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ShYadwinder Singh, S/o ShSimranjit Singh, Distt Jail, Roopnagar.

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o commissioner of Plice , Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority, O/o commissioner of Plice, Ludhiana.

...Respondent

# Appeal Case No. 156 of 2019

PRESENT: None for the Appellant

Sh.Baldev Singh, ASI for the Respondent

#### Order:

The case was first heard on 26.02.2019 by Sh.S.S.Channy, Chief Information Commissioner. The respondent denied the information stating that the matter is under investigation and challan has been filed in the court which was handed over to the appellant. The respondent also handed over a copy of judgement of the court in their defense to the appellant. The appellant handed over copies of four judgements in his support to the representative of the respondent. Both the parties were directed to furnish their reply to each other with a copy to the Commission.

The case was again heard by Sh.S.S.Channy, Chief Information Commissioner on 02.04.2019. The appellant submitted a letter which was taken on the record and a copy was handed over to the respondent. The respondent however failed to submit their reply on the judgements handed over to him by the appellant on 26.02.2019. The respondent was directed to file appropriate reply on the judgement and the letter submitted by the appellant.

The case has come up for hearing today. The respondent pleaded that the accused is in the judicial custody via order of Sh.Arunveer Vashist, Addl. Session Judge, Ludhiana in a double murder case of killing two persons. The respondent further informed that the appellant was working as a reader with Sh.Manjinder Singh, SHO in Police Station Machhiwara. Sh.Yadwinder Singh alongwith two other accused Sh.Manjinder Singh and Sh.Sukhvir Singh went on a raid in a case under the police station Jamalpur where due to heated arguments between both the parties, these accused killed two persons. Sh.Manjinder Singh and Sh.Sukhvir Singh have been declared P.O by the Court of Sh.Arunveer Vashist, Addl. Session Judge, Ludhiana. The statement of the respondent has been taken on the file.

The appellant is absent and vide email has sought exemption being in judicial custody. The case will be adjudicated on the next date of hearing.

To come up for further hearing on 29.07.2019 at 11.00 AM.

Chandigarh Dated:08.07.2019

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Sh.Ujagar Singh, S/o Sh Lt ShBant Singh, R/o Street No-1, Mann Colony, Daba, Ludhiana.

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/oADGP, (Crime), Police Headquarters, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority, O/o DGP, (Crime), Police Headquarter, Chandigarh.

...Respondent

# Appeal Case No. 157 of 2019

PRESENT: Sh.Ujagar Singh as the Appellant

Sh. Harpal Singh, ASI O/o SSP Barnala for the Respondent

#### Order:

The case was first heard on 26.02.2019 by Sh.S.S.Channy, Chief Information Commissioner. The respondent Sh.Prem Singh was present who informed that as per letter dated 05.02.2019 from AIGP Bureau of Investigation, Punjab, the letter of the appellant dated 18.09.2018 was not received by them and the appellant was asked vide letter dated 11.12.2018 to furnish details of the informationsought by him but no reply was received from him. The appellant stated that he has not received the letter dated 11.12.2018. The appellant was directed to hand over a copy of letter dated 18.09.2018 to the respondent and the respondent was directed to provide the information.

The case was again heard by Sh.S.S.Channy, Chief Information Commissioner on 02.04.2019. The appellant claimed that the PIO has not provided the information. The respondent stated that the FIR in the matter has been registered and information asked for by the appellant is in question form, which cannot be provided. After hearing both the parties, the PIO was directed to supply the information to the appellant and in case any of the information is not available, then a written submission to this effect be made on the next date of hearing.

The case has come up for hearing today. The appellant claims that despite order of the Commission, the PIO has not supplied the information. The respondent has brought nothing. The PIO is directed to respond all the points of the RTI application, and whatever the information is available on record, the same be provided. If any of the information is not available in the record, the same be given in writing on an affidavit. If the information is in the custody of other persons, the same be informed. The information be provided to the appellant within 15 days and send a compliance report to the Commission.

The case is adjourned. To come up for further hearing on 02.09.2019 at 11.00 AM.

