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Sh. Mandeep Singh, S/o Sh. Balihar Singh, R/o Village- Kajauli, Tehsil Morinda, Distt. Ropar.

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o Deputy Commissioner, Fatehgarh Sahib.

First Appellate Authority, O/o Additional Deputy Commissioner (General), Fatehgarh Sahib.

Respondents

Appellant

Appeal Case No.350/2019

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of First Appeal made, if any	Date of order, if any of FAA	Date of Second Appeal
09.07.2018	03.10.2018	11.09.2018	22.10.2018	17.01.2019

Present: Sh. Mandeep Singh, Appellant in person.

Smt. Usha Rani, APIO - cum - Superintendent Gr. I, DC Off., Fatehgarh Sahib -

for Respondents.

ORDER

The appellant has filed second appeal against an order passed by the First Appellate Authority. The information sought concerns the attendance or absence of a government official on particular day and the leaves availed. The respondents have maintained that the information sought comes in the domain of 'personal information' which has got nothing to do with the public activity or interest. The same as such attracts exemption under Section 8(1) (j) of the Act and is not liable to be transmitted.

The Commission has heard both the parties. The appellant admits that the official is a relative and they are contesting a family dispute in a Court. Apparently, the appellant intends to settle a personal score. The RTI Act cannot be allowed to be used as a platform for the same. More so, the attendance or the leaves of an official undoubtedly is a 'personal information' and cannot be shared until a larger public interest is likely to be served. No such suggestion has been made to convince the Commission of its service of larger public interest. Thus being the case, the Commission is not inclined to disturb the impugned order passed by the First Appellate Authority.

The appeal is disposed.

Sd/-(Yashvir Mahajan) State Information Commissioner

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Sh. Nand Singh, S/o Sh. Natha Singh, R/o House No. 453, Ward No. 10, Dashmesh Colony, Zirakpur, SAS Nagar.

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o Deputy Commissioner, SAS Nagar.

First Appellate Authority, O/o Deputy Commissioner, SAS Nagar.

Respondents

Appeal Case Nos.364 and 365 of 2019

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of First Appeal made, if any	Date of order, if any of FAA	Date of Second Appeal
01.02.2018	Nil	11.11.2018	Nil	15.01.2019

Present: Sh. Nand Singh, Appellant in person.

Sh. Gurvinder Singh, Superintendent, MC Office, Zirakpur - for Respondents.

ORDER

Since the appellant and the respondents are the same and emanate from the same issue, the single order shall dispose of both the appeals.

Essentially the appellant is seeking a redressal of his grievance towards restoration of the land to the original inhabitants of the village which allegedly has been usurped by Municipal Committee of Zirakpur. Hon'ble Punjab & Haryana High Court, Chandigarh while deciding a Writ has advised the appellant to approach the respondents for decision in the matter. The respondents vide their letter dated 31.01.2019 has communicated to the appellant the position on the matter. This forum can hardly do anything about it. The appellant is advised to approach the appropriate authority in the Government to get his issue resolved. The Commission's intervention is not warranted in this case.

Disposed.

Sd/-

(Yashvir Mahajan) State Information Commissioner

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Sh. Mukhtiar Singh, S/o Sh. Sewa Singh, R/o Village Jionpura (Dugal), Tehsil-Patran, Distt. Patiala.

Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Patran, Distt. Patiala.

Respondent

Complaint Case No.70/2019

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of First Appeal made, if any	Date of order, if any of FAA	Date of Second Appeal
26.07.2018	Nil	Nil	Nil	15.01.2019

Present: Sh. Mukhtiar Singh, Complainant in person.

None on behalf of the Respondent.

ORDER

The appellant vide an application dated 26.07.2018 had sought an information about the grants received by the gram panchayat of Village Jeunpura Duggal, Tehsil Patran and the development works having been undertaken by them.

The respondents are absent. No written reply has also been filed to the notice of the Commission. The Commission takes a serious view of the same. Another opportunity is afforded to the respondent to provide him the information and explain their conduct having failed to provide the information within the stipulated time.

