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Sh. Varinder Kumar,
283/5, Mazid Building, Bhalla Colony,
Chheharata, Amritsar-1.

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Deputy Commissioner,
Amritsar.

Public Information Officer-cum-
District Revenue Officer, Amritsar.

Sh. Dharminderjit Singh, Executive Officer-cum-Investigation Officer,
O/o Municipal Corporation,
Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Deputy Commissioner,
Amritsar.

Appeal Case No. 1421 of 2023

PRESENT:

Sh. Danish Kumar via Webex (for the appellant)
None for the Respondent.

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier Order on 24.04.2023, 11.05.2023, 07.06.2023, 04.08.2023, 13.09.2023 and 13.03.2024)

1. The RTI application is dated **23.11.2022** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding: "Action taken by the Municipal Corporation, Amritsar against illegal possession at Chherharta Chowk, Amritsar etc.,"** as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **16.02.23** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **17.02.2023** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. This case was last heard on **13.03.2024**.

2. The appellant represented by Sh. Danish Kumar via Webex. The respondent PIO is absent but has informed the Commission about his inability to attend today's Hearing. As per an email, received from the respondent PIO-cum-DRO, Amritsar, a compensation of Rs. 15,000.00 ordered by this Commission on 13.09.2023 has been cleared and will be paid to the appellant within this week.

4. The case is adjourned. Since I will be concluding my Five-year term as State Information Commissioner, Punjab, on 9.7.2024, and there are no available dates to hear the case further, this case file be sent back to the Registry Branch to be put up before the Hon'ble Chief Information Commissioner, for reallocation as he deems appropriate.

Sd/-
(ASIT JOLLY)
State Information Commissioner, Punjab.
Chandigarh
11.06.2024

Cc: Deputy Registrar O/o PSIC

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Sh. Bawa Bhulinder Singh,

S/o Sh. Dalip Singh, R/o Gali No. 2,
Mata Ganga Ji Nagar, Near Gurudwara Khoo Bhai Manj Sahib,
Amritsar.

Versus

Public Information Officer,

o/o Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation,
Amritsar

First Appellate Authority,

Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation,
Amritsar

Appeal Case No.5059 of 2023

PRESENT:

(Appellant) Present via Webex

None for the respondent.

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 28.11.2023 and 19.03.2024)

1. The RTI application is dated **25.05.2022** vide which the appellant has sought information regarding: "**property tax return of illegal building of Vishal Mega Mart etc.,**" enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **09.11.2022** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **03.08.2023** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. This case was last heard on **19.03.2024**.

2. The appellant is present via Webex. The respondent PIO is absent without intimation for the 3rd successive Hearing. At the last Hearing, a Show Cause Notice was issued to the respondent PIO to which he has neither made any written submission nor opted to be heard in person.

3. The respondent PIO is granted one final opportunity to comply with Para No. 3 of this Commission's Order Dated 19.03.2024.

4. The case is adjourned. Since I will be concluding my Five-year term as State Information Commissioner, Punjab, on 9.7.2024, and there are no available dates to hear the case further, this case file be sent back to the Registry Branch to be put up before the Hon'ble Chief Information Commissioner, for reallocation as he deems appropriate.

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(ASIT JOLLY)

State Information Commissioner, Punjab.
Chandigarh

11.06.2024

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Mata Ganga Ji Nagar, Near Gurudwara Khoo Bhai Manj Sahib,
Amritsar.

Versus

Public Information Officer,

o/o Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation, Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority,

Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation, Amritsar.

Appeal Case No.5060 of 2023

(Appellant) Present via Webex.

None for the respondent.

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 28.11.2023 and 19.03.2024)

1. The RTI application is dated **18.7.2022**, vide which, the appellant has sought information **regarding: "Ohri Hospital opposite the Railway Workshop, G.T. Road, Amritsar etc."** First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **24.8.2022** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **11.10.2022** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **19.03.2024**.

2. The appellant is present via Webex. The respondent PIO is absent without intimation for the 3rd successive Hearing. At the last Hearing, a Show Cause Notice was issued to the respondent PIO to which he has neither made any written submission nor opted to be heard in person.

3. The respondent PIO is granted one final opportunity to comply with Para No. 3 of this Commission's Order Dated 19.03.2024.

4. The case is adjourned. Since I will be concluding my Five-year term as State Information Commissioner, Punjab, on 9.7.2024, and there are no available dates to hear the case further, this case file be sent back to the Registry Branch to be put up before the Hon'ble Chief Information Commissioner, for reallocation as he deems appropriate.

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Sh. Manohar Singh,
S/o Sh. Joginder Singh,
Village Allawalpur, Dr. Bhunbali,
Tehsil and District Gurdaspur.

Versus

Public Information Officer-cum-
Additional Deputy Commissioner (Rural Development)
Gurdaspur.

