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Sh. Jasbir Singh

3008, Sector-20 D,
Chandigarh

...Complainant

Vs.

Public Information Officer,

O/o Khasla College,
G.T.Road, Amritsar

...Respondents

Complaint Case No. 1116 of 2021

Present: None on behalf of the parties.

Order:

This case may be read with reference to the previous order dated 21.09.2023.

2. Earlier the case was heard by Sh. Suresh Arora, the Chief Information Commissioner, Punjab, who has demitted office on 25.9.2023. Thereafter the case was allocated to this bench and fixed for hearing today i.e. 12.06.2024.

3. Complainant is absent without intimation but on the other side the respondent PIO sent an email today stating therein that counsel on behalf of respondent department is suffering from some difficulty and cannot attend today's hearing and requested for an adjournment. Request of the respondent is granted. Therefore, one opportunity is granted to both the parties to remain present on the next date of hearing for deliberations. In case of absence of any party on the next date of hearing, the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

4. Accordingly, the case is adjourned, to come up on **08.08.2024 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

Date:12.06.2024

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Sh. Surjit Singh

S/o Sh. Jasbir Singh
R/o Village Ghonewal,
Tehsil Ajnala, Distt. Amritsar
M:9914340460

...Complainant

Vs.

Public Information Officer,
O/o DEO (EE), Amritsar

...Respondents

Complaint Case No. 504 of 2023

Present: Sh. Surjit Singh, the complainant in person.
Sh. Jarnail Singh, Teacher, O/o Primary School, Ghonewal (9501357736) on behalf of the respondent.

Order:

The RTI application is dated 16.06.2023 vide which the complainant sought information as enumerated in his RTI application and Complaint was filed received in the Commission on 03.08.2023 under section 18 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. 12.06.2024.

2. The complainant is present and requested for an adjournment in this case; as his counsel is unable to attend today's hearing. Request of the complainant is granted and he is directed to appear in person along with his counsel on the next date of hearing for deliberations, failing which case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

3. The respondent submits that reply/information had already been supplied to the complainant on 19.08.2023 through registered post.

4. After having detailed deliberations with both the parties and examining the case file, **Sh. Sandeep Malhotra, District Development Panchayat Officer, Amritsar** is directed to appear in person; as he can disclose the facts properly on the next date of hearing, failing which stringent action will be taken against him. A copy of this order along with RTI application is being sent to him for his ready reference.

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Complaint Case No. 504 of 2023

5. A copy of this order is **being sent** to the Deputy Commissioner, Amritsar to ensure the presence of the District Development Panchayat Officer, Amritsar on the next date of hearing. It is also clarified that, in case the absence of the DDPO, Amritsar on the next date of hearing, stringent action will be taken against him.

6. Accordingly, the case is adjourned, to come up on **31.07.2024 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

Date:12.06.2024

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CC:

Sh. Sandeep Malhotra

District Development Panchayat Officer,
Amritsar

Encl. RTI application

Sh. Ghanshyam Thori, IAS

Deputy Commissioner,
Amritsar

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Ms. Kamaldeep Kaur

W/o Sh. Ajaipal Singh
VPO Gumtala Opp. Govt. Dispensary
Ward No. 5, Amritsar

...Appellant

Vs.

Public Information Officer,

O/o The Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation
Amritsar

First Appellate Authority,

O/o The Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation
Amritsar

Sh. Dharminderjit Singh

Estate Officer cum-Public Information Officer,
O/o The Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation
Amritsar

Sh. Meharban Singh

M.T.P.-cum-Public Information Officer,
O/o The Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation
Amritsar

Ms. Madhvi, Building Inspector,

Municipal Corporation
Amritsar

Sh. Narinder Singh, MTP cum

Public Information Officer,
Municipal Corporation
Amritsar

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 5112 of 2021

Present: None on behalf of the parties.

Order:

This case may be read with reference to the previous order dated 17.08.2023 passed by Sh. Suresh Arora, the Chief Information Commissioner, Punjab, who has demitted office on 25.9.2023.

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Appeal Case No. 5112 of 2021

During the said hearing i.e. 17.08.2023, liberty was given to respondents, Sh. Meharban Singh, MTP, Sh. Dharminderjit Singh, Estate Officer and Ms. Madhvi Building Inspector to file submissions, if any regarding show cause issued to them and decision was kept pending to be taken on the next date of hearing in this regard. Thereafter the case was allocated to this bench and fixed for hearing today i.e. 12.06.2024.

