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Ms. Meena Bansal,
D/o Sh. Gian Chand,
H.No.5438, Birla Mill Colony, Opposite Street No.4,
Bathinda.

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o Improvement Trust,
Bathinda.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Deputy Commissioner,
Bathinda.

Appeal Case No. 5261 of 2023

PRESENT:

(Appellant) Absent

Jeewan Bansal, PIO-cum-EO (Respondent) 98152-54384

Harminder Singh, JA (for the Respondent) 94172-89116

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with the earlier Orders 9.1.2024)

1. The RTI application is dated **01.06.23** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding: "Land Scheme of 25.57 Acres acquired by Improvement Trust, Bathinda etc.,"** as enumerated in her RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **11.08.23** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **11.08.23** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on 9.1.2024.

2. The appellant is absent. The respondent PIO-cum-EO, Sh. Jeewan Bansal, accompanied by Sh. Harminder Singh, JA. The PIO, has submitted a reply to the Show Cause Notice issued to him vide this Commission's Order of 9.1.2024, vide Letter No. 720 Dated 28.3.2024. As per said reply, the RTI application was received in the office on 13.6.2023 and the incumbent PIO joined the post on 30.8.2023. After receiving the Show Cause Notice, the PIO contacted the appellant who was invited to inspect the record on 21.3.2024, whereafter she was provided the information as sought in the RTI application, as available in the records. It is evident that the PIO made no attempt to address this RTI application prior to this Commission's Show Cause Notice of 9.1.2024.

3. Accordingly, the incumbent PIO-cum-EO, Sh. Jeewan Bansal, is directed to submit the name of the PIO-cum-EO, who was incumbent on 13.6.2023. He is further directed to convey a copy of Show Cause Notice to said officer forthwith.

4. **Next Hearing on 9.4.2024 at 11.00 AM at Punjab State Information Commission, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.**

Sd/-

(ASIT JOLLY)

State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

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Sh. Suresh Kumar Sharma,
Furniture House, Pratap Bazaar,
Chheharta, District Amritsar.

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Municipal Corporation,
Amritsar.
First Appellate Authority
Commissioner, Municipal Corporation,
Amritsar.

Appeal Case No. 5451 of 2023

PRESENT:

(Appellant) Absent

Savraj Inderpal Singh, PIO-cum-XEN (Respondent) 95010-07275

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with the earlier Orders 18.1.2024)

1. The RTI application is dated **3.4.2023** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding supply and erection of decorative laris in different areas of Amritsar City under G-20 Summit**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **9.5.2023** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **21.8.2023** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **18.1.2024**.

2. The appellant is absent. The PIO-cum-XEN, Savraj Inderpal Singh, is present in person and states that a reply was provided to the appellant along with information in December, 2023. However, he has not submitted any reply to the Show Cause Notice issued to him vide this Commission's Order of 18.1.2024. Sh. Savraj Inderpal Singh, is directed to submit a written reply to the Show Cause Notice, explaining the long delay in addressing this RTI application. He is further directed to submit a copy of the reply sent to the appellant along with the information, to the Commission.

3. The PIO, also to ensure that Show Cause Notice of 18.1.2024 is conveyed to the officer who was incumbent on 3.4.2023, which is date of submission of the RTI application. All the above is to be done on or before Friday, 5.4.2024.

4. **Next Hearing on 5.4.2024 at 11.00 AM at Punjab State Information Commission, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.**

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SHOW CAUSE NOTICE

Sh. Baljinder Saggi Singh,
S/o Shri Davinder Singh, New Sant Nagar,
Tehsil and District Gurdaspur.

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Government ITI, Batala,
District Gurdaspur.

Public Information Officer

Government ITI,
District Pathankot.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Government ITI, Batala,
District Gurdaspur.

Appeal Case No. 5246 of 2023

PRESENT:

Baljinder Saggi Singh (Appellant) 88722-16982
Deepak Kumar, PIO-cum-Superintendent (Respondent) 78886-49076
Baljeet Singh, Training Officer (for the Respondent) 94173-60692

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with the earlier Orders 9.1.2024)

1. The RTI application is dated **06.05.23** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding Letter No.2444 Dated 07.12.2022 of ITI / Pathankot etc.**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **07.06.23** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **02.08.23** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **9.1.2024**.

