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Shri Rajnish Kumar (7009185717)

S/o Shri Manphul Ram,
R/o A-176, MES road Opposite,
BSNL Colony, Radha Swami Colony,
District – Fazilka.

Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,

o/o Govt. Sr. Sec. School,
Chimnewala, Fazilka.

First Appellate Authority,

o/o Govt. Sr. Sec. School,
Chimnewala, Fazilka.

Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3811 of 2023

Present : None on the behalf of the parties.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 21.03.2024. During the said hearing, appellant was absent and last opportunity was granted to him to remain present on the next date of hearing for deliberations and matter was fixed for today i.e. 05.06.2024.

2. The appellant is absent without intimation to the Commission. **Last opportunity** is granted to him to remain present on the next date of hearing for deliberations, failing which, the decision will be taken on merit, ex-parte, as he has failed to avail the given opportunity.

3. The respondent PIO is also absent without intimation to the Commission. He is also directed to remain present on the next date of hearing for deliberations to take the matter to its logical end, failing which stringent action will be initiated against him as per RTI Act, 2005.

4. To come up on **05.09.2024 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

Date :05.06.2024

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Shri Surinder Kumar

s/o Shri Shri Bhagwan Dass,
R/o Ward No. 8, Fatehgarh Churian,
Tehsil – Batala, District – Gurdaspur.

Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,

O/o SDM, Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Deputy Commissioner,
Ludhiana.

Sh. Abhishek Bansal (ATO)

Public Information Officer,

O/o Regional Transport Authority,
Ludhiana.

Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3763 of 2023

Present: None on behalf of the parties.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 21.03.2024. During the said hearing, a **show cause notice** was issued to the respondent PIO-cum-ATO, Sh. Abhishek Bansal. The case was adjourned for further hearing on 05.06.2024 i.e. today.

2. The appellant is absent without intimation to the Commission. **Last opportunity** is granted to him to remain present on the next date of hearing for deliberations, failing which, the decision will be taken on merit, ex-parte, as he has failed to avail the given opportunity.

3. The respondent PIO is absent but he has sent the written submissions comprising reply to the Show cause notice issued to him along with supplied reply/information to the appellant pertaining to the sought information, which is taken on record.

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Appeal Case No. 3763 of 2023

4. Accordingly, Sh. Abhsihek Bansal, ATO-cum-PIO is directed to remain present on the next date of hearing for deliberations to take the matter to its logical end. The decision regarding show cause notice issued to him will be taken on the next date of hearing.

5. To come up on **04.09.2024 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

Date:05.06.2024

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Ms. Beant Kaur

C/o Bhai Charan Singh Banbiha Bhai,
Advocate Jagroop Singh, H No 401/4,
Vijay Nagar, PO DCW, Patiala

.....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,

O/o The Manager,
S.G.P.C. Gurudwara Sahib,
Sri Fatehgarh Sahib

Public Information Officer,

O/o The Deputy Commissioner,
Sri Fatehgarh Sahib

First Appellate Authority

O/o The Secretary,
Shiromani Gurudwara Parbandhak Committee
(S.G.P.C.), Sri Amritsar Sahib

.....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 5516 of 2022

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.
Sh. Kuldeep Singh, GPA/SGPC (M:9878636935) on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 14.03.2024. During the said hearing, respondent PIO, office of the Deputy Commissioner, Sri Fatehgarh Sahib was directed to file a point-wise submission in this case else file an undertaking that nothing else is available in their office record. He was also directed to remain present on the next date of hearing i.e. 05.06.2024.

2. The appellant is absent without intimation to the Commission. **Last opportunity** is granted to him to remain present on the next date of hearing for deliberations, failing which, the decision will be taken on merit, ex-parte, as he has failed to avail the given opportunity.

3. The respondent who appeared from the office of S.G.P.C., Amritsar and submits that, sought information as per the official record of S.G.P.C., Amritsar comprising three pages has already been supplied to the appellant. Further, he submits that nothing more is available in the official record which can be supplied to the appellant.