Chandigarh Dated:08.07.2019

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Sh.Amrit Pal, O/o Punjab Public Service Commision, Baradari Garden, P.B No-39, Patiala.

... Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer,** 

O/oDepartment of Personnel, PP-3, Punjab Civil Secretariat, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Department of Personnel, PP-3, Punjab Civil Secretariat, Chandigarh.

...Respondent

# Appeal Case No. 180of 2019

PRESENT: None for the Appellant

Sh.Sandeep Singh, Sr.Assistant, Deptt. of Personnel, for the Respondent

## Order:

The case was first heard on **26.02.2019** by Sh.S.S.Channy, Chief Information Commissioner. The PIO vide letter dated 26.02.2019 denied the information under section 8(1)(j) stating that the information sought by the appellant has no larger public interest and referred the judgement of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in SLP NO.27734/2012. After detailed discussions, the reply of the respondent was not found tenable and the PIO was directed to take necessary action and submit action taken report on the next date of hearing.

The case was again heard by Sh.S.S.Channy, Chief Information Commissioner on **02.04.2019**. The respondent sought more time to complete the investigation which was granted and the PIO was directed to provide action taken report to the complainant with a copy to the Commission.

The case has come up for hearing today. The respondent present pleaded that the information has been provided to the appellant and a copy of the same submitted to the Commission. Appellant is absent to point out the discrepancies if any nor has sent any communication whether he has received the information or not.

Having gone through the RTI application and the information provided by the PIO, I find that the information has been provided to the best possible extent as per previous order and no further course of action is required.

The case is **disposed off and closed.** However, the Commission makes it clear that if the appellant has not received the information, he should intimate the Commission.

Chandigarh
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Sh.Ranjit Singh, S/o ShSarwan Singh, R/o Mnhas cottage, LIC Colony, Sector-4, Mundi Kharar, Distt Mohali.

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o DGP, Punjab,Chandigarh.

**First Appellate Authority,** O/o DGP, Punjab, Chandigarh.

...Respondent

# Appeal Case No. 250 of 2019

PRESENT: Sh.Ranjit Singh as the Appellant

Sh.Purshotam Kumar, Head Constable for the Respondent

## Order:

The case was first heard on 26.02.2019 by Sh.S.S.Channy, Chief Information Commissioner. The respondent present submitted a letter of the PIO dated 25.02.2019 vide which the information was denied under section 8(1)(j) of the RTI Act. The appellant sought adjournment since his counsel was not able to attend hearing. After hearing both the parties, the appellant was directed to point out specific deficiencies in the information already pointed in some other similar cases and the respondent was directed to submit detailed reply on the next date of hearing.

The case was again heard by Sh.S.S.Channy, Chief Information Commissioner on 02.04.2019. The respondent informed that no deficiencies have been furnished by the appellant. The appellant was directed to point out specific information required by him and the respondent was directed to supply the same.

The case has come up for hearing today. The appellant claims that he has specified the information to the respondent on 24.04.2019. The respondent submitted a letter of the PIO dated 08.07.2019 whereby the PIO has denied the information on points 1 to 3 stating that the information sought is in question form and the information regarding points 4 & 5, has already been provided in appeal case No.2184 of 2018. Hearing both the parties, the following was concluded:

Points 1&2 - PIO to provide copy of the order of the promotion

Point-3 - Provided

Point-4 & 5 - Provided during the hearing

With the above order, the case is **disposed off and closed**. However, the Commission makes it clear that if the appellant is not provided the information, he is free to come to the Commission again.

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Sh.Boota Singh, S/I ShSher Singh, VPO Malak, Tehsil Jagraon, Distt Ludhiana.

... Appellant

Versus

# **Public Information Officer**,

O/o Additional Deputy Commissioner, (Development), Ludhiana

First Appellate Authority,

O/oDistrict Social Welfare Officer, Ludhiana.

