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Shri Ankit Grover,
Opp. Govt. School, Village Jandwala,
Bhimeshah, Fazilka.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o Municipal Council,
Fazilka.

First Appellate Authority
O/o ADC (Urban Development),
Fazilka.

....Respondents

AC No. 4983 of 2022

**Present: Shri Ankit Grover, appellant in person.
Shri Harish Kumar, Tax Inspector, Municipal Council, Fazilka, in person.**

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated 18.07.2022 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 24.08.2022 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 28.10.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 20.12.2022. Accordingly, the case has been heard today. Shri Ankit Grover, appellant comes present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench.
3. Shri Harish Kumar, Tax Inspector, Municipal Council, Fazilka comes present in person before the Bench. He states that the information has been supplied to the appellant vide letter dated 15.12.2022 and states that the same has also been brought along. There are no other inputs available in the official records.
4. The appellant admits receipt of information. He, however, expresses dis-satisfaction and states that the information is incorrect and misleading. He also alleges concealment of certain issues and facts.
5. The Bench, on perusal of reply of the PIO, observes that point-wise information has been provided to the appellant. Since the appellant is not satisfied with the reply, the Bench directs the PIO O/o Municipal Council, Fazilka to file an affidavit on e-stamp paper, within 21 (Twenty one) days, duly signed by the PIO and attested by the Notary Public to the effect that the information as available in the official records in AC No.4983/2022 has been supplied to the appellant. It be further stated that nothing has been concealed therein and the statement made is true and correct. Original affidavit be sent to the appellant and copy of the same be sent to the Commission for record.
6. With the aforesaid discussions, **the instant appeal case is disposed off and closed.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh
20.12.2022**

**Sd/-
(Lt Gen Ajae Kumar Sharma(Retd))
State Information Commissioner, Punjab**

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Bhimeshah, Fazilka.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o Director,
Local Govt., Punjab, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority
O/o Director,
Local Govt., Punjab, Chandigarh.

....Respondents

AC No. 4982 of 2022

Present: i) **Shri Ankit Grover, appellant in person.**
ii) **Shri Kuldip Singh, Superintendent/PIO, and Smt. Sarabjit Kaur, Sr. Assistant, General Branch, O/o Director, Local Govt., Punjab, Chandigarh-in person.**

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated 18.07.2022 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 24.08.2022 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 28.10.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 20.12.2022. Accordingly, the case has been heard today. Shri Ankit Grover, appellant comes present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench and states that he has not received information.
3. Shri Kuldip Singh, Superintendent, and Smt. Sarabjit Kaur, Senior Assistant, General Branch, O/o Director, Local Govt., Punjab, Chandigarh come present in person before the Bench. The PIO states that point-wise information has been supplied to the appellant vide letter dated 16.12.2022, with a copy to the Commission.
4. The appellant denies the receipt of information. He is handed over a copy of the same in the court itself. Then on the asking of the Bench, Smt. Sarabjit Kaur explains reply to each point and states that out of eight points, some of the points relate to Municipal Council, Fazilka and some of these relate to Legal Branch in the office of Director, Local Government, Punjab who have separate PIOs.
5. The Bench, on perusal of reply of the PIO and as per version of the respondents, the Bench observes there are more than one PIO involved in the present appeal case.

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6. The Bench observes that the PIO has made efforts to collect, collate and for compilation of information. The Bench, however, is of the view that the appellant cannot seek information in single RTI application from multiple public authorities. A Full Bench of State Information Commission, Punjab has in Complaint Case No.2903 of 2011 decided on 13.01.2012, ruled as under:-

“We hold that under Section (3) of the Act *ibid*, the legal obligation of a PIO who receives a request for information under Section 6(1) of the Act is limited to transfer this request to only one public authority that hold the information. This obligation does not extend to transfer the request to multiple authorities.

7. The Bench further observes that the information asked for by the appellant has to be collected, collated and compiled, thereby resulting in wastage of time of multiple PIOs involved. The Hon'ble Supreme Court in matter of CBSE vs. Aditya Bandopadhyay, (2011) 8 SCC 497, held as under:-

“67. Indiscriminate and impractical demands or directions under the RTI Act for disclosure of all and sundry information (unrelated to transparency and accountability in the functioning of public authorities and eradication of corruption) would be counterproductive as it will adversely affect the efficiency of the administration and result in the executive getting bogged down with the non-productive work of collecting and furnishing information. The Act should not be allowed to be misused or abused, to become a tool to obstruct the national development and integration, or to destroy the peace, tranquility and harmony among its citizens. Nor should it be converted into a tool of oppression or intimidation of honest officials striving to do their duty. The nation does not want a scenario where 75% of the staff of public authorities spends 75% of their time in collecting and furnishing information to applicants instead of discharging their regular duties. The threat of penalties under the RTI Act and the pressure of the authorities under the RTI Act should not lead to employees of a public authorities prioritizing “information furnishing”, at the cost of their normal and regular duties.

