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Sh.Baljinder Singh, S/o ShKartar Singh,
VPO Doraha, Tehsil Payal,
Distt Ludhiana.

.....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o EO, GMADA,
Mohali.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o EO, GMADA,
Mohali.

.....Respondent

Appeal Case .No. 45 of 2020

PRESENT: None for the Appellant
Sh.Om Mahajan, Sr. Assistant O/o GMADA for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant through RTI application dated 03.08.2019 has sought information regarding action taken on the letter dated 24.07.2019 filed for conducting enquiry against Sh.Satish Kumar s/o Ajmer Singh for illegal construction – copy of approval granted – action taken for illegal construction and other information concerning the office of Estate Officer, GMADA Mohali. The appellant was not provided the information after which the appellant filed first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 15.09.2019 which took no decision on the appeal.

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Mohali. The respondent present pleaded that information has been supplied to the appellant vide letter dated 16.03.2020 with a copy submitted to the Commission. The Commission has received a copy of reply on 23.03.2020.

The appellant is absent nor has communicated any discrepancies. The appellant is directed to point out the discrepancies if any to the PIO with a copy to the Commission and the PIO is directed to relook at the RTI application and remove the discrepancies.

To come up for further hearing on **24.11.2020 at 11.00 AM through video conference** facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Mohali.

Chandigarh
Dated 16.09.2020

Sd/-
(Khushwant Singh)
State Information Commissioner



Sh. Rajinder Singh,
H. No.463/3-A, Sector-53,
Mohali.

.....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o GMADA,
Mohali.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o GMADA,
Mohali.

.....Respondent

Appeal Case.No. 50 of 2020

PRESENT: None for the Appellant
Sh.Gurvinder Singh, PIO-GMADA for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant through RTI application dated 30.08.2019 has sought information regarding extension fee being charged after implementation of collector rates for residential plots in sector 69 Mohali – procedure for charging extension fee before implementation of collector rates – copy of decision taken in Vidhan Sabha – procedure for charging extension fee on commercial plots and other information concerning the office of GMADA Mohali. The appellant was not provided the information after which the appellant filed first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 21.10.2019 which took no decision on the appeal.

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Mohali. The respondent present pleaded that information has been supplied to the appellant vide letter dated 23.03.2020 with a copy submitted to the Commission. The Commission has received a copy of reply on 27.05.2020.

The appellant is absent nor has communicated any discrepancies. The appellant is directed to point out the discrepancies if any to the PIO with a copy to the Commission and the PIO is directed to relook at the RTI application and remove the discrepancies.

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Sh. Varinder Sofat,
K No-130/3A, Sector-53,
Mohali.

.....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o GMADA,
Mohali.

First Appellate Authority
O/o GMADA,
Mohali.

.....Respondent

Appeal Case .No. 51 of 2020

PRESENT: None for the Appellant
Sh.Gurvinder Singh, PIO-GMADA for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant through RTI application dated 30.08.2019 has sought information regarding extension fee being charged after implementation of collector rates for residential plots in sector 69 Mohali – procedure for charging extension fee before implementation of collector rates in sector 69, 70 & 71 and other information concerning the office of GMADA Mohali. The appellant was not provided the information after which the appellant filed first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 21.10.2019 which took no decision on the appeal.

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Mohali. The respondent present pleaded that information has been supplied to the appellant vide letter dated 23.03.2020 with a copy submitted to the Commission. The Commission has received a copy of reply on 27.05.2020.

The appellant is absent nor has communicated any discrepancies. The appellant is directed to point out the discrepancies if any to the PIO with a copy to the Commission and the PIO is directed to relook at the RTI application and remove the discrepancies.

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Sh.Harpal Singh, S/o Late Sh.Bawa Singh
Alias Baru S/o Sh.Jetha,
Village Kumbra, Tehsil & Distt Mohali.

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o EO, GMADA,
Mohali.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o EO. GMADA,
Mohali.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 410 of 2020

PRESENT: Sh.Harpal Singh as the Appellant
Sh.Gurvinder Singh, PIO-GMADA for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant through RTI application dated 05.09.2019 has sought information regarding providing of plots in lieu of land acquired Khasra No.429/2 relating to Sh.Bawa s/o Jethu – letter No.29620 dated 09.08.2018, letter No.26871 dated 18.07.2018, letter No.26919 dated 18.07.2018, letter no.29620 dated 09.08.2018, letter no.41308 dated 15.11.2018 etc. and other information concerning the office of EO-GMADA Mohali. The appellant was not satisfied with the information provided by the PIO vide letter dated 18.10.2018 after which the appellant filed first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 11.12.2019 which took no decision on the appeal.

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Mohali. The respondent present pleaded that information has been supplied to the appellant vide letter dated 18.10.2019 with a copy submitted to the Commission.

The appellant stated that the information is not clear. The respondent informed that the information relates to Estate Officer, GMADA.

