeal Case No. 498 of 2020
(Video Conference Proceeding)

Present:- Shri Sukhchain Singh, appellant.

Shri Iqbal Singh, Panchayats Secretary, on behalf of the respondents.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 14.06.2019 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 03.10.2019 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 27.01.2020 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter called RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today.

2. The appellant states that information sought by him has been supplied to him but he has doubt that this information is not accurate.

3. The respondent-PIO has given in writing that the information supplied to him as per record during the hearing. Accordingly, the present case is disposed of and closed. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 05.03.2020.

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Near shani Dev Mandir Patel Nagar,
Malout, District Sri Muktsar Sahib.

.....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o Assistant Programmer Officer, MGNREGA,
Block Development and Panchayats Officer, -Malout,
District Sri Muktsar Sahib.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer,
Block- Malout, District Sri Muktsar Sahib.

..... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 455 of 2020
(Video Conference Proceedings)

Present:- Shri Sandeep Kumar, appellant.
Shri Rashpal Singh, APO, on behalf of the respondents.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 20.08.2019 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 14.11.2018 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 23.01.2020 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter called RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today.

2. The representative of the respondents states that complete information is available on the website 'www.narega.nic.in' but he has provided hard copies of complete information as sought by the appellant after downloading from their website.

3. The appellant states that information has been supplied by the respondents during the hearing. He seeks that some time be afforded to him to peruse the same.

4. The appellant is advised to go through the information supplied to him and revert back to the authorities, in case of deficiencies, in the information supplied to him within five days from today. On receipt of deficiencies from the appellant, the respondents are directed to remove the same before the next date of hearing.

5. To come up on 20.03.2020 at 3.00 P.M. to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Sri Mukatsar Sahib.

Dated: 05.03.2020.

sd/-
(Suresh Arora),
Chief Information Commissioner,
Punjab.