Panchayat Secretary,
o/o Block Development & Panchayat Officer,
District Gurdaspur.

Panchayat Secretary,
o/o Block Development & Panchayat Officer, Dinanagar,
District Gurdaspur.

Public Information Officer-cum-
Block Development & Panchayat Officer,
Gurdaspur

First Appellate Authority,
District Development & Panchayat Officer,
Gurdaspur

Appeal Case No. 2359 of 2023

PRESENT:

(Appellant) Absent.

None for the respondent.

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 7.6.2023, 14.7.2023, 6.9.2023, 2.11.2023, 27.2.2024 and 28.05.2024)

1. The RTI application is dated **27.12.2022** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding: “Village Panchayat Alawalpur pertaining to the year 2017 to 2019,”** as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **15.3.2023** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **6.4.2023** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **28.05.2024**.

2. Both parties are absent. The respondent PIO is absent without intimation for the 3rd successive Hearing. At the last Hearing, a Show Cause Notice was issued to the respondent PIO, to which he has neither made any written submission nor opted to be heard in person.

3. The respondent PIO is granted one final opportunity to comply with Para No. 4 of this Commission's Order Dated 28.05.2024.

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Appeal Case No. 2359 of 2023

4. The case is adjourned. Since I will be concluding my Five-year term as State Information Commissioner, Punjab, on 9.7.2024, and there are no available dates to hear the case further, this case file be sent back to the Registry Branch to be put up before the Hon'ble Chief Information Commissioner, for reallocation as he deems appropriate.

Sd/-

(ASIT JOLLY)

State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

Chandigarh

11.06.2024

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SHOW CAUSE NOTICE

Sh. Makhan Singh, S/o Sh. Jagir Singh,
Village Bika, District Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar.

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Director,
Rural Development and Panchayat Office,
Punjab, Vikas Bhawan, Sector:62, Mohali.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Director,
Rural Development and Panchayat Office,
Punjab, Vikas Bhawan, Sector:62, Mohali.

Appeal Case No.5910 of 2023

PRESENT:

(Appellant) Present.

None for the respondent.

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **26.06.2023** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding: copy of the orders given by the DRDP, Punjab to the DDPO, SBS Nagar in regarding to the Orders given by the Hon'ble Supreme Court etc..** as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **14.08.2023** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **11.09.2023** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice of Hearing was issued to the parties for today. This case was earlier heard by the Former SIC Sh. Amrit Partap Singh Sekhon.

2. The appellant is present in person. The respondent PIO is absent without intimation. The appellant states that till date, complete information has not been provided to him by the respondent PIO.

3. On perusal the case file reveals that this RTI application was submitted to the PIO O/o DRDP, Punjab on 26.06.2023 and the PIO O/o DRDP, Punjab transferred the same under Section 6(3) of the RTI Act, 2005 to the PIO O/o DDPO, Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar vide Letter No. 84 Dated 11.01.2024, who further transferred the same to the BDPO Banga, vide Letter No. 22-23 Dated 11.01.2024. On receiving it, BDPO, Banga sent a reply to the appellant vide Letter No. 96-98 Dated 12.01.2024 stating that information pertaining to point Nos. 1 to 6 is related with the DRDP, Punjab and for the information pertaining to point No.7, he needs 10 days to provide the same.

4. The perusal of the record reveals that in this case, the appellant has tried his best to get the information from the PIO O/o DRDP, Punjab, who failed to provide the information to the appellant. He has been made to run from pillar to post but to no avail. The appellant has been forced to face unnecessary harassment. Accordingly, the Commission deems it appropriate to issue a **Show Cause Notice to the respondent PIO.**

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Appeal Case No.5910 of 2023

5. The respondent **PIO O/o Director, Rural Development and Panchayat Office, Punjab, Mohali**, 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 26.6.2023. If there are other PIOs responsible for the delay in providing the information, the 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.

6. The respondent **PIO O/o Director, Rural Development and Panchayat Office, Punjab, Mohali**, is also directed to attend the next Hearing of this Appeal Case in person at the Commission in Chandigarh.

7. The case is adjourned. Since I will be concluding my Five-year term as State Information Commissioner, Punjab, on 9.7.2024, and there are no available dates to hear the case further, this case file be sent back to the Registry Branch to be put up before the Hon'ble Chief Information Commissioner, for reallocation as he deems appropriate.

Sd/-

(ASIT JOLLY)

State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

Chandigarh

11.06.2024

Cc: Deputy Registrar O/o PSIC (For compliance of the Order).

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

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Secretary, Regional Transport Authority,
Faridkot.

Public Information Officer,
O/o Sub Divisional Magistrate, Moga.
First Appellate Authority,
Sub Divisional Magistrate, Moga.

Appeal Case No. 2529 of 2023

PRESENT:

(Appellant) Absent.

None for the Respondent.