...Respondent

# Appeal Case No. 253of 2019

PRESENT: Sh. Harinder Pal Singh on behalf of the Appellant

None for the Respondent

#### Order:

The case was first heard on **26.02.2019** by Sh.S.S.Channy, Chief Information Commissioner. The counsel for the appellant informed that no information has been provided to the appellant. The respondent was absent. The Commission received a letter from ADC Ludhiana vide which it was informed that in this case District Social Welfare Officer, Ludhiana is the PIO and Director Social Welfare and Women & Child Development Punjab, Chandigarh is the First Appellate Authority and the RTI application had been transferred to them. The PIO-District Welfare Officer, Ludhiana was impleaded in the case and directed to supply the information as per the RTI application.

The case was again heard by Sh.S.S.Channy, Chief Information Commissioner on 02.04.2019. The counsel for the appellant was absent and sought adjournment. The respondent was absent. The PIO was given one last opportunity to supply the information and be present on the next date of hearing.

The case has come up for hearing today. The representative appeared on behalf of the counsel informed that the PIO has not provided the information to the appellant.

Mrs. Inderpreet Kaur O/o District Social Welfare Ludhiana appeared late and brought the information. She was informed that the case has been adjourned. The respondent was directed to send the information to the appellant through registered post within 10 days and a compliance report be sent to the Commission.

To come up for further hearing on 16.10.2019 at 11.00 AM.

Chandigarh Dated:08.07.2019 Sd/(Khushwant Singh)
State Information Commissioner

CC to :1. PIO- District Welfare Officer, Ludhiana

2. Director Social Welfare and Women & Child Development Punjab, Chandigarh

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Sh Vijay Kumar Kapur, # 2857, Sector-40-C, Chandigarh.

... Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer,** O/o XEN, PSPCL, Kharar, Distt Mohali

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Deputy Chief Engineer,
Operational Circle, PSPCL, Ropar.

...Respondent

# **Appeal Case No. 1431 of 2019**

PRESENT: Sh.Vijay Kumar as the Appellant

Sh.Randhir Singh AE (Operation) PSPCL Kurali for the Respondent

## ORDER:

The appellant through RTI application dated 22.10.2018 has sought information regarding Hollywood Heights-1 Chandigarh-Kurali Highway, Kharar comprising completion certificate in respect of electric connection installed, copy of application submitted for electric connection, letter of approval and other information concerning the office of Executive Engineer, PSPCL Kharar.. The appellant was not provided the information after which he filed first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 06.12.2018 which took no decision on the appeal.

The appellant claims that the PIO has denied the information stating that no information is available on their record. The respondent has brought nothing. The PIO is absent and has preferred to send a representative only to mark attendance. The PIO is directed to relook at the RTI application and provide the information to the appellant.

The Commission observes that there has been an enormous delay in providing the information and the PIO has sent stonewalling information to the appellant. The Commission has taken a serious view of this scant regard of the PIO towards the RTI Act and hereby directs the PIO to show cause why penalty be not imposed on him under Section 20 of the RTI Act 2005 for not supplying the information within the statutorily prescribed period of time. He/she should file an affidavit in this regard. If there are other persons responsible for the delay in providing the information, the PIO is directed to inform such persons of the show cause and direct them to appear before the Commission along with the written replies.

The PIO is again directed to send complete information to the appellant within 10 days

The case is adjourned. To come up for further hearing on 30.07.2019 at 11.00 AM.

Chandigarh Dated:08.07.2019

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Sh.Satish Dhingra,

Govt Polytechnic Kullu at Seobag,

Distt. Kullu(HP) ... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/oEO, GMADA, Sector-62, Mohali.

First Appellate Authority, O/oGMADA, Sector-62, Mohali

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 1439 of 2019

PRESENT: None for the Appellant

Sh.Gulshan Kumar, PIO GMADA for the Respondent

## ORDER:

The appellant through RTI application dated 30.11.2018 has sought information regarding status of his application for refund of application money in respect of demand survey 2003 dated 01.10.2018 and other information concerning the office of GMADA Mohali. The appellant was not provided the information after which he filed first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 08.01.2019 which took no decision on the appeal.