8. In view of the above, it does not seem to be appropriate for the appellant to seek information which may entail engaging 75% of the employees of a public authority to collect and compile the information for furnishing the same to the appellant. The Bench advises the appellant to go for seeking information by filing separate RTI application before a specific public authority who has its separate PIO.

9. With the aforesaid discussions, **the instant appeal case is disposed off and closed.**

Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

Chandigarh
20.12.2022

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Shri Gurmej Lal, RTI Activist,
Whistle Blower, VP, NCAG, Street No.5,
1331-5, Vishwkarma Bhawan,
Down Canal Road,
Simlapuri, Ludhiana.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o CVO, Local Bodies, Punjab,
Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority

O/o CVO, Local Bodies, Punjab,
Chandigarh.

....Respondents

AC No. 4860 of 2022

Present: i) **Shri Gurmej Lal, appellant- cisco webex.**
ii) **Shri Rajiv Saggar, Superintendent, and Navdeep Sharma, Vigilance Officer, Vigilance Branch, O/o Director, Local Govt., Punjab, Chandigarh-in person.**

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated 11.07.2022 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 13.08.2022 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 17.10.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 20.12.2022. Accordingly, the case has been heard today. Shri Gurmej Lal, appellant comes present to attend the hearing through cisco webex.

3. Shri Rajiv Saggar, Superintendent, and Navdeep Sharma, Vigilance Officer, Vigilance Branch, O/o Director, Local Govt., Punjab, Chandigarh come present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench. Shri Rajiv Saggar states that the appellant has sought information on action taken report on a letter sent by Shri Amarjit Singh Dhamotia. The record was called for from Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana and the reply has been sent to the appellant on 19.12.2022 by e.mail as well as on his WhastApp number.

4. The appellant, however, states that the information supplied is incomplete and expresses dis-satisfaction over the information supplied. Then the respondents explains to the appellant the details of information supplied.

5. The Bench, on hearing the version of the respondent, is convinced that the information as sought by the appellant has been supplied to him and is not inclined to proceed further in the matter.

6. In view of the above, **the instant appeal case is disposed off and closed.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh
20.12.2022**

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Shri Anand Gupta,
S/o Late Shri Ram Parshad Gupta,
H.No.3523, Sector:32/A,
Chandigarh Road,
Ludhiana.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o PUDA, Mohali.

First Appellate Authority

O/o PUDA, Mohali.

....Respondents

AC No. 4990 of 2022

Present: i) **Appellant- absent.**
ii) **Shri Raj Kumar Bansal, Admn. Officer/PIO, PUDA, Mohali- cisco webex.**
(iii) **Shri Sumit Kumar, Senior Assistant O/o GLADA, Ludhiana on behalf of the
PIO/Respondent- Cisco Webex.**

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated 05.08.2022 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 07.09.2022 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 26.10.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 20.12.2022. Accordingly, the case has been heard today. Shri Anand Gupta, appellant has not come present to attend the hearing either in person before the Bench or through cisco webex.

3. Shri Raj Kumar Bansal, Admn. Officer/PIO, PUDA, Mohali comes present to attend the hearing cisco webex and states that that the RTI application of the appellant has been transferred to the PIO O/o GLADA, Ludhiana vide letter dated 02.12.2022.

4. Shri Sumit Kumar, Senior Assistant O/o GLADA, Ludhiana comes present to attend the hearing on behalf of the PIO/Respondent through cisco webex. He states that the reply has been given to the appellant vide letter dated 16.12.2022 by registered post.

5. Since the appellant is absent for today's hearing, he is contacted on his mobile phone. On the asking of the Bench, he confirms the receipt of information and also gives his consent to close the instant appeal case.

6. In view of the above, no further cause of action is left in the matter. **The instant appeal case is disposed off and closed.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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20.12.2022**

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H.No.3523, Sector:32/A,
Chandigarh Road,
Ludhiana.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o PUDA, Mohali.

First Appellate Authority
O/o PUDA, Mohali.