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Appeal Case No. 5516 of 2022

4. Nobody is present from the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Sri Fatehgarh Sahib as well as from the office of the Manager, S.G.P.C., Sri Fatehgarh Sahib to represent this case. Both the PIOs from the above said offices are directed to remain present on the next date of hearing for deliberations to take the matter to its logical end.
5. A copy of this order is **being sent** to the Deputy Commissioner, Sri Fatehgarh Sahib to ensure the presence of the PIO and supply the complete information before the next date of hearing.
6. A copy of this order is **being sent** to Sh. Gurdeep Singh Kang, Manager, S.G.P.C., Sri Fatehgarh Sahib to appear in person on the next date of hearing along with relevant reply pertaining to the sought information through RTI application. A copy of RTI application also be sent to him for ready reference.
7. To come up on **05.09.2024 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

Date :05.06.2024

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(Inderpal Singh)
Chief Information Commissioner
Punjab

CC:

Ms. Parneet Shergill, IAS
The Deputy Commissioner,
Sri Fatehgarh Sahib

Sh. Gurdeep Singh Kang
The Manager,
S.G.P.C. Gurudwara Sahib,
Sri Fatehgarh Sahib

Encl. RTI application

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Shri Harmilap Singh Grewal

S/o Shri Jagdish Singh Grewal,
House No. 22173, Street 12/2,
Power house road, Bathinda- 151001
M : 9356200018

Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,

O/o Food and Drug Administration,
Near Civil Hospital, Kharar,
District – Mohali.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Commissioner, Food and Drug Administration,
Near Civil Hospital, Kharar,
District – Mohali.

Respondents

Appeal Case No. 750 of 2023

Present:- None on behalf of the appellant.

Sh. Sukhjeet Singh, Clerk (9855824169) on behalf of the respondents.

ORDER

This case may be read with reference to the previous order dated 20.03.2024. During the said hearing, case was closed for supplying the information. Directions were issued to Ms. Jasveer Kaur, Superintendent Grade-I to submit reply to the Show Cause notice, which was issued to her vide order dated 21.06.2023. The case was adjourned for further hearing on 05.06.2024 i.e. today.

2. The respondent submits that Ms. Jasveer Kaur is unable to attend today's hearing and requested for an adjournment. Further, he submits that reply to the show cause has already been sent to the Commission in the shape of **ਹਲਫੀਆ ਬਿਆਨ**, which is taken on record.

3. After having detailed deliberations with the respondent, a **final opportunity** is granted to Ms. Jasveer Kaur to appear in person on the next date of hearing, failing which penal action will be initiated against her as per the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

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Appeal Case No. 750 of 2023

4. The decision regarding show cause issued to Ms. Jasveer Kaur, Superintendent will be taken on the next date of hearing.
5. To come up on **27.06.2024 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

Date :05.06.2024

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(Inderpal Singh)
Chief Information Commissioner
Punjab

CC:

Ms. Jasveer Kaur (Superintendent)
O/o Food and Drug Administration,
Near Civil Hospital, Kharar,
District – Mohali.

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Sh. Jagjit Singh,
R/o Aman Nagar, Street No. 3,
B/S Green Land School,
Near Jalandhar Bye Pass,
District – Ludhiana(Punjab)

...Appellant

Vs

- i) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Director,
Public Instructions (Sec.) Pb.,
Vidya Bhawan, P.S.E.B. Complex,
Sector 62, S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali) (Punjab)
- ii) Public Information Officer,
O/o The District Education Officer (Elem.),
Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Secretary to Government of Punjab,
Deptt. of School Education,
Pb. Mini Secretariat, Chandigarh.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3495 of 2023

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.
Sh. Suresh Kumar (M.-9855422727), Junior Assistant O/o D.E.O.(Elem.),
Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar, for the respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 21.03.2024. On that day of hearing, the respondent intimated that an enquiry is going on and after completion of the same, the information will be supplied to the appellant. One last opportunity was also granted to the appellant to make the submissions, if any.

2. After perusing the case-file, it emerges that Assistant Director (Establishment Branch) has forwarded a letter dated 07.05.2024 to the District Education Officer (Elem.), Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar as the sought information relates with their office.

3. The respondent came present from office of the District Education Officer (Elem.), Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar, submits that enquiry is completed and yet to be concluded and seeks an adjournment in this case.

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Appeal Case No. 3495 of 2023

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4. Nevertheless, last and final opportunity is given to the respondent PIO office of the District Education Officer (Elem.), Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar to file the status report on the next date fixed. A copy of the order is **being sent** to District Education Officer (Elem.), Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar.

5. Further, as on the last date of hearing, held on 21.03.2024, last opportunity was granted to the appellant so that an ample opportunity be given to him to plead his case as well as to remain present but in spite of given last opportunity, the appellant is not present. It seems that the absence of the appellant is prima facie seems willful and intentional, which is not sustainable in the eyes of the law.

6. Nevertheless, last and final opportunity is given to the appellant to represent this case in person on the next date, failing which the decision will be taken on merit, ex-parte.