To come up on 11.04.2019 at 11.30 AM.

Sd/-

14.03.2019

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Sh. Devi Singh, S/o Sh. Milkhi Ram, R/o Village-Manku Majra, Tehsil-Anandpur Sahib, Distt. Ropar.

Sh. Roop Chand, S/o Sh. Pooran Chand, R/o Village- Manku Majra, Tehsil – Anandpur Sahib, District Ropar

Complainants

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Nurpur Bedi, Distt. Ropar.

Respondent

Complaint Case Nos.77 and 78 of 2019

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of First Appeal made, if any	Date of order, if any of FAA	Date of Second Appeal
23.05.2018/25.01.2018	Nil	Nil	Nil	16.01.2019

Present: Sarvshri Devi Singh and Roop Chand, Complainants.

None on behalf of the Respondent.

ORDER

The information sought in these complaints is the same. As such these complaints are being dealt together with single order. The complainants had sought details of grants received in the village Manku Majra, Tehsil Anandpur Sahib and the expenses incurred on the various developmental activities.

The respondents are absent. Nothing has been heard from them also. They are advised to file a written reply before the next date of hearing besides arranging to provide them the information without further loss of time.

To come up on 11.04.2019 at 11.30 AM.

Sd/-

14.03.2019

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Sh. Kuldip Singh Walia, S/o Sh. Harjit Singh, R/o Flat No. 1506/2nd floor, Housefed Complex, Banur, Mohalli.

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o Deputy Commissioner, District Complex, SAS Nagar.

First Appellate Authority, O/o Deputy Commissioner, District Complex, SAS Nagar.

Respondents

Appeal Case No.486/2019

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of First Appeal made, if any	Date of order, if any of FAA	Date of Second Appeal
13.10.2018	Nil	01.12.2018	Nil	23.01.2019

Present: Sh. Kuldip Singh Walia, Appellant in person.

Smt. Jaswant Kaur, Superintendent, SDM Office, SAS Nagar - for Respondents.

ORDER

Essentially, the appellant is aggrieved with the lack of vital infrastructural facilities in the residential complex of Housefed in Banur. He had made a complaint with the Deputy Commissioner, Mohali. Having not received the appropriate response he has been constrained to file an appeal with the Commission to learn the outcome of his complaint.

Smt. Jaswant Kaur appearing on behalf of the respondents says that a couple of issues about vandalism created by students of nearby colleges have been redressed. However, his concern about the fire safety system in the complex is yet to be resolved. The respondent assures that they shall duly inform the Commission after taking up the appropriate action.

To come up on 11.04.2019 at 11.30 AM.

Sd/-

(Yashvir Mahajan)
State Information Commissioner

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Sh. Ashwani Kumar Prashar, R/o 704, Green Valley Towers, Opposite DPS School, Old Ambala Kalka Road, P.O Dhakoli, Zirakpur, Mohali.

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o Municipal Council, Zirakpur, Mohali.

First Appellate Authority, O/o Municipal Council, Zirakpur, Mohali.

Respondents

Appeal Case No.507/2019

	Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of First Appeal made, if any	Date of order, if any of FAA	Date of Second Appeal
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Present: None.

ORDER

None is present on behalf of the Parties.

The matter shall be heard on 11.04.2019 at 11.30 AM.

Sd/-

14.03.2019

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Sh. Ankit Jain, S/o Sh. Yashpal Jain, R/o 1006, Morni Wala Khoo, Dera Bassi, Distt. SAS Nagar.

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Dera Bassi, Distt. SAS Nagar.

First Appellate Authority, O/o Deputy Director, Local Government Bodies, Patiala.

Respondents

Appeal Case No.3965/2018

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of First Appeal made, if any	Date of order, if any of FAA	Date of Second Appeal
22.06.2018	Nil	21.09.2018	Nil	20.11.2018

Present: None on behalf of the Appellant.

Sh. Hardeep Singh, JE, MC Office, Dera Bassi – for Respondents.

