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Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia,

Ward No. 18, Street No.2,
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District Khanna-141401

Versus

Public Information Officer,

o/o Municipal Engineer,
Municipal Council,
Mandi Gobindgarh.

First Appellate Authority,

o/o Regional Deputy Director,
Urban Local Government,
1st Floor, Mini Secretariat,
Ferozepur Road,
Ludhiana.

Appeal Case No. 3063 of 2019

PRESENT:

Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia (Appellant) 94645-00405

Kuljinder Singh, JE (for the Respondent) 80540-52202

Varinder Kumar, Assistant Municipal Engineer (for the Respondent) 79868-95089

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **4.4.19** vide which the appellant has sought information by way of inspection of the computer on which online bids are received etc., 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 **22.8.19** under section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **1.11.19**.

2. Both parties are present. The respondent PIO, represented by Varinder Kumar, Assistant Municipal Engineer and Kuljinder Singh, JE, stated that the information requested by the appellant is available on Website. The appellant contested this, insisting that the website (www.eproc.gov.in) only has the tenders and the names of people to whom work has been allotted, whereas he has requested inspection of the computer to examine the documents appended with the tenders.

3. The respondent PIO is directed to arrange for the appellant to inspect the aforesaid computer (pertaining to his RTI application) in the office of Municipal Council, Mandi Gobindgarh on 14.11.19 and 15.11.19.

4. **Next hearing on 20.12.19 at 11.00 am for compliance.**

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o/o Regional Deputy Director,
Urban Local Government,
1st Floor, Mini Secretariat,
Ferozepur Road,
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Appeal Case No. 3064 of 2019

PRESENT:

Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia (Appellant) 94645-00405

Kuljinder Singh, JE (for the Respondent) 80540-52202

Varinder Kumar, Assistant Municipal Engineer (for the Respondent) 79868-95089

ORDER:

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First Appellate Authority,

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Urban Local Government,
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Ferozepur Road,
Ludhiana.

Appeal Case No. 3065 of 2019

PRESENT:

Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia (Appellant) 94645-00405

Kuljinder Singh, JE (for the Respondent) 80540-52202

Varinder Kumar, Assistant Municipal Engineer (for the Respondent) 79868-95089

ORDER:

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Mandi Gobindgarh.

First Appellate Authority,

o/o Regional Deputy Director,
Urban Local Government,
1st Floor, Mini Secretariat,
Ferozepur Road,
Ludhiana.

Appeal Case No. 3066 of 2019

PRESENT:

Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia (Appellant) 94645-00405

Kuljinder Singh, JE (for the Respondent) 80540-52202

Varinder Kumar, Assistant Municipal Engineer (for the Respondent) 79868-95089

ORDER:

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2. Both parties are present. The respondent PIO, represented by Varinder Kumar, Assistant Municipal Engineer and Kuljinder Singh, JE, stated that the information requested by the appellant is available on Website. The appellant contested this, insisting that the website (www.eproc.gov.in) only has the tenders and the names of people to whom work has been allotted, whereas he has requested inspection of the computer to examine the documents appended with the tenders.

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o/o Municipal Engineer, o/o Municipal Council,
Mandi Gobindgarh.

First Appellate Authority,

o/o Regional Deputy Director, Urban Local Government,
1st Floor, Mini Secretariat, Ferozepur Road,
Ludhiana.

Appeal Case No. 3067 of 2019

PRESENT:

Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia (Appellant) 94645-00405

Kuljinder Singh, JE (for the Respondent) 80540-52202

Varinder Kumar, Assistant Municipal Engineer (for the Respondent) 79868-95089

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **4.4.19** vide which the appellant has sought information 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 **22.8.19** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **1.11.19**.

2. Both parties are present. The respondent PIO, represented by Varinder Kumar, Assistant Municipal Engineer and Kuljinder Singh, JE, have no plausible explanation for delaying / denying the information requested by the appellant. However, at today's hearing they have assured this Commission that the requested information i.e. copies of complete MB (measuring books) numbers 452 to 460 will be provided to the appellant when he visits the office of MC Mandi Gobindgarh for inspection of computer in other appeal cases on 14.11.19 and 15.11.19.

3. Any failure to comply with the assurance given to this Commission, could invite severe penal action under the RTI Act 2005.

4. **Next hearing on 20.12.19 at 11.00 am for compliance.**

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Versus

Public Information Officer,

o/o S.E., Municipal Council,
Mandi Gobindgarh.

Public Information Officer,

o/o Superintending Engineer, Municipal Council,
Zirakpur.

First Appellate Authority,

o/o Regional Deputy Director, Urban Local Government,
1st Floor, Mini Secretariat, Ferozepur Road,
Ludhiana.

Appeal Case No. 3068 of 2019

PRESENT:

Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia (Appellant) 94645-00405

Kuljinder Singh, JE (for the Respondent) 80540-52202

Varinder Kumar (for the Respondent) 79868-95089

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **4.4.19** vide which the appellant has sought information 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 **22.8.19** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **1.11.19**.
2. Both parties are present. The respondent PIO, represented by Varinder Kumar, Assistant Municipal Engineer and Kuljinder Singh, JE, informed in the Court that the requested information is in the custody of Kuldeep Raj Verma, Superintending Engineer, who is currently posted at Municipal Council, Zirakpur.
3. The respondent PIO is directed to officially transfer this RTI application to the PIO, Municipal Council, Zirakpur with a copy of the transfer letter sent to Kuldeep Raj Verma, S.E.
4. **Next hearing on 20.12.19 at 11.00 am.**

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cc:

1. Kuldeep Raj Verma, Superintending Engineer, MC Zirakpur, Zirakpur.
2. PIO o/o EO Mc Zirakpur

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Versus

Public Information Officer,

o/o S.H.O. (City-2),
Punjab Police, G.T. Road,
Khanna.