....Respondents

AC No. 5021 of 2022

Present:

- i) **Appellant- absent.**
- ii) **Shri Raj Kumar Bansal, Admn. Officer/PIO, PUDA, Mohali- cisco webex.**
- iii) **Shri Sumit Kumar, Senior Assistant O/o GLADA, Ludhiana on behalf of the PIO/Respondent- Cisco Webex.**

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated 04.09.2022 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 06.10.2022 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 17.10.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 20.12.2022. Accordingly, the case has been heard today. Shri Anand Gupta, appellant has not come present to attend the hearing either in person before the Bench or through cisco webex.

3. Shri Raj Kumar Bansal, Admn. Officer/PIO, PUDA, Mohali comes present to attend the hearing cisco webex and states that that the RTI application of the appellant has been transferred to the PIO O/o GLADA, Ludhiana vide letter dated 02.12.2022.

4. Shri Sumit Kumar, Senior Assistant O/o GLADA, Ludhiana comes present to attend the hearing on behalf of the PIO/Respondent through cisco webex. He states that the information sought by him was not clear and the reply has been given to the appellant vide letter dated 16.12.2022 by registered post accordingly.

5. Since the appellant is absent for today's hearing, he is contacted on his mobile phone. On the asking of the Bench, he confirms the receipt of information and also gives his consent to close the instant appeal case.

6. In view of the above, no further cause of action is left in the matter. **The instant appeal case is disposed off and closed.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh
20.12.2022**

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Shri Anand Gupta,
S/o Late Shri Ram Parshad Gupta,
H.No.3523, Sector:32/A,
Chandigarh Road,
Ludhiana.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o PUDA, Mohali.

First Appellate Authority

O/o PUDA, Mohali.

....Respondents

AC No. 4824 of 2022

Present:

- i) **Appellant- absent.**
- ii) **Shri Raj Kumar Bansal, Admn. Officer/PIO, PUDA, Mohali- cisco webex.**
- (iii) **Shri Sumit Kumar, Senior Assistant O/o GLADA, Ludhiana on behalf of the PIO/Respondent- Cisco Webex.**

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated 04.09.2022 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 06.10.2022 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 17.10.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 20.12.2022. Accordingly, the case has been heard today. Shri Anand Gupta, appellant has not come present to attend the hearing either in person before the Bench or through cisco webex.

3. Shri Raj Kumar Bansal, Admn. Officer/PIO, PUDA, Mohali comes present to attend the hearing cisco webex and states that that the RTI application of the appellant has been transferred to the PIO O/o GLADA, Ludhiana vide letter dated 02.12.2022.

4. Shri Sumit Kumar, Senior Assistant O/o GLADA, Ludhiana comes present to attend the hearing on behalf of the PIO/Respondent through cisco webex. He states that the information sought by him was not clear and the reply has been given to the appellant vide letter dated 16.12.2022 by registered post accordingly.

5. Since the appellant is absent for today's hearing, he is contacted on his mobile phone. On the asking of the Bench, he confirms the receipt of information and also gives his consent to close the instant appeal case.

6. In view of the above, no further cause of action is left in the matter. **The instant appeal case is disposed off and closed.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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Shri Jasbir Singh,
Guru Nanak Nagar, Village Bholapur, Jhabewal,
P.O: Ramgarh, Distt:Ludhiana.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Chief Administrator,
GLADA,Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Chief Administrator,
GLADA,Ludhiana.

.Respondents

AC No. 5036 of 2022

Present: i) **Shri Jasbir Singh, Appellant-cisco webex.**
ii) **Shri Bhupinder Singh, Senior Assistant O/o GLADA, Ludhiana**
on behalf of the PIO/Respondent- cisco webex.

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated 25.07.2022 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 25.08.2022 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 27.10.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 20.12.2022. Accordingly, the case has been heard today. Shri Jasbir Singh, appellant comes present to attend the hearing through cisco webex. He states that no information has been received by him.

3. Shri Bhupinder Singh, Senior Assistant O/o GLADA, Ludhiana comes present to attend the hearing on behalf of the PIO/Respondent through cisco webex. He states that no record relating to the information sought by is available in their office and the reply has been given to the appellant vide letter dated 15.12.2022 by registered post accordingly, with a copy to the Hon'ble Commission sent by e.mail.

5. The Bench apprises the appellant of the version of respondent. The Bench is convinced with the reply of PIO that when no record is available, no information can be supplied.The appellant agrees with the observation of the Bench.