The appellant is directed to point out the discrepancies in writing to the PIO with a copy to the Commission and the respondent is directed to remove the same. If the information is in the custody of EO-GMADA, the respondent is directed to procure it from the concerned PIO and provide to the appellant.

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Sh.Manjit Singh, S/o Sh.Gurcharan Singh,
Village Maanemajra, Tehsil Chamkaur Sahib,
Distt.Ropar.

...Complainant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o PUDA,
Mohali..

...Respondent

Complaint Case No. 73 of 2020

PRESENT: None for the Complainant
None for the Respondent

ORDER:

The complainant through RTI application dated 26.11.2019 has sought information regarding head of account for posting of realization on the sale of plots by the PUDA and name of bank and other information concerning the office of PUDA Mohali. The complainant was not provided the information after which the complainant filed a complaint in the Commission on 15.01.2020.

The case was first heard on 23.06.2020 through video conferencing at DAC Ropar. Both the parties were absent. The case was adjourned.

The case was last heard on **04.08.2020** through video conferencing at DAC Ropar. The complainant is absent. The respondent was present in DC Office Mohali. The respondent pleaded that the information regarding point-1 has been sent to the complainant vide letter dated 04.08.2020 and since the information regarding point-2 related to their head office, reply was sent to the complainant.

Having gone through the record, the Commission observed that there has been an enormous delay in attending the RTI application. The PIO was issued a show cause notice **under Section 20 of the RTI Act 2005 and directed to file reply on an affidavit.**

Hearing dated 16.09.2020:

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Mohali. Both the parties are absent. The Commission has received a copy of letter diary No.11284 on 04.09.2020 vide which the Accounts Officer, GMADA has sent information regarding point-2 to the complainant with a copy to the Commission and Administrative officer-cum-PIO PUDA.

The PIO has however, not sent any reply to the show cause notice issued on 04.08.2020. The PIO is given one more opportunity to file reply to the show cause notice otherwise it will be presumed that the PIO has nothing to say in the matter and the Commission will take action against the PIO as per provisions of the RTI Act.

To come up for further hearing on **24.11.2020 at 11.00 AM** through video conference facility available in the office of **Deputy Commissioner, Mohali.**

Chandigarh
Dated 16.09.2020

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State Information Commissioner



Sh. Sohan Singh, s/o shSucha Singh,
R/o Village Bara, P.O PathreriJattan,
Tehsil&DisttRoopnagar.

... Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o SDO, Sub Division,
PSPCL, Sukhrampur,
DisttRopar.

...Respondent

Complaint Case No. 1003 of 2019

PRESENT: Sh.Sohan Singh as the Complainant
None for the Respondent

ORDER:

The complainant through RTI application dated 05.06.2019 has sought information regarding copy of entry register containing the tubewell connections provided in village Pathreri and village PathreriJattan and other information concerning the office of SDO Sub Division, PSPCL Sukhrampur. The complainant was not provided the information after which the complainant filed a complaint in the Commission on 22.11.2019.

The case first came up for hearing on 12.03.2020. The complainant claimed that the PIO has not provided the information. The respondent was absent. The PIO was directed to provide the information within 15 days and send a compliance report to the Commission.

Sh.Bawa Singh, respondent appeared late and informed that the appellant was asked vide letter dated 03.07.2019 to specify the period for which the information is required, but the appellant had not clarified. The respondent was directed to get the clarification from the appellant by contacting him on his phone No.9464869183 and provide the information as per the RTI application.

On the date of hearing on **04.08.2020 which** was held through video conferencing at DAC Ropar, the appellant appeared at Chandigarh and informed that the information provided by the PIO was not legible. The complainant also brought to the notice of the Commission that the record might be available in the computer.

The respondent was absent. The PIO was directed to provide a computer printout of the record to the complainant. The information to be provided within 15 days of the receipt of the order.

Hearing dated 16.09.2020:

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Mohali. The complainant informed that the PIO has supplied information of 115 meters as against the electric meters of 148 installed in the village.

The respondent is absent. The complainant is directed to inspect the record by fixing a mutually convenient date and time with the PIO and get the relevant information. The PIO is directed to allow inspection of the record to the complainant and provide the relevant information.

To come up for compliance on **24.11.2020 at 11.00 AM** through video conference facility available in the office of **Deputy Commissioner, Mohali.**

Chandigarh
Dated 16.09.2020

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(Khushwant Singh)
State Information Commissioner



Sh Rajeshwar Sharma.
Kothi No-584, Phase-4,
Mohali.

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o GMADA,
Mohali.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o GMADA,
Mohali.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 3040 of 2019

PRESENT: None for the Appellant
Sh.Manjinder Singh and Sh.Gurvinder Singh,PIO-GMADA for the
Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant through RTI application dated 15.05.2019 has sought information regarding action taken on his request No.9880 dated 18.03.2019 and other information concerning the office of GMADA Mohali. The appellant was not provided the information after which the appellant filed a first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 20.06.2019 which took no decision on the appeal.