First Appellate Authority,

o/o D.I.G., Ludhiana Range,
Punjab Police,
Ludhiana.

Appeal Case No. 3128 of 2019

PRESENT:

Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia (Appellant) 94645-00405
(Respondent) Absent

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **29.4.19** vide which the appellant has sought information 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 **27.8.19** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **1.11.19**.

2. The respondent PIO is absent without intimation to this Commission. The appellant has sought information about the action taken on its complaint No.113/5D dated 12.4.19, which pertains to an attack on him when he has visited the office of Municipal Council, Khanna on the orders of the State Information Commission.

3. This Commission takes a very serious view on respondent PIOs absence at this hearing.

4. The respondent PIO Vinod Kumar, S.H.O., (City-2), Punjab Police, G.T. Road, Khanna, is herewith ordered to SHOW CAUSE as to why a penalty should not be imposed upon him under Section 20(1) of RTI Act, 2005, for causing wilful delay/denial of the information requested by the appellant as far back as on **29.4.19**.

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

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5. Next hearing on 20.12.19 at 11.00 am.

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Thakur Dass Sharma,

s/o Om Parkash,
Chamber No. 22,
Civil Court Complex,
Tehsil Gidderbaha,
District Sri Muktsar Sahib.

Versus

Public Information Officer,

o/o Additional Director General of Police (Intelligence),
Punjab Police Headquarters,
Sector-9, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,

o/o Additional Director General of Police (Intelligence),
Punjab Police Headquarters,
Sector-9, Chandigarh.

Appeal Case No. 3110 of 2019

PRESENT:

Thakur Dass Sharma (Appellant) 94173-33757

Amandeep Singh, Intelligence Assistant (for the Respondent) 98150-27353

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **11.4.19** vide which the appellant has sought information 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 **26.8.19** under section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice was issued to the parties for the first hearing in the Commission on **1.11.19**.

2. Both the parties are present. The respondent PIO, represented by Amandeep Singh, Intelligence Assistant, has submitted a detailed reply claiming exemption of disclosure under Section 8(1)(G) and Section 24(4) of the RTI Act, whereby the Punjab Police Intelligence Wing is exempted from making disclosures under the RTI Act.

3. The appellant however, insists that this is a matter pertaining to the violation of his human rights. The appellant is requested to make a written submission in this regard, following which this Commission will take a view on whether this information ought to be disclosed or not.

4. **Next hearing on 20.12.19 at 11.00 am.**

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Vikram Vaid,
#1527, Street No. 2,
Bagh Ramanand,
District Amritsar.

Versus

Public Information Officer,
o/o Directorate of Treasuries & Accounts,
Department of Finance,
Government of Punjab,
Chandigarh.

Public Information Officer,
o/o Additional Director General of Police, (IT&T),
Punjab Police Headquarters, Sector-9,
Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,
o/o Directorate of Treasuries & Accounts,
Department of Finance,
Government of Punjab,
Chandigarh.

Appeal Case No. 3111 of 2019

PRESENT:

(Appellant) Absent

Jasbir Singh, Junior Auditor (for the Respondent) 70094-63370

Parmod Kumar, ASI (for the Respondent) 95929-02013

Amrinder Singh, Head Constable (for the Respondent)

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **25.4.19** vide which the appellant has sought information regarding MHA funds received for CCTNS projects etc., 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 **26.8.19** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **1.11.19**.

2. The appellant is absent but has intimated to this Commission via email that he is unable to attend today's hearing.

3. The respondent PIO, represented by Jasbir Singh, Junior Auditor, attributed the delay in addressing this request for information owing to successive communication with various branches of the Finance Department etc.. The respondent PIO is directed to submit copies of all such correspondence pertaining to this RTI application, including the latest letter transferring the request to the office of the ADGP (IT&T), Punjab Police.

4. The respondent PIO, office of ADGP (IT&T), Punjab Police, is represented by Parmod Kumar, ASI, and Amrinder Singh, Head Constable, and they have agreed to retrieve the requested information from the record and furnish it by the next hearing.

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VPO Chhattbir,

Tehsil Dera Bassi,

District SAS Nagar – 140 603

Versus

Public Information Officer,

o/o Executive Officer,

Municipal Corporation,

Zirakpur.

First Appellate Authority,

o/o Regional Deputy Director,

Local Bodies,

Patiala.

Appeal Case No. 3140 of 2019

PRESENT:

Avtar Singh (Appellant) 98888-24188

Sarabjit Singh, Building Inspector (for the Respondent) 98724-68485

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **20.3.19** vide which the appellant has sought information 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 **27.8.19** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **1.11.19**.

2. Both parties are present. The respondent PIO, represented by Sarabjit Singh, Building Inspector (who is without any authority letter), has not explanation for the long delay in addressing the appellant's information request information.

3. As per the appellant, he was invited to inspect the record some 35 days after submitting his RTI application and was whence he was promised that copies of the documents he identified would be sent to his address by post. Despite this, nothing has come his way till date. The respondent PIO is directed to furnish the requested information, up to a maximum of 100 photocopies free of cost, before the next hearing of this appeal case.

4. **Next hearing on 20.12.19 at 11.00 am.**

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