7. With this, the case is **adjourned to 12th September, 2024 at 11:30 A. M. for hearing.**

Date :5th June, 2024

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Chief Information Commissioner
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Sh. Jagjit Singh,
R/o Aman Nagar, Street No. 3,
B/S Green Land School,
Near Jalandhar Bye Pass,
District – Ludhiana(Punjab)

...Appellant

Vs

- i) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Director,
Public Instructions (Elem.) Pb.,
Vidya Bhawan, P.S.E.B. Complex,
Sector 62,S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali) (Punjab)
- ii) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Director,
Public Instructions (Sec.) Pb.,
Vidya B hawan, P.S.E.B. Complex,
Sector 62,S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali) (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Secretary to Government of Punjab,
Deptt. of School Education,
Pb. Mini Secretariat, Chandigarh

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3508 of 2023

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.
Ms. Davinder Kaur(M.-9463576583), Senior Assistant (Establishment – II
Branch) for respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the order dated 21.03.2024. On that day of hearing, the representative of the respondent, Ms. Davinder Kaur, Senior Assistant (Establishment – II Branch) office of Director, Public Instructions (Elem.) Punjab, intimated orally that the Director, Public Instructions (Sec.) Punjab is the custodian of the relevant official record, regarding which the information is sought through RTI application and requested to adjourn the case to file a proper reply. The PIO office of the Director, Public Instructions (Elem.) Punjab Mohali was directed to file an affidavit, duly sworn, mentioning that that the RTI application of the appellant relates to Director, Public Instructions (Sec.) Punjab and nothing is available in the official record. Also, the PIO office of Director, Public Instructions (Sec.) Punjab was directed to file the reply/supply the information.

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Appeal Case No. 3508 of 2023

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2. The respondent PIO, Sh. Kuldeep Singh Bath, Assistant Director-cum-PIO office of the Director, Public Instructions (Elem.) Punjab, Mohali through an e-mail has sent a reply in an affidavit and in para 02 of the affidavit, has stated that information sought by the appellant related with office of Director, Public Instructions (Elem.) i. e. respondent no. 01 instead of Director, Public Instructions Sec.) i. e. respondent no. 02.

3. As alleged by the representative of the respondent no. 01, the original affidavit has been sent through post but a copy of affidavit has been received through e-mail but hard copy i. e. affidavit in original has not been placed on record till date. The respondent PIO is directed to submit the said affidavit on or before the next date of hearing.

4. Further, as on the last date of hearing, held on 21.03.2024, last opportunity was granted to the appellant so that an ample opportunity be given to him to plead his case as well as to remain present but in spite of given last opportunity, the appellant is not present. It seems that the absence of the appellant is prima facie seems willful and intentional, which is not sustainable in the eyes of the law.

5. Nevertheless, last and final opportunity is given to the appellant to represent this case in person on the next date of hearing, failing which the decision will be taken on merit, ex-parte.

6. With this, the case is adjourned to 12th September, 2024 at 11:30 A. M. for hearing.

Date :5th June, 2024
R

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Ms. Surinder Kaur w/o Late Sh.Malkit Singh,
R/o Street No. 4 Guru Nanak Nagar,
Kachha, Malak Road, Jagraon,
District – Ludhiana- 142026 (Punjab)
M : 9417265263.
Through Sh.M.P. Singh Dhaliwal Advocate,
(M. 9417265263)

..Appellant

Vs

- i) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Principal Secretary to Government of Punjab,
Deptt. Of School Education,
Education - 4 Branch,
Punjab Civil Secretariat – 2, Chandigarh.
- ii) Ms. Bindu, Assistant Director-cum
Public Information Officer,
O/o The Director,
Public Instructions (Elem.) Pb.,
Vidya Bhawan, P.S.E.B. Complex,
Sector 62,S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali) (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Principal Secretary to Government of Punjab,
Deptt. of School Education,
Punjab Civil Secretariat, Chandigarh

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3592 of 2023

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.
None on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the order 21.03.2024. On that day of hearing, a show cause notice was issued to Ms. Bindu, Assistant Director-cum-Public Information Officer office of Director, Public Instructions (Elem.) Punjab, S. A. S. Nagar and directions were also given to the Public Information Officer of the said office is directed to file a reply/supply the information.

2. The appellant is not present but through an e-mail, she has requested to adjourn this case and the request is allowed.

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Appeal Case No. 3592 of 2023

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3. Neither the respondent PIO (Ms. Bindu) is present in today's hearing for the reasons best known to her nor she has sent any intimation to the Commission regarding her non-availability, which shows that her absence is intentional and willful. Moreover, she has also not sent reply to the show-cause issued vide orders dated 21.03.2024.

4. Nevertheless, last and final opportunity is given to the Public Information Officer of the office of Director, Public Instructions (Elem.) Punjab, S. A. S. Nagar to file a reply/supply the information in this case. Ms. Bindu, Assistant Director-cum-PIO, is also directed to appear in person before the Commission alongwith a reply to the show-cause issued vide orders dated 21.03.2024, failing which penalty provisions will be invoked.

