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Sh. Ravinder Kataria,

#64, New Sant Fateh Singh Nagar,

Dugri Road, Ludhiana.

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o District Development Panchayat Officer,

Nawanshehar, Tarn Taran, Ferozepore, Hoshiarpur, Ludhiana, Barnala, Fatehgarh Sahib, Ropar, Amritsar, Mohali, Pathankot. Faridkot and Kapurthala.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o District Development Panchayat Officer,

Nawanshehar, Tarn Taran, Ferozepore, Hoshiarpur, Ludhiana, Barnala, Fatehgarh Sahib, Ropar, Amritsar, Mohali, Pathankot, Faridkot and Kapurthala. Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3160, 3161, 3162, 3163, 3164, 3165, 3166, 3167, 3168, 3169, 3170, 3171 and 3172 of 2018. **Notice of Hearing**

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
21-05-2018	08-08- 2018/nil/22.06.2018/nil/03.06.2018/nil/ 15.06.2018/nil.	16.07.2018	Nil	18.09.2018

Present:

Sh. Ravinder Kataria, Appellant in person.

Representatives on behalf of the respondents from all the above districts.

Order

Since the information sought is a zerox copy of one application addressed to District Development and Panchayat Officers, Nawanshehar, Tarn Taran, Ferozepore, Hoshiarpur, Ludhiana, Barnala, Fatehgarh Sahib, Ropar, Amritsar, Mohali, Pathankot, Faridkot and Kapurthala, the aforesaid appeals shall be disposed of by a single order.

The Commission has perused the original application of the appellant. A couple of points of the application seeking information are vague and indistinct. In the rest of the points the appellant virtually seeks the entire record maintained in the offices of BDPOs and the Panchayats operating under them. To make it lucid, he is seeking information about the personnel details of the entire department and the details of the development works done in each Panchayat and allied information with supporting documents/vouchers etc. Such a huge, humongous and indiscriminate supply of information shall for sure erode the normal functioning of the Public Authorities and divert their resources disproportionately.

It is an apt case to invoke Section 7(9) of the RTI Act. Nonetheless, in the interest of the transparency and accountability, the Commission desires the Public Authorities to arrange the inspection of the record in the appeals in hand to the appellant at a pre-fixed date and time duly intimated and provide him the certified copies of the documents identified by him but not beyond one hundred fifty (150) pages in each of a Public Authority on payment of prescribed fee. It may be ensured that the date and time of inspection do not clash with each other.

Disposed.

Sd/-(Yashvir Mahajan) **State Information Commissioner**