2. Both parties are present. The PIO office of, ITI, Batala, is present in person and has submitted a reply, as directed by the Commission vide Letter No. 521 Dated 27.3.2024, wherein he states that the RTI application was transferred to the PIO office of, ITI, Pathankot. Accordingly, the Commission deems it appropriate to issue this Show Cause Notice to the PIO office of, ITI, Pathankot.

3. The respondent **PIO office of, ITI, Pathankot**, 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 willful delay/denial of the information requested by the appellant as far back as on **6.5.2023**. **If there is / are other PIO / PIOs responsible for the delay in providing the information, the incumbent PIO is directed to inform such PIO(s) of the Show Cause and direct them to appear before the Commission along with written replies.**

“In addition to the written reply, the respondent PIO is also given an opportunity under Section 20 (1) provision 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*.” Copies of this order be sent to the parties through registered post.

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Appeal Case No. 5246 of 2023

4. The respondent PIO office of, ITI, Pathankot, is further directed to attend the next Hearing of this Appeal Case in person at the Commission in Chandigarh, along with a fresh pointwise reply to the RTI application by way of **notarized affidavit on E-stamp paper**. Said affidavit must be accompanied by certified copies of all the information available in the records. Failure to attend the Hearing will compel the Commission to ensure his presence through service of a **Bailable Warrant**.

5. Next Hearing on 9.4.2024 at 11.00 AM at Punjab State Information Commission, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.

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Sh. Rakesh Raman Patyar,
S/o Sh. Mohan Lala Patyar,
256, Ward No.8, Mohalla Bhattan,
Tehsil Garshankar, District Hoshiarpur,

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Director
Technical Education and Industrial Training, Punjab,
Chandigarh.
First Appellate Authority,
O/o Director
Technical Education and Industrial Training, Punjab,
Chandigarh.

Appeal Case No. 5292 of 2023

PRESENT:

Rakesh Raman Patyar (Appellant present via Webex) 98145-27751
Harpreet Singh, Senior Assistant (for the Respondent) 98148-43125

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with the earlier Orders 9.1.2024)

1. The RTI application is dated **20.05.23** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding: "Lecturer selected in the year 1997-98 in the department of Medical Laboratory Technician etc.,"** as enumerated in her RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **13.06.23** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **14.08.23** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **9.1.2024**.

2. Both parties are present. The appellant is present on Webex but the Audio Link is not working. The respondent PIO, represented by Sh. Harpreet Singh, Senior Assistant, has submitted a copy of a reply sent to the appellant vide Letter No. 1/812200/2024 Dated 27.3.2024, wherein a pointwise reply has been submitted to the RTI application, as directed by the Commission.

3. Post deliberations at this Hearing, the PIO-cum-Deputy Director, Mrs. Rajni Mahajan, is directed to submit a fresh reply to AC No. 5292 of 2023 by way of a duly notarized affidavit on E-stamp paper. The original affidavit and one photostat copy be submitted to the Commission. This must be done on or before 9.4.2024.

4. **Next Hearing on 9.4.2024 at 11.00 AM at Punjab State Information Commission, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.**

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Technical Education and Industrial Training, Punjab,
Chandigarh.
First Appellate Authority,
O/o Director
Technical Education and Industrial Training, Punjab,
Chandigarh.

Appeal Case No. 5293 of 2023

PRESENT:

Rakesh Raman Patyar (Appellant present via Webex) 98145-27751
Harpreet Singh, Senior Assistant (for the Respondent) 98148-43125

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with the earlier Orders 9.1.2024)

1. The RTI application is dated **20.05.23** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding Lecturer selected in the year 2008 in the department of Medical Laboratory Technician etc.,** as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **13.06.23** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **14.08.23** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **9.1.2024**.

2. Both parties are present. The appellant is present on Webex but the Audio Link is not working. The respondent PIO, represented by Sh. Harpreet Singh, Senior Assistant, has submitted a copy of reply sent to the appellant vide Letter No. 1/812200/2024 Dated 27.3.2024, wherein a pointwise reply has been submitted to the RTI application, as directed by the Commission.

3. Post deliberations at this Hearing, the PIO-cum-Deputy Director, Mrs. Rajni Mahajan, is directed to submit a fresh reply to AC No. 5293 of 2023 by way of a duly notarized affidavit on E-stamp paper. The original affidavit and one photostat copy be submitted to the Commission. This must be done on or before 9.4.2024.

4. **Next Hearing on 9.4.2024 at 11.00 AM at Punjab State Information Commission, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.**

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