The case was first heard on 18.12.2019. The respondent present pleaded that the information has been provided to the complainant. The appellant was not satisfied and pleaded that he has sought action taken report on his application. The PIO was directed to relook at the RTI application and provide any document that is available on the action taken on the request of appellant.

The case was last heard on **24.02.2020**. Both the parties were absent. The case was adjourned.

Hearing dated 16.09.2020:

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Mohali. The respondent present pleaded that the information has already been provided to the appellant.

The appellant is absent and vide email has pointed out the discrepancies, a copy of which is being sent to the PIO and the PIO is directed to remove the discrepancies.

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Sh. Kesar Singh Sekhon,
Flat No-104/B-5, Pb Premium Apartment,
Sector-88, Mohali.

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o GMADA,
Mohali.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o GMADA,
Mohali.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 3671 of 2019

PRESENT: Sh.Kesar Singh as the Appellant
Sh.Gurvinder Singh, PIO-GMADA for the Respondent

ORDER:

The case was first heard on 28.01.2020. The respondent present pleaded that the information has been provided to the appellant. The appellant was not satisfied and stated that the PIO has not provided the information as per the RTI application.

Having gone through the RTI application and the information that has been provided, the Commission observed that the appellant had asked that whether the amenities which were mentioned in the brochure of 2011 were actually being provided and operational. The PIO had however, not applied his mind while supplying the information and correct information was not supplied. The PIO was directed to relook at the RTI application and provide the information as per the RTI application within ten days.

The case was last heard on **03.03.2020**. As per appellant, the information was not provided. The respondent was absent. Due to delay in providing the information, the PIO was issued a **show cause notice under Section 20 of the RTI Act 2005 and directed to file reply on an affidavit**. The PIO was again directed to provide information within 15 days of the receipt of the order.

Hearing dated 16.09.2020:

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Mohali. The respondent present pleaded that the information has been provided to the appellant. The appellant claims that the PIO has not provided the information that were sought in the RTI application.

Hearing both the parties, the Commission observes that the appellant has basically asked for amenities to be provided as per brochure. The PIO is directed to relook at the RTI application and provide complete information.

The PIO has not filed reply to the show cause notice issued on 03.03.2020. The PIO is given one last opportunity to file reply to the show cause notice otherwise it will be presumed that the PIO has nothing to say in the matter and the Commission will act as per provisions of section 20 of the RTI Act.

To come up for further hearing on **24.11.2020 at 11.00 AM** through video conference facility available in the office of **Deputy Commissioner, Mohali**.

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Sector-88, Mohali.

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o GMADA,
Mohali.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o GMADA,
Mohali

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 3720 of 2019

PRESENT: Sh.Kesar Singh as the Appellant
Sh.Gurvinder Singh, PIO-GMADA for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant through RTI application dated 22.04.2019 has sought information regarding security of the Purab Premium Apartments sector 88 Mohali – contact for security, persons employed, amount incurred and other information concerning the office of GMADA Mohali. The appellant was not provided the information after which the appellant filed first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 14.06.2019 which took no decision on the appeal.

The case was first heard on 28.01.2020. The appellant claimed that the PIO has not provided the information even after a lapse of nine months of filing the RTI application. The respondent present submitted a letter of the PIO dated 24.07.2019 whereby the PIO had asked the appellant to get the information by visiting their office on any working day.

Due to an enormous delay of nine months in providing the information, the PIO was issued a **show cause notice under Section 20 of the RTI Act 2005 and directed to file reply on an affidavit.** The PIO was again directed to provide the information within 15 days.

The case was last heard on **03.03.2020.** The appellant claimed that the PIO has not provided the information. The respondent was absent nor had filed reply to the show cause notice. The PIO was given one last opportunity to provide the information to the appellant and appear before the Commission on the next date of hearing alongwith reply to the show cause notice on an affidavit, otherwise it will be presumed that the PIO has nothing to say in the matter and the Commission will act as per provisions of section 20 of the RTI Act.

Hearing dated 16.09.2020:

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Mohali. The respondent has brought the record. The appellant is directed to inspect the record and get the relevant information.

At the last hearing, the PIO was given one last opportunity to file reply to the show cause notice issued on 03.03.2020. The PIO has not filed reply to the show cause notice.

The Commission observes that the appellant to collect the information had to suffer undue inconvenience, thus I find it to be a fit case for awarding compensation to the appellant u/s 19(8)(b) of the RTI Act.

Appeal Case No. 3720 of 2019

The PIO is directed to pay an amount of **Rs.2500/-** via demand draft drawn through Govt. Treasury as compensation to the appellant for the loss and detriment suffered by him of having to file the appeals and not getting information in time. The PIO is directed to duly inform the Commission of the compliance of the order and submit proof of having compensated the appellant.

The decision on show cause notice will be taken on the next date of hearing.

The case is adjourned. To come up for further hearing on **24.11.2020 at 11.00 AM** through video conference facility available in the office of **Deputy Commissioner, Mohali**.

Chandigarh
Dated 16.09.2020

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