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Sh. Harinder Kumar,

S/o Sh. Shripal,

R/o House No 3485, Street No 14,

Gopal Nagar, Haibowal Kalan, Ludhiana.

M : 9888627135

Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,

O/o Secretary, Personnel,

Punjab Civil Secretariat-1,

Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Secretary, Personnel,

Punjab Civil Secretariat-1,

Chandigarh.

Respondents

Appeal Case No. 5209 of 2023

Present:- Sh. Harinder Kumar, the appellant in person.
None on behalf of the respondents.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 05.05.2023 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 10.06.2023 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 28.07.2023 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for hearing for today i.e. 18.04.2024.

2. The appellant sought the information from the O/o the Secretary, Department of Personnel, Punjab Civil Secretariat-1, Chandigarh who has already been transferred the RTI application under section 6(3) to the O/o Secretary, Subordinate Services Selection Board, SAS Nagar, who is impleaded as a necessary party in this case. However, the appellant submits that he has received the information from the o/o the Secretary, Subordinate Services Selection Board but is not satisfied with the information pertaining to point No. 1 & 4 of the RTI

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application. It is a fact that the response/information has already been sent to the appellant by the said office. It is also a fact that a letter was written by the Personnel Department to the Secretary, Subordinate Staff Selection Board, SAS Nagar vide letter dated 01.03.2024 but the respondent Public Information Officer of the said office is absent without intimation.

3. Viewing the attitude in dealing with the RTI application by the respondent in a casual manner, **Ms. Manjit Kaur, Superintendent-cum-Public Information Officer**, is, thus, issued a show cause notice to explain in a self-attested affidavit as to why a penalty @ Rs.250/- per day of delay subject to a maximum of Rs.25,000/- till the complete information is furnished, be not imposed under Section 20(1) of RTI Act, 2005 on him for causing willful delay/denial of the information to the RTI applicant and to show cause why a compensation under section 19(8) of the RTI Act, 2005, may not be paid to the appellant for causing willful delay/denial of the information for detriment suffered by him.

In addition to the written reply, the Public Information Officer is also given an opportunity under Section 20(1) proviso thereto, for a personal hearing before the imposition of such penalty on the next date of hearing. He may take a note that in case he does not file his written reply and does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the next date, it will be presumed that he has nothing to say and the Commission will proceed ex-parte.

4. Accordingly, both the parties are directed to remain present on the next date of hearing for deliberations as the appellant is not satisfied with the information pertaining to Point no. 1 and 4 of the RTI application. In case of absence of any party, on the next date of hearing, the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

5. With aforesaid directions, matter is adjourned for further hearing on **27.06.2024 at 11:30 A.M.** at Chandigarh.

Date: 18.04.2024

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(Inderpal Singh)
Chief Information Commissioner
Punjab

CC:

Ms. Manjit Kaur (Superintendent-cum-PIO)

O/o Secretary,
Subordinate Services Selection Board,
Forest Complex, Sector - 68,
SAS Nagar

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Sh. Anoop Kumar Munjal Advocate,

S/o Sh. Lakhpat Ram, Chamber No 153,
Court Complex, Fazilka-152123.

Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,

O/o DEO (EE), Fazilka.

First Appellate Authority

O/o DEO (EE), Fazilka.

Respondents

Appeal Case No. 5222 of 2023

Present:- None for the parties.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 26.04.2023 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 23.05.2023 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 28.07.2023 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for hearing for today i.e. 18.04.2024.

2. The appellant is absent without intimation. One last opportunity is granted to him to remain present on the next date of hearing for deliberations, failing which the decision will be taken in his absence.

3. The respondent PIO is also absent but the written response has already been received from the said office which is taken on record. He is also directed to remain present on the next date of hearing for deliberations, failing which stringent action may be taken against him.

4. A copy of this order is being sent to the Director, Public Instructions (E.E.), Mohali with the directions to ensure the presence of the P.I.O. on the next date of hearing.

5. With aforesaid directions, matter is adjourned for further hearing on **26.06.2024 at 11:30 A.M.** at Chandigarh.

Date:18.04.2024

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(Inderpal Singh)
Chief Information Commissioner
Punjab

CC:

Ms. Amaninder Kaur, PCS
Director, Public Instructions (E.E.)
P.S.E.B. complex, Sector - 62,
SAS Nagar

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Ms Madhu Bala, ETT Teacher,

H No E-1, NIT Campus,
Kurukshetra-136119.
M : 9416175108

Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,

O/o DPI (EE), PB, Mohali.