ORDER:

*(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on **31.07.2023, 22.09.2023, 24.11.2023 and 19.03.2024**)*

1. The RTI application is dated **27.1.2023** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding "Commercial vehicle passing record etc.,"** as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **27.2.2023** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **17.4.2023** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **19.03.2024**.

2. Both parties are absent. The case is adjourned.

3. Since I will be concluding my Five-year term as State Information Commissioner, Punjab, on 9.7.2024, and there are no available dates to hear the case further, this case file be sent back to the Registry Branch to be put up before the Hon'ble Chief Information Commissioner, for reallocation as he deems appropriate.

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State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

Chandigarh

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Sh. Vikram Grover, Advocate,
Chamber No.7009, 7th Floor,
GAD Complex, District Courts, Ludhiana.

Versus

Public Information Officer-cum-
Naib Tehsildar, Sahnewal, District, Ludhiana.

Public Information Officer
O/o Deputy Commissioner,
Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Deputy Commissioner,
Ludhiana.

Appeal Case No. 1114 of 2023

PRESENT:

(Appellant) Present via Webex.

None for the respondent.

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **06.09.2022** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding: Clerk, Junior Assistant and Senior Assistant posted at Sub Tehsil, Sahnewal etc.,** as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **17.10.2022** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **03.02.2023** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice for Hearing was issued to the parties for today. This case was earlier heard by the Former CIC Sh. Suresh Arora.

2. The appellant is present via Webex. However, the link failed due to poor internet connection. The respondent PIO is absent without intimation.

3. The case is adjourned. Since I will be concluding my Five-year term as State Information Commissioner, Punjab, on 9.7.2024, and there are no available dates to hear the case further, this case file be sent back to the Registry Branch to be put up before the Hon'ble Chief Information Commissioner, for reallocation as he deems appropriate.

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State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

Chandigarh

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Mrs. Navkiran Kaur,
W/o Sh. Gurfateh Singh,
1036, Sector:71, Mohali.

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Real Estate Regulatory Authority,
1st Floor, Block-B, Plot No.3, Sector:18/A,
Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,

Real Estate Regulatory Authority,
1st Floor, Block-B, Plot No.3, Sector:18/A,
Chandigarh.

Appeal Case No. 3390 of 2023

PRESENT:

Sh. Gurfateh Singh, Counsel (For the Appellant).
Sh. Manish Sharma, IT Manager (For the Respondent).

ORDER:

*(To be read in continuity with earlier Order on **20.12.2023 and 13.03.2024**)*

1. The RTI application is dated **12.12.22** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding: "project Homeland Regalia etc.."**, as enumerated in her RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **16.02.2023** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **25.05.23** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. This case was last heard on **13.03.2024**.

2. Both parties have requested in writing for an adjournment. The requests are acceded to.

3. The case is adjourned. Since I will be concluding my Five-year term as State Information Commissioner, Punjab, on 9.7.2024, and there are no available dates to hear the case further, this case file be sent back to the Registry Branch to be put up before the Hon'ble Chief Information Commissioner, for reallocation as he deems appropriate.

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Ms. Rupali Bal,

D/o Sh. Varinder Kumar,
1324, FF, Sector 34 C, Chandigarh.

Versus

Public Information Officer,

o/o Principal Secretary, Labour Department,
Punjab Civil Secretariat, Chandigarh.

Public Information Officer,

o/o Labour Commissioner, Punjab,
Model Welfare Centre, Kirat Bhawan,
Sector 64, Phase-10, Mohali.

Public Information Officer,

O/o Labour-cum-Conciliation Officer, Punjab, Mohali.

First Appellate Authority,

Labour Commissioner, Punjab,
Model Welfare Centre, Kirat Bhawan,
Sector 64, Phase-10, Mohali.

Appeal Case No. 4315 of 2023

PRESENT:

(Appellant) Present.

Sh. Manpreet Singh, Senior Assistant (for the Respondent).

Sh. Rakesh Kumar, Superintendent (For the Respondent).

Sh. Hardeep Singh, Senior Assistant (For the Respondent).

ORDER:

*(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on **22.11.2023**, **21.02.2024** and **14.05.2024**)*

1. The RTI application is dated **20.5.2023** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding: action taken on application for maternity leave**, as enumerated in her RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **20.6.2023** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **6.7.2023** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **14.05.2024**.

2. Both parties are present. The respondent PIO, represented by Sh. Manpreet Singh, Senior Assistant, Sh. Rakesh Kumar, Superintendent and Sh. Hardeep Singh, Senior Assistant, state that the appellant's application has been put up afresh to the Principal Secretary O/o Department of Labour, Punjab. The respondents state that the information regarding action on the aforesaid application will be provided to the appellant, shortly.

3. Next Hearing on 21.06.2024 at 11.00 AM at Punjab State Information Commission, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.

Sd/-

(ASIT JOLLY)

State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

Chandigarh

11.06.2024