The respondent present pleaded that due to change in address of the appellant, the cheque sent to the appellant was received back and they have resent the cheque to the appellant at the new address. The respondent claims that the appellant is satisfied and does not want to pursue his case further. The appellant is absent nor has sent any communication whether he has received the information or not. It is presumed that the appellant has received the information and is satisfied.

No further course of action is required. The case is **disposed off and closed.** 

Chandigarh
Dated:08.07.2019

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ShManjit Singh, S/o ShSohan Singh, H No-388/3, Dhandholian road, Patiala.

... Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer,** 

O/ol.G, Patiala.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o DGP.

Punjab, Chandigarh.

...Respondent

**Appeal Case No. 1466 of 2019** 

**PRESENT:** None for the Appellant

Sh.Sukhbahal Singh, Head Constable O/o SSP Patiala for the Respondent

#### ORDER:

The appellant through RTI application dated 24.12.2018 has sought information regarding RTI applications received in the SSP office by post from 01.07.2018 to 30.09.2018 and the information provided in time and other information concerning the office of I.G.Patiala. The appellant was not provided the information after which he filed first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 05.02.2019 which took no decision on the appeal.

The appellant is absent and vide email has sought exemption. The Commission has received a letter from the office of IGP on 05.07.2019 stating that since the information relates to the office of SSP Patiala, the have transferred the RTI application to them vide letter dated 19.02.2019.

The respondent present pleaded that no separate list of applications received through post is available and all the applications received through post, email and by hand, are entered in a single register. The Commission observes that the appellant has asked for information on how many applications were received by the RTI branch of the SSP office and how many applications were responded in time. Having gone through the RTI application, the PIO is directed to provide information on point-1 (i.e. a list of RTI applications received from 01.07.2018 to 30.09.2018). The second query of the appellant is ambiguous. The information be provided within 10 days.

With the above order, the case is disposed off and closed.

Chandigarh Dated:08.07.2019

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Versus



ShManjit Singh, S/o ShSohan Singh, H No-388/3, Dhandholian road, Patiala.

... Appellant

Public Information Officer,

O/o I.G, Patiala.

First Appellate Authority, O/o DGP.

Punjab, Chandigarh.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 1467 of 2019

PRESENT: None for the Appellant

Sh.Sukhbahal Singh, Head Constable O/o SSP Patiala for the Respondent

#### ORDER:

The appellant through RTI application dated 24.12.2018 has sought information regarding branches of SSP office, name of branch incharge, room numbers and attendance report and the information provided in time and other information concerning the office of I.G.Patiala. The appellant was not provided the information after which he filed first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 05.02.2019 which took no decision on the appeal.

The appellant is absent and vide email has sought exemption. The Commission has received a letter from the office of IGP on 05.07.2019 stating that since the information relates to the office of SSP Patiala, the have transferred the RTI application to them vide letter dated 19.02.2019.

The respondent present pleaded that the information is available on their website.

I have gone through the RTI application after which I inspected the website of the Patiala Police(www.patialapolice.org) and find that the information regarding points 1,2&3 is available on the website of the department. The appellant is directed to download the information from the website. The information sought on point-4 is ambiguous. Regarding point-5, the appellant has sought information on attendance of every branch of the SSP office. It appears that the information is voluminous and will run into many pages. I find that there is no larger public interest involved, and providing so many pages will unnecessarily divert the resources of the department. I therefore, direct the appellant to file fresh RTI application and for specific & time bound information.

With the above observations, the case is **disposed off and closed**.

Chandigarh Dated:08.07.2019

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Versus



ShManjit Singh, S/o ShSohan Singh, H No-388/3, Dhandholian road, Patiala.

... Appellant

**Public Information Officer**,

O/o I.G, Patiala.

First Appellate Authority, O/o DGP, Punjab, Chandigarh.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 1468 of 2019

PRESENT: None for the Appellant

Sh.Sukhbahal Singh, Head Constable O/o SSP Patiala for the Respondent

## ORDER:

The appellant through RTI application dated 24.12.2018 has sought information regarding register maintained for entering the RTI applications received through post in the RTI branch of SSP office Patiala from 01.07.2018 to 30.09.2018 and the information provided in time and other information concerning the office of I.G.Patiala. The appellant was not provided the information after which he filed first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 05.02.2019 which took no decision on the appeal.