First Appellate Authority

O/o DPI (EE), PB, Mohali.

Respondents

Appeal Case No. 5413 of 2023

Present:- Sh. Kulwinder Singh on behalf of the appellant.
Ms. Neha Gupta, Senior Assistant (9780568393) on behalf of the respondents.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 13.05.2023 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 03.07.2023 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 28.07.2023 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for hearing for today i.e. 18.04.2024.

2. The respondent handed over the information pertaining to Point No. 2 of the RTI application during the course of hearing with a copy to the Commission, which is taken on record. After going through the same the appellant submits that the information is incomplete. Regarding the remaining point the respondent requested for an adjournment in this case and assured that the complete information will be supplied to the appellant before the next date of hearing. Accordingly, the case is adjourned with the directions to the appellant to point out deficiencies in writing, if any, in the information so supplied by the respondent pertaining to point no. 2 of the RTI application. Also, the respondent PIO is directed to remove the deficiencies, if so received from the appellant. Regarding the remaining points, he is directed to supply the complete information.

3. Accordingly, both the parties are directed to remain present on the next date of hearing for deliberations and in case of absence of any party the case will be decided ex-parte, on merit.

4. With aforesaid directions, matter is adjourned for further hearing on **15.05.2024 at 11:30 A.M.** at Chandigarh.

Date:18.04.2024

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Sh. Dinesh Kumar,
S/o Sh. Daulat Ram,
R/o Village Neeleware (Rattewal),
Tehsil Balachaur, Distt SBS Nagar.
M : 9466100100

Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o Punjab Vidhan Sabha,
Punjab Civil Secretariat-1,
Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority
O/o Punjab Vidhan Sabha,
Punjab Civil Secretariat-1,
Chandigarh.

Respondents

Appeal Case No. 5258 of 2023

Present:- None on behalf of the appellant.
Sh. Chottu Sharma, Superintendent-cum-APIO (9780268575) on behalf of the respondents.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 08.05.2023 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 15.06.2023 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 28.07.2023 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for hearing for today i.e. 18.04.2024.

2. The appellant is absent without intimation. However, the respondent submits that the response regarding the sought information has already been sent to the appellant through registered post. Accordingly, one last opportunity is granted to the appellant to remain present on the next date of hearing for deliberations, failing which, the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

3. With aforesaid directions, matter is adjourned for further hearing on **26.06.2024 at 11:30 A.M.** at Chandigarh.

Date:18.04.2024
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Sh. Navpreet Singh Advocate,

Chamber No 721, Distt Court,
Ludhiana.

Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,

O/o DEO (SE), Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority

O/o DEO (SE), Ludhiana.

Respondents

Appeal Case No. 5458 of 2023

Present:- None on behalf of the appellant.
Sh. Gurdarshan Singh, Clerk and Sh. Anil, Junior Assistant on behalf of the respondents.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 03.03.2023 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 12.04.2023 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 28.07.2023 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for hearing for today i.e. 18.04.2024.

2. The appellant is absent but he has sent an email vide which he has been requested for an adjournment of the case. Regarding information he submitted that no information has been provided by the respondent. However the respondent submits that the sought information is third party which cannot be supplied as per the Government instructions dated 09.08.2021.

3. After having detailed deliberations with the respondent and going through the case file, the appellant is directed to establish the 'Larger Public Interest' involved in seeking 'third party' information to take the matter to its logical end. A copy of the response received from the respondent is also **being sent** to the appellant along with this order.

4. Both the parties are directed to remain present for the hearing for deliberations. In case of absence of any party, the case will be decided on merit, ex parte.

5. With aforesaid directions, matter is adjourned for further hearing on **27.06.2024 at 11:30 A.M.** at Chandigarh.

Date:18.04.2024

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(Inderpal Singh)
Chief Information Commissioner
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Sh. Ram Dass Sharma ,
107, Punjabi Bagh Apartmnets,
Rothak Road, New Delhi-110063.
M : 9818789476

Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o Director, Laguage Department, PB,
Bhushan Bhawan, Sheran Wala Gate,
Patiala.