5. Also a copy of this order **is being** sent to the Director, Public Instructions (Elem.) Punjab, S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali) to fix the responsibility for non-appearance of the PIO in this case and action taken in this regard be sent to the Commission.

6. With this, the case is **adjourned to 12th September, 2024 at 11:30 A. M. for hearing.**

Date :5th June, 2024

R

(Inderpal Singh)
Chief Information Commissioner
Punjab

CC : The Director,
Public Instructions (Elem.) Pb.,
Vidya Bhawan, P.S.E.B. Complex,
Sector 62, S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali) (Punjab)

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Sh. Markus Masih s/o Sh.Darshan Bhatti,
General Power of Attorney
Amritsar Diocesan Trust Association,
Office 201/100, Block – J, BRS Nagar,
District – Ludhiana(Punjab)
(M :8264866993)

...Appellant

Vs

- i) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Tehsildar,
Khanna, Distt. - Ludhiana(Punjab)
- ii) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Deputy Commissioner,
Ludhiana (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
o/o The Sub Divisional Magistrate,
Khanna, Distt. - Ludhiana (Punjab)

..... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3665 of 2023

Present : Sh. Daljit Singh Grewal on behalf of the appellant.
None on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the order dated 21.03.2024. On that day of hearing, the respondent PIO office of office of Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana was directed to remain present and file a reply/supply the information.

2. The appellant is present today and the respondent is not present. The appellant alleges that information at point 08 (iv) (v) (vi) has not been provided to him in this case rather the Deputy Commissioner Ludhiana had directed Tehsildar, Khanna to provide the information at points as stated above vide letter dated 08.05.2024. But no one is present from respondent offices i. e. Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana and Tehsildar, Khanna, so in their absence it is not possible to proceed the case.

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3. The letter dated 08.05.2024 sent by the PIO office Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana be complied with and what efforts have been made by PIO office of Tehsildar, Khanna, to comply with the letter dated 08.05.2024 be intimated. The PIO office of Tehsildar, Khanna is directed to appear in person before the Commission to take the matter to its logical end.

4. Further, directions are hereby given to the Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana to send any of his authorized official to represent this case on the next date of hearing fixed.

5. With this, the case is adjourned to 10th July, 2024 at 11:30 A. M. for hearing.

Date :5th June, 2024

R

(Inderpal Singh)
Chief Information Commissioner
Punjab

CC :

Ms. Sakhshi Sawhney,
The Deputy Commissioner,
Ludhiana (Punjab)

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Sh. Jagmohan Singh
S/o Sh. Hukam Singh,
R/o 48/6, Aman Vihar,
Bhadson Road, Patiala(Punjab)

.....Appellant

Vs

- i) Public Information Officer,
O/oThe Administrative Secretary,
Department of Personnel, Pb.,
(PP- II Branch),
Punjab Civil Secretariat - 1, Chandigarh.
- ii) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Principal Secretary
to Government of Punjab,
Department of Technical Education,
Punjab Civil Secretariat, Sector – 9, Chandigarh

First Appellate Authority,
O/oThe Administrative Secretary,
Department of Personnel, Pb.,
Punjab Civil Secretariat - 1, Chandigarh

.....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2616 of 2023

Present : Sh. Jagjit Singh (M.-9915021551) on behalf of the appellant.
i) Sh. Arvinderpal Singh (M.-9779252639), Senior Assistant ;
ii) Sh. Mandeep Singh (M.-6284261630), Senior Assistant, for respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the order dated 20.03.2024. On that day of hearing, the respondent submitted that information sought was sent to the appellant through registered post. The appellant pointed the deficiencies and a copy of the same is handed over to the respondent during the course of the hearing and the respondent assured that the deficiencies will be removed. With regard to point no. 02, the PIO office of the Principal Secretary to Government of Punjab, Department of Technical Education was impleaded as necessary party in this case to file a reply/supply the information .

2. The representative of the appellant stated that incomplete has been given to the appellant by the respondent PIO and he has already pointed the deficiencies to the PIO, which have not been removed till date.

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3. During the course of the hearing, the appellant is agreed to inspect the relevant official record so that proper information be given to him. Hence, the appellant is directed to visit the office of the respondent PIO from today to 10.06.2024 within working days during official hours i. e. from 09:00 A. M. to 05:00 P. M. by calling the respondent. Both the parties are directed to exchange their phone numbers.

4. With this, the case is adjourned to 31st July, 2024 at 11:30 A. M. for hearing.

Date :5th June, 2024

R

(Inderpal Singh)
Chief Information Commissioner
Punjab