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District Ludhiana 9815466796

....Appellant

Vs

Sh. Joginder Singh, **Registered**
Distt. Revenue Officer-cum-
Public Information Officer
o/o Deputy Commissioner,
District Ludhiana

First Appellate Authority
o/o Deputy Commissioner,
District Ludhiana

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2942 of 2021
(Video Conference Proceedings)

Present:- Sh. Surinderpal, Advocate on behalf of the appellant.
Sh Ranjit Singh, N.S.K. _____ on behalf of the respondents.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 25.8.2021.

2. The appellant states that he has filed the RTI application with the Public Information Officer on 18.3.2021 and filed the first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 22.4.2021. In addition, he states that neither the Public Information Officer nor First Appellate Authority has supplied any information and requested to penalize the respondent authority and award the compensation in this case, due to harassment. Furthermore he states that the appellant has just sought the action taken on the complaint filed by her on 24.9.2020 and a reminder dated 23.1.2021 was also sent to the respondent authority. However, the representative of the respondents states that the complaint dated 24.9.2020 of the appellant has already been sent to the Sub Divisional Magistrate, East vide No. 6355 dated 30.9.2020.

3. The respondent authority has not submitted any response regarding the reminder written by the appellant on 23.1.2021 and the present status of the complaint. Video Conference Facility/cisco webex facility was introduced for convenience of general public and for government officials. Viewing the attitude in dealing with the RTI application of the appellant seriously, Sh. Joginder Singh, Distt. Revenue Officer-cum-Public Information Officer is, thus, issued a show cause notice to explain in a self-attested affidavit as to why a penalty @ Rs.250/- per day of delay subject to a maximum of Rs.25000/- till the complete information is furnished, be not imposed under Section 20(1) of RTI Act, 2005 on him for causing wilful delay/denial of the information to the RTI application and to issue show cause for compensation to the appellant for detriment suffered by him under section 19(8) of the RTI Act, 2005.

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In addition to the written reply, the PIO is also given an opportunity under Section 20(1) proviso thereto, for a personal hearing before the imposition of such penalty on the next date of hearing. He may take a note that in case he does not file his written reply and does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the next date, it will be presumed that he has nothing to say and the Commission will proceed ex-parte.

4. The respondent-Public Information Officer is also directed to submit the response regarding the reminder written by the appellant on 23.1.2021 and the up to date status/action taken on the complaint before the next date of hearing.

5. To come up on 4.10.2021 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, District Ludhiana

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Dated: 6.9.2021

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Sh. Sat Pal Sharma 9463292433
3623 Street No. 1,
Durga Pura Habowal Kallan,
District Ludhiana

....Appellant

Vs

Sh. Joginder Singh, **Registered**
Distt. Revenue Officer-cum-
Public Information Officer
o/o Deputy Commissioner,
District Ludhiana

First Appellate Authority
o/o Deputy Commissioner
District Ludhiana

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2680 of 2021
(Video Conference Proceedings)

Present:- Sh. Sat Pal Sharma, appellant.
Sh. Manjinder Singh, Sr. Asstt. 0999477987 on behalf of the respondents.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 4.8.2021.

2. The appellant states that no information has been provided by the respondents so far. However, Sh. Manjinder Singh informed that he has received a telephone call from Sh. Pardeep that his wife is admitted in the hospital so he is unable to attend the hearing.

3. The RTI application was filed by the appellant 25.3.2021 and till date no information has been supplied to the appellant. Viewing the attitude in dealing with the RTI application of the appellant Sh. Joginder Singh, Distt. Revenue Officer-cum-Public Information Officer o/o the Deputy Commissioner, District Ludhiana is thus issued a show cause notice to explain in a self-attested affidavit as to why a compensation to the appellant for detriment suffered by him under section 19(8) of the RTI Act, 2005 may not be awarded.

In addition to the written reply, the Public Information Officer is also given an opportunity under Section 20(1) proviso thereto, for a personal hearing before awarding the compensation on the next date of hearing. He may take a note that in case he does not file his written reply and do not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the next date, it will be presumed that he has nothing to say and the Commission will proceed ex-parte.

4. One last opportunity is granted to the respondent-Public Information Officer to file the reply/supply the complete information to the appellant before the next date of hearing under intimation to the Commission failing

5. To come up on 30.9.2021 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, District Ludhiana.

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Dated: 6.9.2021

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Sh Nirmal Singh Dhiman,
Supdt Grade 1 (Retd.)
9988163411
895 Phase 11(Sector 65)
Mohali

....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer
o/o Financial Commissioner,
Sectt. Admn 1 Branch,
Punjab Civil Secretariat-1, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority
o/o Financial Commissioner,
Sectt. Admn 1 Branch,
Punjab Civil Secretariat-1, Chandigarh.