First Appellate Authority
O/o Director, Laguage Department, PB,
Bhushan Bhawan, Sheran Wala Gate
,Patiala.

Respondents

Appeal Case No. 5489 of 2023

Present:- Sh. Ram Dass Sharma, the appellant in person.
Sh. Vipran Kumar, Superintendent (9878070762) and Sh. Parminder Singh,
Junior Assistant (9988226844) on behalf of the respondents.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 08.06.2023 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 19.06.2023 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 28.07.2023 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for hearing for today i.e. 18.04.2024.

2. The appellant submits that the respondent transferred the RTI application to the Director Public Instructions (Secondary) and Director Public Instructions (Primary) whereas the information should have been in the custody of the Language Department. After detailed deliberations with both the parties, the respondent O/o the Director, Language Department requested for an adjournment of the case to look into the matter once again.

3. The respondent further requested that the information pertaining to Urdu Language which was a medium of school instructions and Punjab State prior to independence or 1947 or British Rules may be available in the O/o DPI (SE) and requested that the said office be

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Appeal Case No. 5489 of 2023

impleaded as necessary party. As such, the PIO, O/o DPI (SE) is impleaded as a necessary party in this case to file the reply/supply the information on the next date of hearing. A copy of the RTI application along with annexure is **being sent** to him along with this order.

4. A copy of this order is being sent to the Director, Public Instructions (SE), Mohali to ensure the presence of the P.I.O concerned on the next date of hearing.

5. Accordingly, the parties concerned are directed to remain present for deliberations. In case of absence of any party, the case will be decided on merit, ex parte.

6. With aforesaid directions, matter is adjourned for further hearing on **27.06.2024 at 11:30 A.M.** at Chandigarh.

Date : 18.04.2024

G

(Inderpal Singh)
Chief Information Commissioner
Punjab

CC:

Sh. Paramjit Singh, PCS
Director Public Instructions
(Secondary Education)
Phase-8, Mohali
SAS Nagar

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Sh. Manjit Singh, Advocate,

House No. 174, A, Shastri Nagar,
District Ludhiana-141002
M:9914514555

Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,

O/o The Deputy Commissioner,
Ludhiana

Ms. Ritu Gupta-cum

Public Information Officer,O/o Tehsildar (East), Ludhiana
Now Tehsildar,
Bassi Pathana, Fatehgarh Sahib

First Appellate Authority,

O/o The Deputy Commissioner,
Ludhiana.

Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3420 of 2023

Present:- None on behalf of the appellant.
Ms. Ritu Gupta, Tehsildar, Bassi Pathana.

ORDER

This case may be read with reference to the previous order dated 21.03.2024.

2. The appellant is absent but he has sent his submissions dated 24.03.2024, which is taken on record. Last opportunity is awarded to him to remain present on the next date of hearing for deliberations, failing which, the decision will be taken on merit, ex-parte.
3. The respondent, Ms. Ritu Gupta submitted a reply to the show cause notice issued to her. She has also made oral submissions and tenders unconditional apology and requested to withdraw the show cause notice issued to her. After hearing the contentions made by Ms. Ritu Gupta and going through the case file, the show cause notice issued to her, is hereby withdrawn.
4. The appellant is absent but he has sent the request to adjourn the case. Also, the similar request has been received from the respondent through email which is taken on record. It is

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Appeal Case No. 3420 of 2023

also a fact that a compensation amounting to Rs. 20,000/- has already been awarded which was enhanced from 10,000/- due to non-compliance of the orders of the Commission. It is also a fact that the PIO O/o the Deputy Commissioner (Sadar Record Room) was impleaded as necessary party in this case but even then none is present on behalf of the respondent department. It is also a fact the Noblejeet Singh, Patwari was present during the last hearing on 21.3.2024 who assured that he will assist the appellant to enable him to get the complete information.

He has also assured during the last hearing that the compensation amounting Rs. 20,000/- (Rupees Twenty Thousand Only) will be paid to the appellant.

