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**Bench: Sh. Sanjiv Garg, State Information Commissioner, Punjab.**



**Sh. Jaspal Singh, S/o Sh. Avtar Singh,**  
H. No. 1205, Street No. 08, Hussainpura East, Amritsar (M: 98153-62281)  
V/s.

**Appellant**

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o The Local Government Department, Punjab,  
Plot Number 03, Sector 35-A, Chandigarh.

**First Appellate Authority,**  
O/o The Local Government Department, Punjab,  
Plot Number 03, Sector 35-A, Chandigarh.

**Respondent**

**Appeal Case No. 2983 of 2021**  
**{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software }**

**Present :** The Appellant, Sh. Jaspal Singh is present.  
Sh. Mannveer Sidhu, APIO from LG -1 Branch is present from the department.

**ORDER:**

This case was last heard on 05.10.2021 vide which the Respondent / PIO was directed to supply the information (i.e. relating to point number 1 and 2) to the Appellant by the next date of hearing.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Jaspal Singh states that the information has been supplied to him relating to point number 2 and information relating to point number 1 is pending.

To which, the APIO, Sh. Mannveer Sidhu states that in relating to point number 1, there is no defined procedure from the Local Govt. Bodies and they could supply the Appellant the copy of Punjab Civil Service Rules (Volume II) right now.

Both the parties are directed to contact each other and PIO is directed to supply the information right now while the hearing of other cases are going on.

Later, while in between the hearing of other cases, parties are again connected and Sh. Mannveer Sidhu states that the remaining information has been supplied to the Appellant. He further mentions about his email which has been sent to the Commission vide email dated 20.12.2021 and another email 21.12.2021, which is taken on record.

In view of above, as the information has been supplied to the Appellant. So, no further intervention is required in this case.

**This case is disposed of and closed.**

Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

**Dated: 21.12.2021**

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State Information Commissioner  
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**Sh. Birchh Bhan, S/o Sh. Saroop Chand,**  
R/o House No. 33, Kahangarh Road, Pataran, District Patiala.  
**M: 9876101698**

**Appellant**

V/s.

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o The Deputy Commissioner,  
Sangrur.

**First Appellate Authority,**  
O/o The Deputy Commissioner,  
Sangrur.

**Respondent**

**Appeal Case No. 3058 of 2021**

**{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software }**

**Present :** The Appellant, Sh. Birchh Bhan is absent.  
Sh. Manoj Kumar, Assistant Naib Sadar Congo is present from the Department.

**ORDER:**

This case was last heard on 05.10.2021 vide which the Appellant was directed to go through the supplied information and point out deficiencies in written , if any, to the Respondent / PIO through registered post or through email.

In today's hearing, the Assistant Naib Sadar Congo, Sh. Manoj Kumar states that the information has already has been sent to the Appellant and no deficiencies or any letter has been received to them from the Appellant relating to this case. He further mentions about a letter number 1902 dated 13.12.2021, along with copy of letter number 720 dated 26.04.2021 and another copy of letter number 1558 dated 05.10.2021, which has been sent to the Commission and is taken on record.

On the other hand, the Appellant is absent today without any intimation to the Commission. Moreover, on the last date of hearing the Appellant was directed to go through the supplied information and point out deficiencies in written, if any, to the Respondent / PIO through registered post or through email but no letter or deficiencies have been received to the bench of undersigned or to the Respondent / PIO from the Appellant relating to today's hearing.

In view of above, it might be presumed that the Appellant is satisfied with the supplied information or the Appellant doesnot require the information anymore. So, no further intervention is required in this case.

**This case is disposed of and closed.**

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**Dated: 21.12.2021**

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**Sh. Yogesh Mahajan, S/o Late Sh. Kuldip Raj Mahajan,**  
Opposite Water Tank, Municipal Market, Mission Road,  
Pathankot. **M: 98143-54649**

**Appellant**

**V/s.**

**Public Information Officer,**  
**O/o** The Executive Engineer,  
Water Supply and Sanitation, Division No. 01,  
S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali).

