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Sh. RPS Malhotra (Ex- Major),
15-B, Upkar Nagar,
Factory Area,
Patiala.M : 9779444999

..Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o Chief Secretary, Accounts Branch-1,
Punjab Civil Secretariat,
Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority
O/o Chief Secretary, Accounts Branch-1,
Punjab Civil Secretariat,
Chandigarh.

Public Information Officer
o/o Punjab Vidhan Sabha,
Punjab Vidhan Sabha Secretariat,
Chandigarh.

Registered

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2056/2020
(Cisco Webex proceedings)

Present:- Sh. Panchayat Secretary Malhotra, appellant
Smt. Gurdeep Kaur, Superintendent on behalf of the respondents.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 26.10.2019 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter called FAA) on 14.1.2020 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 3.8.2020 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter called RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today.

2. The appellant states that he has received the information from the office of the Superintendent-cum-Public Information Officer regarding the salary details of Hon'ble Chief Minister and Cabinet Minister(s). He further requests that the respondent-Public Information Officer may be directed to provide the details of salary given to MLAs and pension to Ex-MLAs for the month of June 2019 as has been sought by him.

3. However, the respondent-Public Information Officer states that the information whatever in the record of the office has been provided. With regard to the salaries of MLAs and pension to Ex-MLAs, the respondent-Public Information Officer states that the information can be obtained from the Punjab Vidhan Sabha as they are the custodian of the record.

4. Accordingly, the Public Information Officer o/o Punjab Vidhan Sabha is impleaded as necessary party in this case to file the reply/provide the details of salary paid to the MLAs and pension to Ex-MLAs for the month of June 2014 as per the RTI application of the appellant before the next date of hearing. **A copy of the RTI application is sent with this order.**

5. To come up on 22.10.2020 to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Patiala/Cisco Webex.

Dated: 18.9.2020

Sd/
(Suresh Arora)
Chief Information Commissioner,
Punjab.

Encl: RTI application

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Sh. Varinder Singh S/o Sh. Darshan Singh,
R/o VPO - Rajewal,
Tehsil Khanna-141401. M : 9463176280

..Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o SDM,
Khanna,
Distt Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority
O/o Deputy Commissioner,
District Ludhiana.

Public Information Officer o/o
Tehsildar Khanna,
Khanna
District Ludhiana.

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2094/2020
(Cisco Webex proceedings)

Present:- Sh. Varinder Singh, appellant.
None on behalf of the respondents.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 21.1.2020 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter called FAA) on 9.3.2020 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 5.8.2020 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter called RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today.

2. Vide letter No. 547 dated 30.6.2020, the Public Information Officer o/o Sub Divisional Magistrate, Khanna has transferred the RTI application of the appellant under Section 6(3) of the RTI Act to Tehsildar, Khanna. Accordingly, the Tehsildar, Khanna is impleaded as necessary party in this case with the directions to file his reply/supply the information to the appellant as per his RTI application before the next date of hearing.

3. Due to non appearance of the respondents, the case is adjourned.

4. To come up on 6.11.2020 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, District Ludhiana/Cisco Webex.

Dated: 18.9.2020

Sd/
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Sh. Varinder Singh S/o Sh. Darshan Singh,
R/o VPO - Rajewal,
Tehsil Khanna-141401. M : 9463176280

..Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer,, Khanna,
Distt Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority
O/o District Development and Panchayat Officer,
Ludhiana.

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2095/2020
(Cisco Webex proceedings)

Present:- Sh. Varinder Singh, appellant.
Sh. Jaswinder Singh, Superintendent and Sh. Narinder Singh, Panchayat
Secretary on behalf of the respondents.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 21.1.2020 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter called FAA) on 9.3.2020 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 5.8.2020 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter called RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today.

2. The appellant states that no information has been provided by the respondents so far. However, the representative of the respondents - Panchayat Secretary states that the information comprising 65 pages duly attested is ready to be transmitted to the appellant.

3. Accordingly, the respondents are directed to transmit the same to the appellant through registered post today i.e. 18.9.2020 and the appellant is advised to go through the same on its receipt and point out deficiency if any within 10 days from the issue of this order and the respondent-Public Information Officer is directed to remove the same in case any deficiency is pointed out by the appellant before the next date of hearing.

4. To come up on 6.11.2020 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, District Ludhiana/Cisco Webex.

Dated: 18.9.2020

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Sh. Lal Singh S/o Sh. Dalip Singh,
Village - Bathoi Kalan,
PO - Dakala,
Distt Patiala. M : 9592781140

..Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o Divisional Deputy Director,
Rural Development and Panchayat Department,
Patiala.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Divisional Deputy Director,
Rural Development and Panchayat Department,
Patiala.

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1968/2020

Present:- Sh. Jasveer Singh, on behalf of the appellant.
Sh. Gurpiar Singh on behalf of the respondents.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 8.9.2020.

2. The appellant states that that the respondents have supplied the information except the copy of written statement given by him at the time of hearing with the Divisional Deputy Director. However, the representative of the respondents states that no statement was filed by the appellant during the hearing except the statement that the complainant filed may be treated as statement. The representative of the respondents further states that the appellant may inspect the concerned file and whatever documents are available and the appellant so desired, the same will be provided to him with which the appellant agreed. With the mutual understanding the date of inspection has been fixed as 21.9.2020 at 11.00 AM in the office of the Divisional Deputy Director, Rural Development & Panchayat Deptt., Pb. Sirhind Road, Patiala.