5. It is also clarified that in case of non-compliance of this order before the next date of hearing, the case will be consider for enhancement in the compensation amount and disciplinary action may also be recommended against the Tehsildar (East), Ludhiana and Sh. Noblejeet Singh, Patwari o/o the Tehsildar (East), Ludhiana in this case.

6. Therefore, a copy of this order is being sent to the Deputy Commissioner, Ms. Sakshi Sawhney IAS to ensure the presence of the PIO, O/o DC, Ludhiana (Sadar Record Room), Tehsildar, East Ludhiana and Sh. Noblejeet Singh, Patwari on the next date of hearing. She is also directed to direct the respondent to supply the complete information and pay the compensation mentioned herein before the next date of hearing failing which she may be directed for personal appearance in this case.

7. With aforesaid directions, matter is adjourned for further hearing on **22.05.2024 at 11:30 A.M.** at Chandigarh.

Date:18.04.2024
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(Inderpal Singh)
Chief Information Commissioner
Punjab

CC:

Ms. Sakshi Sawhney, IAS
The Deputy Commissioner,
Ludhiana

Public Information Officer
O/o the Tehsildar (East),
Ludhiana.

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Sh. (Dr.) Sunil Khosla
557 P, UGF, Celestia Royal,
Omaxe New Chandigarh, Mullanpur,
Mohali-140901(Punjab)

Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Principal,
Arya College,
Rishi Dayananad Marg,
Civil Lines, Ludhiana(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority
O/o The Principal,
Arya College,
Rishi Dayananad Marg,
Civil Lines, Ludhiana(Punjab)

Respondents

Appeal Case No. 5415 of 2023

Present : Sh. (Dr.) Sunil Khosla, appellant, in person.
Ms. Mehak Sharma, Advocate (M.-8968500520) on behalf of the respondents.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 03.03.2023 vide which the appellant sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority on 05.04.2023 and Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 16.08.2023 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i. e. 18.04.2024.

2. The counsel of the respondent requested for an adjournment in this case to file a reply/supply the information in this case. Accordingly, the request of the respondent is accepted and the case is adjourned with the directions to the PIO to remain present on the next date of hearing alongwith original relevant record pertaining to the RTI application for preliminary discussion so that the matter could be taken to its logical end.

3. Accordingly, the case is **adjourned to 23rd May, 2024 at 11:30 A. M. for hearing.**

Date :18th April, 2024

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(Inderpal Singh)
Chief Information Commissioner
Punjab

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Sh. Rajeev Sharma,
S/o Sh. Hamesh Kumar Sharma,
R/o House No 14915/002, Street No 9,
Dhillon Nagar, Lohara,
Ludhiana-141016(Punjab)

...Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Tehsildar,
Ludhiana (West) (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Deputy Commissioner,
Ludhiana(Punjab)

.... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 5513 of 2023

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.
None on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 03.04.2023 vide which the appellant sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority on 02.06.2023 and Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 22.08.2023 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i. e. 18.04.2024.

2. The appellant is absent without intimation. One last opportunity is given to the appellant to remain present on the next date of hearing, failing which the decision will be taken ex-parte, on merit.

3. The respondent PIO is also absent without intimation, therefore, a copy of this order is **being sent** to the Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana with the directions to ensure the presence of the Tehsildar, Ludhiana (West), on the next date of hearing failing which he may be directed for personal appearance in this case.

4. With this, the case is **adjourned to 27th June, 2024 at 11:30 A. M. for hearing.**

Date :18th April, 2024

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CC :

Ms. SakshiSawhney, IAS
Deputy Commissioner,
Ludhiana (Punjab)

(Inderpal Singh)
Chief Information Commissioner
Punjab

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Sh. Ramesh Kumar
S/o Sh. Labh Chand,
Village Sadpa Wali, Tehsil Abohar,
Distt Fazilka.-152128.
M : 9876086497

...Complainant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Director,
Public Instructions (Sec.) Pb.,
VidhyaBhawan, P.S.E.B. Complex,
Sector 68, S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali) (Punjab)

.....Respondents

Complaint Case No. 512 of 2023

Present : Sh.Ramesh Kumar, the complainant in person.
Sh. Daljit Singh(M.-9417097174), Senior Assistant, on behalf of the respondent

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 06.01.2023 vide which the appellant sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. The complaint has been received in the Commission on 04.08.2023 under Section 18 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i. e. 18.04.2024.