**First Appellate Authority,**  
**O/o** The Superintending Engineer,  
Water Supply and Sanitation Circle,  
SCO 44-45, Phase- 2, S.A.S Nagar (Mohali).

**Respondent**

**Appeal Case No. 3140 of 2021**  
**{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software }**

**Present :** The Appellant, Sh. Yogesh Mahajan is present.  
None is present from the Department.

**ORDER:**

This order may be read with the reference of the previous order dated 05.10.2021.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Yogesh Mahajan states that he has received the information and further requesting for closing this case.

On the other hand, none is present from the Department.

After going through case file, it has been observed that from the Department, a letter vide endorsement number 5217 dated 10.11.2021 along with letter vide endorsement number 9107 dated 21.10.2021 has been received in the Commission and is taken on record.

**As the information has been supplied to the Appellant and he is satisfied with the same.**

**So, no further intervention is required in this case.**

**This case is disposed of and closed.**

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**Sh. Yogesh Mahajan, S/o Late Sh. Kuldip Raj Mahajan,**  
Opposite Water Tank, Municipal Market, Mission Road,  
Pathankot. **M: 98143-54649**

**Appellant**

**V/s.**

**Public Information Officer,**  
**O/o** The Executive Engineer,  
Water Supply and Sanitation, Division No. 01,  
S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali).

**First Appellate Authority,**  
**O/o** The Superintending Engineer,  
Water Supply and Sanitation Circle,  
SCO 44-45, Phase- 2, S.A.S Nagar (Mohali).

**Respondent**

**Appeal Case No. 3135 of 2021**  
**{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software }**

**Present :** The Appellant, Sh. Yogesh Mahajan is present.  
None is present from the Department.

**ORDER:**

This order may be read with the reference of the previous order dated 05.10.2021.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Yogesh Mahajan states that he has received the information and further requesting for closing this case.

On the other hand, none is present from the Department.

After going through case file, it has been observed that from the Department, a letter vide endorsement number 9105 dated 21.10.2021 along with letter vide endorsement number 5219 dated 10.11.2021 has been received in the Commission and is taken on record.

**As the information has been supplied to the Appellant and he is satisfied with the same.**

**So, no further intervention is required in this case.**

**This case is disposed of and closed.**

Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

**Dated: 21.12.2021**

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**Sh. Prem Kumar Rattan,**  
R/o H. No. 78 / 8, Park Road, New Mandi,  
Dhuri, District Sangrur.  
**M: 85095-80002**

**Appellant**

V/s.

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o The Tehsildar,  
Dhuri, District Sangrur.

**First Appellate Authority,**  
O/o The Sub Divisional Magistrate,  
Dhuri, District Sangrur.

**Respondent**

**Appeal Case No. 3195 of 2021**  
**{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software }**

**Present :** The Appellant, Sh. Prem Kumar Rattan is present.  
Sh. Loveleen Kumar, Dealing Clerk, Tehsil Office Dhuri is present.

**ORDER:**

This case was last heard on 12.10.2021 vide which the department was directed to file a proper reply to the Appellant as well as supply the copy of the same to the Commission.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Prem Kumar Rattan states that incomplete information has been supplied to him.

On the other hand, Sh. Loveleen Kumar, Dealing Clerk states that the information has been sent to the Appellant twice.

After going through the reply given by the department concerned through a letter vide endorsement number 1950 dated 22.11.2021 is found to be satisfactory to the undersigned and further no action is required in this case.

No further intervention is required in this case.

**This case is disposed of and closed.**

Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

**Dated: 21.12.2021**

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**Sh. Prem Kumar Rattan, (M: 85095-80002)**

H. no. 78 / 8, Park Road, New Mandi,  
Dhuri, Tehsil Dhuri, District Sangrur.

**Appellant**

V/s.

**Public Information Officer,**

O/o The Principal Secretary,  
Local Govt. Department, Punjab,  
Sector 35-A, Chandigarh.

**First Appellate Authority,**

O/o The Principal Secretary,  
Local Govt. Department, Punjab,  
Sector 35-A, Chandigarh.