2. The appellant is absent but she has sent her written submissions through email today, which is taken on record. She is directed to remain present on the next date of hearing for deliberations, failing which case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

3. The respondent PIO is absent without intimation. A copy of this order is **being sent** to Sh. Meharban Singh and Sh. Narinder Singh, MTPs and Ms. Madhvi, Building Inspector, O/o the Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Amritsar to appear in person on the next date of hearing to take the matter to its logical end.

4. A copy of this order is **being sent** to the Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Amritsar to ensure the presence of the above mentioned respondents on the next date of hearing, failing which stringent action will be taken against them.

5. The decision regarding show cause notice issued to Sh. Meharban Singh, MTP, Sh. Dharminderjit Singh, Estate Officer and Ms. Madhvi, Building Inspector will be taken on the next date of hearing.

7. Accordingly, the case is adjourned, to come up on **31.07.2024 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

Date:12.06.2024

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CC:

Sh. Harpreet Singh, IAS
The Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation,
Amritsar

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Chief Information Commissioner
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Sh. Bhagwan Rai

S/o Sh. Lachmi Narain,
R/o H. No. BXI-3764, Corner Backside,
Dr. Harvinder Homeopathy,
New Bus Stand Road, Barnala-148101

...Appellant

Vs.

Public Information Officer,
O/o Tehsildar, Barnala

First Appellate Authority,
O/o SDM, Barnala

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2844 of 2023

Present: None on behalf of the appellant.
Sh. Yadwinder Singh, Registry Clerk (9876199065) on behalf of the respondents.

Order:

The RTI application is dated 04.02.2023 vide which the appellant sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority on 07.03.2023 and Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 02.05.2023 under section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. 12.06.2024.

2. The respondent submits a copy of reply dated 28.07.2023, which is taken on record.
3. The appellant is absent but he has sent his written submissions through email today requesting therein to fix the case through Video Conferencing facility, which is taken on record.
4. Both the parties are directed to remain present on the next date of hearing for deliberations, failing which case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.
5. On the request of the appellant, matter is fixed for further hearing on **07.08.2024 at 11:30 A. M. for hearing through Video Conference Facility in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Barnala.**

Date:12.06.2024
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Ms. Promila Sharma
RTI Activist,
H. No 166, Street No 1/B,
Shalimar Nagar, Hoshiarpur(Punjab)
(M : 9779761292)

Encl :

.....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Director,
Public Instructions (Sec.) Pb.,
Vidya Bhawan, P.S.E.B. Complex,
Sector 62,S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali) (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority
O/o The Director,
Public Instructions (Sec.) Pb.,
Vidya Bhawan, P.S.E.B. Complex,
Sector 62,S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali) (Punjab)

.....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3797 of 2023

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.
Sh. Charanjit Singh(M.-9855588870), Senior Assistant(MG Branch), on behalf of
the respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the order dated 25.08.2023, which was heard by Sh. Suresh Arora, Chief Information Commissioner, who has demitted the office on 25.09.2023. Thereafter the case was allocated to this Bench and the case is fixed for hearing today i. e. 12.06.2024.

2. The respondent placed on file few documents, which pertains the information sought by the appellant and alleges that the information presently submitted is the same as demanded by the appellant on 19.07.2021 in another case i. e. A. C. No. 3828 of 2021 and the same had already been supplied to her and that case was disposed vide orders dated 16.03.2022 by Former State Information Commissioner, Sh. Amrit Partap Singh Sekhon. All the documents submitted by the respondent should be sent to the appellant. The appellant is directed to submit a reply to the contention raised by the respondent.

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Appeal Case No. 3797 of 2023

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3. A message received through an e-mail is ambiguous which has been sent by the appellant and requires more explanation and the appellant is directed to appear before the Commission on the next date fixed or the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

4. With this, the case is **adjourned to 22nd August, 2024 at 11:30 A. M. for hearing.**

Date :12th June, 2024

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Encl :

(Inderpal Singh)
Chief Information Commissioner
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Sh. Romesh Kumar
C/o Sh Tattu Reela Wala
Pal Di Hati, Guru Bazar,
Tarn Taran-143401 (Punjab)

.....Appellant

Vs

i) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Director,
Public Instructions (Sec.) Pb.,
Vidya Bhawan, P.S.E.B. Complex,
Sector 62,S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali) (Punjab)

ii) Public Information Officer,
O/o The District Education Officer (Sec.),
Tarn Taran (Punjab)

Encl : RTI

First Appellate Authority
O/o The Director,
Public Instructions (Sec.) Pb.,
Vidya Bhawan, P.S.E.B. Complex,
Sector 62,S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali) (Punjab)

.....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 4103 of 2023

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.
Ms. Karamjit Kaur(M.-9855085505), Senior Assistant on behalf of respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the order dated 22.08.2023, which was heard by Sh. Suresh Arora, Chief Information Commissioner, who has demitted the office on 25.09.2023. Thereafter the case was allocated to this Bench and the case is fixed for hearing today i. e. 12.06.2024.