2. The respondent requested for a short adjournment in this case to file the submissions. The request of the representative of the respondent is accepted.

3. Accordingly, the case is **adjourned to 15th May, 2024 at 11:30 A. M. for hearing.**

Date :18th April, 2024

R

(Inderpal Singh)
Chief Information Commissioner
Punjab

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Sh. (Dr.) Sunil Khosla,
557 P, UGF, Celestia Royal,
Omaxe New Chandigarh, Mullanpur,
Mohali-140901(Punjab)

.....Complainant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Principal,
Arya College,
Rishi Dayananad Marg,
Civil Lines, Ludhiana(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority
O/o The Principal,
Arya College,
Rishi Dayananad Marg,
Civil Lines, Ludhiana(Punjab)

....Respondents

Complaint Case No. 538 of 2023

Present : Sh. (Dr.) Sunil Khosla, the complainant in person.
Ms. Mehak Sharma, Advocate (M.-8968500520) on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 20.02.2023 vide which the appellant sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. The complaint has been received in the Commission on 16.08.2023 under Section 18 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i. e. 18.04.2024.

2. The counsel of the respondent requested for an adjournment in this case to file a reply/supply the information in this case. Accordingly, the request of the respondent is accepted and the case is adjourned with the directions to the PIO to remain present on the next date of hearing alongwith the complete original record pertaining to the RTI application for preliminary discussion so that the matter could be taken to its logical end.

3. With this, the case is **adjourned to 23rd May, 2024 at 11:30 A. M. for hearing**

Date :18th April, 2024

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Ms Baljit Kaur,
93 F, SBS Nagar,
Pakhawal Road, Ludhiana(Punjab)
M : 99146166540

.....Complainant

Vs

i) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Director,
Public Instructions (Colleges) Pb.,
VidhyaBhawan, P.S.E.B. Complex,
Sector 68, S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali) (Punjab)

ii) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Principal,
Ramgarhia College of Education,
Phagwara, District Kapurthala (Punjab)

..... Respondents

Complaint Case No. 542 of 2023

Present : Ms. Baljit Kaur, the Complainant in person.
Ms. HarpreetKaur(M.-9501748060), Senior Assistant,for the respondent.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 26.05.2023 vide which the appellant sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. The complaint has been received in the Commission on 21.08.2023 under Section 18 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i. e. 18.04.2024.

2. The representative of the respondent submits that the letters were written to the Principal, Ramgarhia College of Education Phagwara to send the complete case so that the supplementary claim case can be dealt with appropriately. She further requested that PIO office of the Principal, Ramgarhia College of Education, Phagwara, District Kapurthala may be impleaded as necessary party in this case to clarify the same. The request of the respondent is accepted and the PIO office of Principal, Ramgarhia College of Education, Phagwara, District Kapurthala is impleaded as necessary party in this case. He is also directed to remain present on the next date of hearing for deliberations along with the relevant record pertaining to the RTI application, a copy of which is being sent along with the order.

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Complaint Case No. 542 of 2023

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3. Ms. Harpreet Kaur, Senior Assistant, categorically submits that she will also be present on the next date of hearing.
4. Also, a copy of this order is being sent to the Director, Public Instructions (Colleges) to ensure the presence of the concerned P.I.O./Ms Harpreet Kaur, Senior Assistant.
5. With this, the case is **adjourned to 23rd May, 2024 at 11:30 A. M. for hearing.**

Date :18th April, 2024
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Sh. Karnail Singh
S/o Sh. Changa Singh,
378, New Azad nagar,
Ferozepur City (Punjab)
(M. 9876944476)

...Appellant

Vs

- i) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Tehsildar,
Ferozepur (Punjab)
- ii) Sh. Gurmit Singh,
Public Information Officer,
O/o Sub Divisional Magistrate,
Ferozepur(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Sub Divisional Magistrate,
Ferozepur (Punjab)

.... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3042 of 2022

Present : Sh. Karnail Singh, the appellant in person.
None on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 14.03.2024.

2. The appellant submits that the directions may be issued to the respondent-Public Information Officer o/o the Sub Divisional Magistrate, Ferozepur to supply the information pertaining to Point No. 1 to 6, 12 and 13 of the RTI application.

