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**Sh. Manoj Kumar**

C/o Sh. Pankaj Garg

#844, Phase No. 7, Sector-61,

Mohali. (9888004488) Complainant

Versus

**Public Information Officer**

**(Regd. Post)** O/o Registrar Societies and Firms Punjab,

Building 17 Bays, 3rd floor, Room No. 12,

Sector-17, Chandigarh Respondent

**Complaint Case No. 1065 of 2017**

**Present:** Advocate, Pankaj Gargon the behalf of the complainant.

For the respondent: Sh. Satnam Singh (SA).

 **ORDER**

1. Respondent, Sh. Satnam Singh requested for an adjournment in this case.
2. Representative of the complainant Advocate, Pankaj Garg is present for today’s hearing.
3. After hearing the respondent and examining the case file, I found that on the first hearing held on 05.12.2017, Sh. Satnam Singh, was appeared on behalf of the respondent and assured that requisite information will be provided to the appellant and matter was adjourned for further hearing on 10.01.2018. Hearing which was fixed for 10.01.2018 was postponed and fixed for 13.02.2018

On hearing held on 13.02.2018, representative of the complainant Advocate, Pankaj Garg was appeared and stated that no information has been supplied to the complainant by the respondent PIO till date. Respondent PIO was absent without any intimation to the Commission. Respondent PIO was directed to supply the requisite information before the next date of hearing and matter was adjourned for further hearing on 12.03.2018. Hearing which was fixed for 12.03.2018 was postponed and fixed for 15.03.2018 i.e. today.

1. Last opportunity is given to the respondent PIO to supply the requisite information to the complainant before the next date of hearing; failing to which action under Section 20 (1) will be initiated against him along with directions to the respondent PIO to appear in person on the next date of hearing. A copy of this order be sent to him through **registered post** for his ready reference.

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**Complaint Case No. 1065 of 2017**

1. The matter is adjourned for further hearing on **25.04.2018 at 11.00 AM**.
2. Announced in the Court, copy of the order to be sent to the parties.

**Chandigarh (Dr. Pawan Kumar Singla)**

**Dated: 15.03.2018(11:30 AM) State Information Commissioner**

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**Sh. Prem Singh (94782-86495)**

S/o Sh. Bant Singh

R/o Village Nandgarh, Tehsil Rajpura

District Patiala Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer**

O/o SDO, Water Supply & Sanitation,

Sub Division, Rajpura

**First Appellate Authority**

O/o XEN, Water Supply & Sanitation,

Sub Division, Rajpura Respondent

**Appeal Case No. 2847 of 2017**

**Present:** Sh. Prem Singh along with Advocate, Mukesh Singla.

Nobody on the behalf of the respondent.

 **ORDER**

1. Applicant, Sh. Prem Singh is present for today’s hearing states that pending information is still pending from the respondent.
2. Respondent PIO is not present for today’s hearing but he intimated the undersigned bench through telephonic message that he is unable to attend today’s hearing and requested to adjourn this case.

After hearing the applicant and examining the case file, on the first hearing held on 06.12.2017, Advocate, Ms. Naiya Gill requested for an adjournment. Another opportunity was given to the respondent PIO either to provide the requisite information or to file a proper written reply and matter was adjourned to 10.01.2018. Hearing which was fixed for 10.01.2018 was postponed and fixed for 13.02.2018 i.e. today.

1. On hearing held on 13.02.2018, Sh. Jaspal Singh, Sarpanch was appeared and handed over the information to the appellant during the hearing. Sh. Prem Singh the appellant stated that he is satisfied with the information that relates with point no. 1 and 4 but pointed out deficiencies in point no. 2, 3, 5 & 6 during the hearing. Respondent PIO was directed to provide the pending requisite information that relates with point no. 2, 3, 5 & 6. Sh. Adarsh Nirmal, SDO was also appeared from the respondent side stated that information relates with the Sh. Jaspal Singh, Sarpanch and requested for his exemption for further hearings.