2. The representative of the respondent states that information sought through RTI application is to be provided by the District Education Officer (Sec.) Tarn Taran and submits a reply showing that the RTI application of the appellant has been transferred to that office under Section 6 (3) of the RTI Act, 2005.

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3. After going through the document placed on record, it seems that District Education Officer (Sec.) Tarn Taran is a necessary party to be impleaded in this case, hence, a copy of this order is **being sent** to him alongwith RTI request through registered post with the directions to file a point-wise reply to each and every query raised by the appellant through RTI request. The PIO office of District Education Officer (Sec.) Tarn Taran is also directed to appear in person before the Commission to represent this case on the next date fixed to clear the facts of this case.

4. Last opportunity is also given to the appellant to represent this case in person on the next date of hearing positively or the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

5. With this, the case is **adjourned to 28th August, 2024 at 11:30 A. M. for hearing.**

Date :12th June, 2024

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Encl : RTI

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Sh. Sukhpal Singh Khaira(Punjab)
S/o Sh. Sukhjinder Singh,
House No 6, Sector 5,
Chandigarh
(M.- 981533333)

.....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Excise Department,
Patiala(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority
O/o The Assistant Commissioner,
Excise Department,
Patiala(Punjab)

.....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 4368 of 2023

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.
i) Sh. Amandeep Singh(M.-9779314900), E. T. O.-cum-PIO, in person :
ii) Sh. Balwinder Singh, Clerk, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the order dated 21.09.2023, which was heard by Sh. Suresh Arora, Chief Information Commissioner, who has demitted the office on 25.09.2023. Thereafter the case was allocated to this Bench, which is fixed for hearing today i. e. 12.06.2024.

2. The appellant is not present. He has also not sent any information about his presence/absence. It seems that absence of the appellant is intentional and willful. It also seems that he is not interested to pursue the case. Nevertheless, last opportunity is given to the appellant to represent this case in person or through his authorized representative on the next date fixed to clear the facts of this case.

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Appeal Case No. 4368 of 2023

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3. The respondent submits that he has brought the original official record in connection with point no. 02 as directed vide earlier orders dated 21.09.2023. As the official record brought is very lengthy, moreover, the appellant is also not present, hence, directions are hereby given to the respondent PIO to bring the official record in connection with point no. 02 again on the next date fixed.

4. With this, the case is adjourned to 18th July, 2024 at 11:30 A. M. for hearing.

Date :12th June, 2024

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Sh. Jatinder Singh
S/o Sh. Swaran Singh,
Village – Kotlan Bathuan Garh,
P. O. – Jabbowal.
Tehsil – Baba Bakala,
Distt. – Amritsar- 143116 (Punjab)
(M.-9814288525)

.....Appellant

Vs

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O/o The Director,
Public Instructions (Sec.) Pb.,
Vidya Bhawan, P.S.E.B. Complex,
Sector 62,S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali) (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority
O/o The Principal Secretary
to Government of Punjab,
Deptt. of School Education,
Punjab Civil Secretariat, Chandigarh

.....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 5100 of 2023

Present : Sh. Jatinder Singh, the appellant in person.
Sh. Rajesh Thakral(M.-8146424145), Senior Assistant, on behalf of respondent.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 05.04.2023 vide which the appellant sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority on 14.06.2023 and Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 11.08.2023 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i. e. 12.06.2024

2. The representative of the respondent submits that a point wise reply has already been supplied to the appellant on 21.02.2024 and the appellant intimates that no such reply has been received till date. Accordingly, the respondent hands over a copy of the reply (already sent) to the appellant as well as to the Commission during the course of hearing.

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Appeal Case No. 5100 of 2023

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3. Further, the respondent is directed to bring original letter dated 21.02.2024 signed by Assistant Director-cum-PIO, School Education (Establishment – 3 Branch) alongwith postal receipt showing that the information has been sent to the appellant through registered/ordinary post.
4. An opportunity is also given to the appellant to place deficiencies, if any, in the supplied information on the next date fixed.
5. With this, the case is adjourned to 31st July, 2024 at 11:30 A. M. for hearing.

Date :12th June, 2024
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(Inderpal Singh)
Chief Information Commissioner
Punjab