3. The PIO office of Sub Divisional Magistrate, Ferozepur was impleaded as necessary party in this case but none is present from the said office. Viewing the attitude in dealing with the RTI application by the respondent in a casual manner, Sh. Gurmit Singh, PIO office of Sub Divisional Magistrate, Ferozepur, is, thus, issued a show cause notice to explain in a self-attested affidavit as to why a penalty @ Rs.250/- per day of delay subject to a maximum of Rs.25,000/- till the complete information is furnished, be not imposed under Section 20(1) of RTI Act, 2005 on him for causing willful delay/denial of the information to the RTI applicant and to show cause why a compensation under section 19(8) of the RTI Act,2005, may not be paid to the appellant for causing willful delay/denial of the information for detriment suffered by him.

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In addition to the written reply, the Public Information Officer is also given an opportunity under Section 20(1) proviso thereto, for a personal hearing before the imposition of such penalty on the next date of hearing. He may take a note that in case he does not file his written reply and does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the next date, it will be presumed that he has nothing to say and the Commission will proceed ex-parte.

4. Also, a copy of this order is **being sent** to the Deputy Commissioner, Ferozpur to deliver a copy of the same to Sh. Gurmit Singh, PIO office of Sub Divisional Magistrate, Ferozpur and to ensure the presence of PIO on the next date of hearing and also to ensure the compliance of this order before the next date of hearing, failing he may be directed for personal appearance in this case.

5. With this, the case is **adjourned 27th June, 2024 at 11:30 A. M. for hearing.**

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CC :

Sh. Rajesh Dhiman, IAS
The Deputy Commissioner,
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O/o The Executive Engineer-cum-
Mining Officer,
Mining Department,
Ferozepur (Punjab)
- ii) Sh. Vikasdeep,
Public Information Officer,
-cum-NaibTehsildar,
Mamdot,
Distt. - Ferozepur(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Superintending Engineer,
Water Supply,
Ferozepur(Punjab)

.... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2929 of 2022

Present : Sh. Karnail Singh, the appellant in person.
Sh. Sahil (M.-8427614292) O/o Mining Department.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 14.03.2024.

2. The appellant submits that he has received the information pertaining to Point No. 01 from Mining Department and requested that the directions may be issued to the PIO office of NaibTehsildar, Mamdot to supply the complete information pertaining to Point No. 02, 03 and 04.

3. The representative of the respondent submitted a copy of the Demand Draft of Rs. 10,000/- which is payable to the appellant as compensation as has been awarded in this case vide orders dated 30.08.2023. The Demand Draft in original is handed over to the appellant during the course of hearing.

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4. Information pertaining to Point No. 02, 03 and 04 relates to Naib Tehsildar, Mamdot and PIO office of Naib Tehsildar, Mamdot was impleaded as necessary party in this case but none is present from the said office. Viewing the attitude in dealing with the RTI application by the respondent in a casual manner, PIO office of Sh. Vikasdeep, PIO-cum-Naib Tehsildar, Mamdot, is, thus, issued a show cause notice to explain in a self-attested affidavit as to why a penalty @ Rs.250/- per day of delay subject to a maximum of Rs.25,000/- till the complete information is furnished, be not imposed under Section 20(1) of RTI Act, 2005 on him for causing willful delay/denial of the information to the RTI applicant and to show cause why a compensation under section 19(8) of the RTI Act, 2005, may not be paid to the appellant for causing willful delay/denial of the information for detriment suffered by him.

In addition to the written reply, the Public Information Officer is also given an opportunity under Section 20(1) proviso thereto, for a personal hearing before the imposition of such penalty on the next date of hearing. He may take a note that in case he does not file his written reply and does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the next date, it will be presumed that he has nothing to say and the Commission will proceed ex-parte.

5. A copy of this order is **being sent** to Deputy Commissioner, Ferozepur to deliver the same to Sh. Vikasdeep, PIO office of Naib Tehsildar, Mamdot. He is also directed to ensure the presence of PIO on the next date of hearing and to ensure the compliance of this order before the next date of hearing, failing he may be directed for personal appearance.

6. With this, the case is **adjourned 27th June, 2024 at 11:30 A. M. for hearing.**

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