The appellant is absent and vide email has sought exemption. The Commission has received a letter from the office of IGP on 05.07.2019 stating that since the information relates to the office of SSP Patiala, the have transferred the RTI application to them vide letter dated 19.02.2019.

The respondent present pleaded that no separate register for receipt of applications received through post is maintained since the applications are received through post, email and by hand and all the application are entered in a single register. Having gone through the RTI application, the Commission directs the PIO to provide a list of RTI applications received from 01.07.2018 to 30.09.2018 to the appellant within 10 days.

With the above order, the case is **disposed off and closed.** 

Chandigarh Dated:08.07.2019

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Ms.Prabhdeep Kaur, H No-673, First Floor, Phase-6, Mohali.

... Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer,** 

O/o SSP, Mohali.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o IG,

Ropar. ...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 1563 of 2019

**PRESENT:** None for the Appellant

None for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant through RTI application dated 20.12.2018 has sought information regarding report of HC ParamjitKaur on call made on women helpline No.1091 on 19.12.2018 by the appellant and other information concerning the office of SSP Mohali. The appellant was not provided the information after which he filed first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 21.01.2019 which took no decision on the appeal.

Since both the parties are absent, in the interest of justice, one more opportunity is granted and the case is adjourned. The PIO is directed to look at the RTI application and provide the information to the appellant within 15 days.

To come up for further hearing on 23.10.2019 at 11.00 AM.

Chandigarh Dated:08.07.2019

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Smt Satwinder Kaur, # 1-B, Ajit Enclave, Dhakoli, Zirakpur, Mohali

... Complainant

Versus

**Public Information Officer,** O/o XEN, PSPCL, Zirakpur Circle, Zirakpur.

...Respondent

# Complaint Case No. 1133 of 2018

PRESENT: Smt.Satwinder Kaur as the Appellant

None for the Respondent

#### Order:

The case was first heard on **04.02.2019**. Since both the parties were absent, the case was adjourned.

The case was again heard on **24.04.2019**. The respondent present pleaded that the information has been provided to the complainant vide letter dated 21.05.2018. The complainant was not satisfied and claimed that the information has not been provided as per the RTI application.

Having gone through the RTI application and the reply of the PIO, the Commission observed that the point-1 has been suitably replied and points 2 & 4 did not qualify as information under the RTI Act. Regarding points 3 & 5, the PIO was directed to relook at the RTI application and provide the information on these points. The PIO was also directed to provide supporting documents pertaining to this information.

The case was last heard on **12.06.2019**. The respondent present pleaded that the information regarding points 3 & 5 has been provided to the appellant vide letter dated 08.05.2019. The appellant was absent nor any communication was received regarding the discrepancies, and the case was closed. However, the appellant appeared late and pleaded that the PIO has provided misleading information. The case was reopened and the PIO was directed to comply with the earlier order and send comprehensive reply on points 3 & 5.

# Hearing dated 08.07.2019:

The case has come up for hearing today. The appellant claims that despite order of the Commission, the PIO has not provided the information. The respondent is absent without intimation to the Commission. The Commission has taken a serious view of this and hereby directs the PIO show cause why penalty be not imposed on him under Section 20 of the RTI Act 2005 for not supplying the information within the statutorily prescribed period of time. He/she should file an affidavit in this regard. If there are other persons responsible for the delay in providing the information, the PIO is directed to inform such persons of the show cause and direct them to appear before the Commission along with the written replies.

# Complaint Case No. 1133 of 2018

The PIO is again directed to send a comprehensive reply on points-3&5 to the appellant within 10 days.

A copy of the order is being sent to the Superintending Engineer, PSPCL, Zirakpur Circle with a direction to resolve the matter.

The case is adjourned. To come up for further hearing on 16.10.2019 at 11.00 AM.

Chandigarh Dated:08.07.2019 Sd/(Khushwant Singh)
State Information Commissioner

**CC** to :Superintending Engineer,PSPCL Circle Zirakpur