6. In view of the above, the Bench does not feel need for further intervention in the matter. **The instant appeal case is disposed off and closed.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh
20.12.2022**

**Sd/-
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Shri Jasbir Singh,
Guru Nanak Nagar, village Bholapur, Jhabewal,
P.O: Ramgarh, Distt:Ludhiana.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Chief Administrator,
GMADA,Mohali.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Chief Administrator,
GMADA,Mohali

....Respondents

AC No. 5037 of 2022

Present: i) **Shri Jasbir Singh, Appellant-cisco webex.**
ii) **Shri Gurwinder Singh, A.E.O./PIO O/o GMADA, Mohali**
on behalf of the PIO/Respondent- cisco webex.

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated 25.07.2022 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 25.08.2022 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 27.10.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 20.12.2022. Accordingly, the case has been heard today. Shri Jasbir Singh, appellant comes present to attend the hearing through cisco webex. He states that no information has been received by him.

3. Shri Gurwinder Singh, Senior Assistant O/o GMADA, Mohali comes present to attend the hearing on behalf of the PIO/Respondent through cisco webex. He states that no record relating to the information sought by is available in their office and the reply has been given to the appellant vide letter dated 21.09.2022 by registered post accordingly, with a copy to the Hon'ble Commission sent by e.mail.

5. The Bench apprises the appellant of the version of respondent. The Bench is convinced with the reply of PIO that when no record is available, no information can be supplied.The appellant agrees with the observation of the Bench.

6. In view of the above, the Bench does not feel need for further intervention in the matter. **The instant appeal case is disposed off and closed.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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20.12.2022**

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Shri Jagtar Singh,
S/o Shri Sukhdev Singh,
R/o Chural Khurd, Tehsil Lehra,
Distt:Sangrur.

.....Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Executive Engineer,
PSPCL, Budhlada,
District Mansa.

....Respondents

CC No. 726 of 2022

Present: i) **Shri Jagtar Singh, Complainant- in person.**
ii) **Shri Jagwant Singh, SDO Sub Division, PSPCL, Budhlada,
on behalf of the PIO/Respondent- in person.**

ORDER

1. The RTI application is dated 20.09.2021 vide which the Complainant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. The complaint was filed in the Commission on 17.06.2022 under Section 18 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 20.12.2022. The case has been heard today. Shri Jagtar Singh, complainant comes present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench.
3. Shri Jagwant Singh, SDO Sub Division, PSPCL, Baretta, District Mansa comes present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench. He states that the complainant has sought the detail of A.P. connections released in Chural Khurd village and the information has been supplied to the complainant vide letter dated 12.09.2022 and also produces before the Bench a copy of the letter.
4. The complainant states that he is not satisfied with the information supplied as the detail of AP connection has been supplied upto 2019 and not upto 2021 as sought by him, whereas the respondent contends the information to be totally updated.
5. Post deliberations, the Bench directs the PIO to file an affidavit on e-stamp paper, within 21 (Twenty one) days, duly signed by the PIO and attested by the Notary Public to the effect that the information as available in the official records in CC No.726/2022 has been supplied to the complainant. It be further stated that nothing has been concealed therein and the statement made is true and correct. Original affidavit be sent to the complainant and copy of the same be sent to the Commission for record.
6. With the aforesaid discussions, **the instant complaint case is disposed off and closed.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh
20.12.2022**

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S/o Shri Sukhdev Singh,
R/o Chural Khurd, Tehsil Lehra,
Distt:Sangrur.

.....Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o Executive Engineer,
PSPCL, Budhlada,
District Mansa.

....Respondents

CC No. 725 of 2022

Present: i) **Shri Jagtar Singh, Complainant- in person.**
ii) **Shri Jagwant Singh, SDO Sub Division, PSPCL, Budhlada,
on behalf of the PIO/Respondent- in person.**

ORDER

1. The RTI application is dated 20.09.2021 vide which the Complainant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. Complaint was filed in the Commission on 17.06.2022 under Section 18 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 20.12.2022. The case has been heard today. Shri Jagtar Singh, complainant comes present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench.
3. Shri Jagwant Singh, SDO Sub Division, PSPCL, Baretta, District Mansa comes present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench. He states that the complainant has sought the detail of payment made to the contractor for erection of 11 KV 24 hours electricity supply line at Chural Khurd village. He states that reply has been given to the complainant vide letter dated 12.09.2022 that the work was got done by the then Junior Engineer from labour at his level and no work was outsourced to any contractor and thus, no payment has been made to any contractor. He also produces before the Bench a copy of the letter.
4. The Bench is in agreement with the reply of the PIO and does not feel need for further intervention in the matter.
5. In view of the above, **the instant complaint case is disposed off and closed.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh
20.12.2022**

**Sd/-
(Lt Gen Ajae Kumar Sharma(Retd))
State Information Commissioner, Punjab**