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2635 of 2021

Present:- None on behalf of the appellant.
Ms Amarjit Kaur 9888622801 & Ms Jagroop Malhotra 9915338007 on behalf
of the respondents.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 4.8.2021.

2. The appellant has sent the request to adjourn the case which has been diarized in the Commission vide No. 19453 dated 31.8.2021. Also the appellant has filed the written arguments in this case, copy of which has been handed over to the respondent during the course of hearing to file the submissions, if any, to take the matter to its logical end. Also a copy of the same is being sent to the respondent-Public Information Officer along with this order.

3. According to the request of the appellant, the case is adjourned.

4. To come up on 16.9.2021 at 12.30 PM at Chandigarh.

Dated: 6.9.2021

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Sh. Ajay Kumar/Ajay Kumar Mehta 9814646309
C 118, East Mohan Nagar,
Chamrang Road,
District Amritsar

....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer
o/o Punjab State Information Commission,
Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,
o/o Punjab State Information Commission,
Chandigarh.

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2564 of 2021
(Video Conference Proceedings)

Present: None on behalf of the appellant.
Sh. Sudhir Kumar SO on behalf of the respondents.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 4.8.2021.

2. The appellant has sent an email vide which it has requested for the adjournment of the case. Accordingly, the case is adjourned.

3. To come up on 20.9.2021 at 12.30 PM at Chandigarh.

Dated: 6.9.2021

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Sh. Sukhchain Singh s/o Baldev Singh
r/o Basti Hajara Singh Wali,
Tehsil & Distt. Ferozepur.

..Complainant

Vs

Sh. Gurmeet Singh Kahlon,
Public Information Officer **Registered**
o/o Block Development and Panchayats Officer,
Block Ferozepur, Ferozepur

Public Information Officer **Registered**
o/o Block Development and Panchayats Officer,
Block Mamdot, Ferozepur.

Sh. Ruldu Singh, Panchayat Secretary **Registered**
c/o Director,
Rural Development & Panchayat, Pb.,
Vikas Bhawan, Sector 62, Mohali

Sh. Ruldu Singh, Panchayat Secretary (**Registered**)
-cum-Public Information Officer
Basti Hazara Singh Wali,
c/o Block Development and Panchayats Officer
Block Mamdot, Ferozepur.

Public Information Officer
o/o The Director,
Rural Development & Panchayat Deptt., Pb.
Vikas Bhawan, Sector 62, Mohali

....Respondents

Complaint Case No. 811 of 2020

(Video Conference/Telephone/Cisco Webex Proceedings)

Present:- Sh. Sukhchain Singh, complainant on telephone
Sh. Sanjeev Garg, Deputy Director Rural 9463830644, 9646729136 on behalf
of the respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 3.8.2021.

2. The representative of the respondents states that he is present on behalf of the Sh. M.S. Chhatwal, IAS, Director, Rural Development & Panchayat, Pb. Furthermore, he has requested for the adjournment of the case and assured that the complete information will be supplied to the complainant before the next date of hearing.

3. Accordingly the request of the respondent is accepted and the case is adjourned.

4. However, a show cause notice was issued to Sh. Ruldu Singh, Panchayat Secretary but no reply has been received from him. One opportunity is granted to him to file the reply failing which ex-parte decision will be taken on the next date of hearing.

5. To come up on 4.10.2021 at 12.30 PM at Chandigarh.

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Dated: 6.9.2021

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Sh. MS Chhatwal, IAS

Registered

Director,

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Sh. Tejinder Singh, Advocate
Civil Court, Tehsil Complex,
Backside Sanjh Kender,
Phillaur 144410
9041004313

....Appellant

vs

Public Information Officer
o/o Deputy Commissioner,
District Ludhiana

First Appellate Authority
o/o Deputy Commissioner,
District Ludhiana

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3035 of 2021
(Video Conference Proceedings)

Present:- None on behalf of the appellant.
Sh. Ranjit Singh, N.S.K. _____ on behalf of the respondents.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 25.8.2021.

2. The representative of the respondents states that the reply regarding the sought information has already been sent to the appellant that the action is being taken on the complaint filed by Sh. Parven Dang and Sh. Harinder Pal Singh against Sh. Varun Kumar, Patwari. He also states that after the finality of the case, the information will be supplied to the appellant.

3. The appellant is absent without intimation. However, after hearing the submissions made by the respondent, the respondent-Public Information Officer is directed to submit the name and designation of the officer concerned under whom the action is being taken to take the matter to its logical end.

4. To come up on 30.9.2021 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, District Ludhiana.

Dated: 6.9.2021

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(Suresh Arora)
Chief Information Commissioner,
Punjab.