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**Appeal Case No. 2847 of 2017**

On the request of the respondent, Sh. Adarsh Nirmal, SDO, he was exempted for further hearings till any further notification to respondent’s office but he has to make sure that Sh. Jaspal Singh, Sarpanch represent this case on next date of hearing and provide the pending information as directed above to the appellant. The matter was adjourned for further hearing on 12.03.2018. Hearing which was fixed for 12.03.2018 was postponed and fixed for 15.03.2018 i.e. today but the respondent PIO failed to do so.

1. After examining the case file, an affidavit dated 13.03.2018 has been received form the respondent in the Commission vide diary no. 5102 dated 13.03.2018 signed by Sh. Jaspal Singh, Chairman, W/S and Sanitation Committee, Rajpura stating that counsel of the respondent is in abroad and he cannot provide any information without the advise of his counsel. He further requested for an adjournment, which is taken on record.
2. I am of the view that due to evasive attitude of the respondent PIO concerned, the applicant has suffered a lot of detriments for not getting the requisite information, I am of the view that compensation be awarded to the applicant, Sh. Prem Singh.
3. Hence, I award a compensation of Rs. 2,000/- (Two Thousand) to the applicant. The compensation amount must be paid by the respondent PIO concerned through cheque or demand draft in favour of Prem Singh from the account of Public Authority and not from the individual’s account.
4. Respondent PIO is directed to produce a copy of the cheque or demand draft on the next date of hearing.
5. The matter is adjourned for further hearing on **25.04.2018 at 11.00 AM**.
6. Announced in the Court, copy of the order to be sent to the parties.

**Chandigarh (Dr. Pawan Kumar Singla)**

**Dated: 15.03.2018(11:30 AM) State Information Commissioner**

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**Sh. Sukhchain Singh (94635-18565)**

S/o Sh. Ajit Singh Sanam Mohalla,

W/No.11, Fatehgarh Churian,

Tehsil Batala, Gurdaspur Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer**

O/o Deputy Director, Local Bodies,

Amritsar

**First Appellate Authority**

O/o Director, Local Government

Department, Punjab, Chandigarh Respondent

**Appeal Case No. 2849 of 2017**

**Date of Institution: 13.10.2017**

 **Date of Decision: 15.03.2018**

**Present:** Nobody on the behalf of the applicant.

For the respondent: Ms. Veena Kaur (Superintendent) along with Sh. Sunil Kumar (Clerk).

 **ORDER**

1. Respondent, Ms. Veena Kaur submits a letter no. 35 dated 09.03.2018 signed by PIO cum Executive engineer, Nagar Council, Fatehgarh Churian (Gurdaspur) addressed to the applicant, Sh. Sukhchain Singh stating that requisite information is sending to you through letter no. 150 dated 09.03.2018 with a copy of letter no. 150 dated 09.03.2018, a copy of acknowledgment signed by the applicant, Sh. Sukhchain Singh dated 12.03.2018 stating that I have received the complete information as per my RTI application. I am satisfied with the information supplied by the PIO. It is taken on record.

She also submits a letter no. 3370 dated 14.03.2018 signed by PIO, O/o Deputy Director, Urban Local Bodies, Amritsar stating that requisite information has been supplied to the applicant, Sh. Sukhchain Singh through letter no. 34 dated 09.03.2018 with a copy of letter no. 34 dated 09.03.2018 alongwith remarks of the applicant “information received” dated 09.03.2018 with supporting documents, which are taken on record.

1. Applicant, Sh. Sukhcahin Singh is not present or today’s hearing.
2. As the information stands supplied and on the request of the applicant, no further cause of action is required in this case. Therefore, the instant appeal case is **disposed of & closed.**

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**Appeal Case No. 2849 of 2017**

**Date of Institution: 13.10.2017**

 **Date of Decision: 15.03.2018**

1. Announced in the Court, copy of the order to be sent to the parties

**Chandigarh (Dr. Pawan Kumar Singla)**

**Dated: 15.03.2018(11:30 AM) State Information Commissioner**

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**Sh. Gulshan Rai (88472-08779)**