<u>ORDER</u>

The appellant is absent on trot. Briefly speaking he has sought for an information about a property concerning municipal obligations towards payment of property tax and the approval of its building plan etc.

The respondents have evaded the information on the ground of its being related to third party or being sought in the shape of a questionnaire.

The Commission has perused his application. The stance of the respondents is entirely not correct whereas they are not supposed to reveal the building plan of a property which has been deposited in fiduciary relationship but at the same time a citizen is entitled to know as to whether the rules and the building bye-laws have been followed in the construction of a structure or not. The respondents are advised to inform him accordingly within fifteen days from the issue of this order positively.

Disposed.

Sd/-(Yashvir Mahajan) State Information Commissioner

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Smt Pavneet Kaur, # 287- B, Sector 51 A, Chandigarh.

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o Senior Superintendent of Police, Mohali.

First Appellate Authority, O/o Deputy Inspector General of Police, Ropar Range, Ropar.

Respondents

Appellant

Appeal Case No.3557/2018

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of First Appeal made, if any	Date of order, if any of FAA	Date of Second Appeal
09.05.2018	Nil	26.06.2018	Nil	23.10.2018

Present:

Adv. A.B.S.Sidhu, Counsel for the Appellant.

- 1. ASI Nakhi Ram, Police Chowki Baltana, PS: Zirakpur,
- 2. Sh. Gurvinder Singh, Sr. Assistant, IG Office, Ropar for Respondents.

ORDER

The following order was made by the Commission on 12.02.2019:

"Heard. What transpires is that the appellant is seeking a copy of the statement of one Sh. Deepak Lakhani, recorded in a complaint made against him to Chandigarh Police by the appellant which was referred to Mohali Police as it was related to them. The respondent in the office of First Appellate Authority submits that they have forwarded the application under section 6(3) of the Right to Information Act, 2005 to the O/o Senior Superintendent of Police, Mohali. It has further been communicated that the original application was duly responded by the respondents on 13.08.2018 enclosing therewith the requisite information. However, they have not been able to apprise the Commission of the information thus having been sent. The appellant is absent; she is desired to throw light on the submission made by the respondents in order to assess the correct perspective of the matter."

"The case has come up today. ASI Nakhi Ram appearing on behalf of the respondent submits that on the basis of the documents received from the Chandigarh Police they have registered a case under Section 406/420 of the I.P.C. A challan has been filed in the Court of the jurisdictional

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Appeal Case No.3557/2018

Magistrate at Dera Bassi on completion of the investigation. The original application along with the relevant papers has been filed in the Court itself. He denies having received the copy of the statement allegedly made by Sh. Deepak before the Chandigarh Police. The respondent is directed to file an affidavit on this score. Meanwhile, the appellant may like to file an application with the office of the concerned jurisdictional Magistrate in case he is interested to procure a copy of the complaint."

In compliance with the above order the respondents have filed an affidavit denying the availability of the statement of the accused Sh. Deepak Lakhani on record or having been transferred to them by the Chandigarh Police. There is no occasion for the Commission to doubt the intent of the respondents to suppress any information. The Commission believes that the appellant has been sufficiently informed. No further action is called for.

The appeal is disposed.

14.03.2019

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Smt. Sunita Bakshi, W/o Sh. K.K Bakshi, H.No. 74/8, Shiv Mandir Street, New Swaraj Nagar, Mundi Kharar, Distt Mohali.

Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o Senior Superintendent of Police, Mohali.

Respondent

Complaint Case No.1147/2018

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of First Appeal made, if any	Date of order, if any of FAA	Date of Second Appeal
02.07.2018	Nil	Nil	Nil	24.10.2018

Present: Smt. Sunita Bakshi, Complainant in person.

HC Lakhwinder Singh, SSP Office, Mohali – for Respondent.

ORDER

On the request of the respondent the matter is adjourned to be heard on 11.04.2019

at 11.30 AM.

Sd/-

14.03.2019