3. Accordingly, the respondent-Public Information Officer is directed to make available the concerned record for inspection on the said date and time and provide the copies of the documents if so desired by the appellant and a compliance report be sent to the Commission for record.

4. To come up on 30.9.2020 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Patiala/Cisco Webex.

Dated: 18.9.2020

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Sh. Varinder Singh S/o Sh. Darshan Singh,
R/o VPO - Rajewal,
Tehsil Khanna-141401. M : 9463176280

..Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer,, Khanna,
Distt Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority
O/o District Development and Panchayat Officer,
Ludhiana.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2096/2020
(Cisco Webex proceedings)

Present:- Sh. Varinder Singh, appellant.
None on behalf of the respondents.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 21.1.2020 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter called FAA) on 9.3.2020 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 5.8.2020 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter called RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today.

2. Due to non appearance of the respondents, the case is adjourned. However, a written reply has been received from the respondent-Public Information Officer through whatsapp which is taken on record. **A copy of the same is sent with this order to the appellant with the advice to go through the same and point out deficiency, if any, before the next date of hearing** and the respondent-Public Information Officer is directed to remove the same in case any deficiency is pointed out by him before the next date of hearing under intimation to the Commission.

3. To come up on 6.11.2020 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, District Ludhiana/Cisco Webex.

Dated: 18.9.2020

Sd/
(Suresh Arora)
Chief Information Commissioner,
Punjab.

Encl: a/a

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Sh. Gurinder Singh S/o Sh. Jaspal Singh,
Village - Noorpur,
PO - Machhiwara,
Tehsil - Samrala,
Distt. - Ludhiana-141115. M : 9592750040

..Appellant

Vs
Public Information Officer,
O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Machhiwara,
Tehsil - Samrala,
Distt Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority
O/o District Development and Panchayat Officer,
Ludhiana.

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2135/2020
(Cisco Webex proceedings/on phone)

Present:- Sh. Gurinder Singh, appellant.
Sh. Rama Kant, Superintendent o/o Block Development and Panchayats Officer
On behalf of the respondents.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 20.5.2020 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter called FAA) on 22.6.2020 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 11.8.2020 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter called RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today.

2. The appellant states that no information has been supplied by the respondents so far. Whereas, the representative of the respondents states that the record of the panchayat was not handed over by the previous Panchayat Secretary to the new Panchayat Secretary – Sh. Raghubir Singh. The representative of the respondents further states that now the record has been taken over by the present Panchayat Secretary and the information will be supplied to the appellant before the next date of hearing. The Panchayat Secretary has also sent a letter to the Commission in this regard, which is taken on record.

3. According to the assurance given by the representative of the respondents the case is adjourned with the directions to supply the complete information to the appellant before the next date of hearing and the appellant is advised to go through the same on its receipt and point out deficiency to the respondent-Public Information Officer with a copy to the Commission before the next date of hearing.

4. To come up on 16.10.2020 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana/Cisco Webex.

Dated: 18.9.2020

Sd/
(Suresh Arora)
Chief Information Commissioner,
Punjab.

Sh. Raghubir Singh, Panchayat Secretary,
c/o Block Development and Panchayats Officer,
Machhiwara, Tehsil Samrala
Ludhiana.

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Sh. Hardiyal Singh, s/o Sh. Sher Singh (M 9877709415)

VPO Dhablan,

Tehsil and District Patiala.

..Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,

o/o, Director, Rural Development and Panchayat, Pb.

Vikas Bhawan, Secotor 62,

Mohali.

First Appellate Authority,

o/o Director, Rural Development and Panchayat, Pb.

Vikas Bhawan, Secotor 62,

Mohali.

..Respondents

Appeal Case No. 988 of 2020

(Cisco Webex proceedings)

Present:- Sh. Hardiyal Singh, appellant.

Sh. Lehambar Dass, Supdt. On phone call on behalf of the respondents.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 17.8.2020.

2. The appellant states that the information concerning Point No. 2 of the RTI application is being delayed by the respondent-Public Information Officer i.e. copy of letter No. 1834 dated 24.5.2019 written by the Addl. Deputy Commissioner (Dev.) Patiala to the Director, Rural Development & Panchayat Deptt., Pb. and action taken thereof. With regard to the information i.e. Point No.1 of the RTI application, the appellant states that the respondent-Public Information Officer is not providing the attested copy of the same.

3. However, the respondent-Public Information Officer states that the concerned filed has been traced and the complete information comprising 108 pages will be sent to the appellant through registered post concerning Point No. 2 of the RTI application. He also states that the matter is under consideration and the complete information will be sent to the appellant as and when the final decision on the matter will be taken by the higher authorities. With regard to the information at Point No.1 of the RTI application, the respondent-Public Information Officer has sent the same through whatsapp and the same has been transmitted to the appellant through whatsapp. After going through the same, the appellant requests for the hard copy.

4. After hearing both the parties, the case is adjourned with the directions to the respondent-Public Information Officer to transmit the information concerning Point No. 2 of the RTI application comprising 108 pages through registered post to the appellant and the appellant is advised to go through the same on its receipt and point out deficiency if any before the next date of hearing. Also a copy of the information concerning Point No. 1 of the RTI application is sent with this order as requested by the appellant.

5. To come up on 28.9.2020 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Patiala/Cisco Webex.

Sd/

Dated: 18.9.2020

(Suresh Arora)

Chief Information Commissioner,
Punjab.