**(Regd. Post)** House No. C-202, Aastha Apartments,

Phase-2, Nabha Pabhat Road,

Zirakpur-140603 Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer**

**(Regd. Post)** O/o Principal Secretary, Local Govt.

Mini Secretariat, Punjab

Sector-9, Chandigarh

**First Appellate Authority**

**(Regd. Post)** O/o Principal Secretary, Local Govt.

Mini Secretariat, Punjab

Sector-9, Chandigarh Respondent

**Appeal Case No. 2867 of 2017**

**Date of Institution: 13.10.2017**

 **Date of Decision: 15.03.2018**

**Present:** Nobody on the behalf of the complainant.

For the respondent: Sh. Manvir Singh (EO).

**ORDER**

1. Respondent, Sh. Manvir Singh states that a similar case (Appeal Case No. 2868 of 2017) is pending under the bench of SIC, Sh. Yashvir Mahajan. He also states that information has already been supplied to the applicant through registered post dated 13.03.2018. He submits a letter no. 362 dated 09.03.2018 signed by Executive Engineer, Nagar Council, Zirkapur along with postal receipt, which are taken on record.
2. After questioning from the applicant, Sh. Gulshan Rai, he admits that similar case is pending under the bench of SIC, Sh. Yashvir Mahajan.
3. After hearing both the parties and going through the documents placed on record, I found that the applicant filed two appeal cases in the Commission i.e. present case (Appeal Case No. 2867 of 2017) and another similar case (Appeal Case No. 2868 of 2017) as applicant admits during the hearing. Appeal Case No. 2868 of 2017 moving under the bench of Ld. SIC, Sh. Yashvir Mahajan. Hence at present only one case (Appeal Case No. 2868 of 2017) may be considered and the present case (Appeal Case No. 2867 of 2017) be disposed of.

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**Appeal Case No. 2867 of 2017**

**Date of Institution: 13.10.2017**

 **Date of Decision: 15.03.2018**

1. In view of the above the case is **disposed of & closed.**
2. Copy of this order be sent to the parties through **registered post** for their ready reference.

**Chandigarh (Dr. Pawan Kumar Singla)**

**Dated: 15.03.2018(11:30 AM) State Information Commissioner**

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**Sh. Jarnail Singh S/o Sh. Thakur Singh**

R/o 23/14, Anand Nagar B,

Tripuri Patiala-147001. Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer**

O/o Additional Chief Secretary,

Local Govt. Punjab,

Sector-35, Chandigarh

**First Appellate Authority**

O/o Additional Chief Secretary,

Local Govt. Punjab,

Sector-35, Chandigarh Respondent

**Appeal Case No. 2964 of 2017**

**Present:** Sh. Jarnail Singh, the applicant in person.

For the respondent: Sh. Manvir Singh (SA).

 **ORDER**

1. Respondent, Sh. Manvir Singh states that their department is not dealing hand in this case. He also mentioned that applications/letters received in their offices transferred to the concerned departments after assigning the diary number to them.
2. Applicant, Sh. Jarnail Singh is present for today’s hearing.
3. After hearing the respondent and examining the case and examining the case file, I found that on the last hearing held on 13.02.2018 PIO, O/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Patiala was impleaded as necessary party in this case. A copy of previous order along with RTI application was sent to him through registered post along with last opportunity with directions to represent this case in person or through any of his representative(s) on the next date of hearing i.e. today but the respondent PIO is failed to do so.
4. Last opportunity is given to the respondent PIO, O/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Patiala to appear in person on the next date of hearing along with point wise information as per the RTI application of the applicant, failing to which action under Section 20(1) will be initiated against him. A copy of this order be sent to him through registered post.

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**Appeal Case No. 2964 of 2017**

1. Matter is adjourned for further hearing on **25.04.2018 at 11:30 AM.**
2. Announced in the Court, copy of the order to be sent to the parties.

**Chandigarh (Dr. Pawan Kumar Singla)**

**Dated: 15.03.2018(11:30 AM) State Information Commissioner**

**Public Information Officer (By Name)**

**(Regd. Post)** O/o The Commissioner,

 Municipal Corporation,

 Patiala

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