**Respondent**

**Appeal Case No. 3262 of 2021**  
**{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software}**

**Present :** The Appellant, Sh. Prem Kumar Rattan is present.  
Sh. Munish Garg, Senior Assistant – cum- APIO is present from the Department.

**ORDER:**

This order may be read with the reference of the previous order dated 12.10.2021.

In today's hearing, the Senior Assistant –cum- APIO, Sh. Munish Garg states that on the last order dated 12.10.2021, they were ordered to file a proper reply in the form of an affidavit and the same has been sent to the Commission vide letter number 48599 dated 15.12.2021 along with an affidavit, which is taken on record.

On the other hand, the Appellant, Sh. Prem Kumar Rattan states that the information has been received by him yesterday and would point out deficiencies if any.

After going through an affidavit dated 15.12.2021 in which the reply which has been given by the department is found to be satisfactory in nature to the undersigned and **no further intervention is required**

**in this case.**

**This case is disposed of and closed.**

Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

**Dated: 21.12.2021**

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**Sh. Jasbir Singh, (M: 98882-96107)**

Guru Nanak Nagar,  
Village Bholapur Jhabewal, PO Ramgarh,  
District Ludhiana (141123)

**Appellant**

V/s.

**Public Information Officer,**

O/o The Sub Divisional Magistrate,  
Dhuri, Tehsil Dhuri, Distt. Sangrur. (148024)

**First Appellate Authority,**

O/o The Sub Divisional Magistrate,  
Dhuri, Tehsil Dhuri, Distt. Sangrur. (148024)

**Respondent**

**Appeal Case No. 3218 of 2021**

**{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software}**

**Present :** The Appellant, Sh. Jasbir Singh is present.  
Ms. Manjeet Kaur, Superintendent from SDM office is present.

**ORDER:**

This case may be read with the reference of the previous order dated 12.10.2021.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Jasbir Singh states that information has been supplied to him and further states that there is lot of delay in supplying the information. He further mentions about his email dated 18.12.2021 which has been sent to the Commission and is taken on record.

To which, Ms. Manjeet Kaur, Superintendent states that the information has been supplied to the Appellant. She further mentions about a letter vide endorsement number 51 dated 12.11.2021 which has been sent to the Commission and is taken on record.

**As the Appellant is satisfied. So, no further intervention is required in this case. The Show cause notice which was issued to the concerned PIO vide order dated 12.10.2021 be dropped.**

**This case is disposed of and closed.**

For future, the PIO is directed to deal the requisite RTI Applications in time.

Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

**Dated: 21.12.2021**

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**Sh. Harsh Kumar, (9464368670)**

H. No. CEN 360, Kapila Street, Shibu Maal Chowk,  
Khanna, District Ludhiana (141401)

**Appellant**

V/s.

**Public Information Officer,**

O/o The District Education Officer (Elementary Education),  
Mini Secretariat, Ludhiana.

**First Appellate Authority,**

O/o The District Education Officer (Elementary Education),  
Mini Secretariat, Ludhiana.

**Respondent**

**Appeal Case No. 3234 of 2021**  
**{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software}**

**Present :** The Appellant, Sh. Harsh Kumar is absent.  
Sh. Major Singh, Legal Assistant is present from the Department.

**ORDER:**

This case was last heard on 12.10.2021 vide which the an opportunity is given to the Appellant, Sh. Harsh Kumar and further directed to point out deficiencies, in written, if any, to the Respondent / PIO through registered post.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Harsh Kumar is absent without any intimation to the Commission.

On the other hand, the Legal Assistant, Sh. Major Singh states that after the last date of hearing of the Commission, no deficiencies have been pointed out by the Appellant relating to this present case till today.

In view of above, it has been observed that despite of giving an opportunity to the Appellant, Sh. Harsh Kumar on previous hearing dated 12.10.2021 for pointing out deficiencies to the Respondent / PIO as well as to the Commission, **but he failed to comply the same.**

As, no deficiency list or letter have been received by the Appellant to the bench of undersigned relating to this present case. So, it presumes that he does not require the information anymore or he would be satisfied with the supplied information.

So, no further intervention is required in this case.

**This case is disposed of and closed.**

Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

**Dated: 21.12.2021**

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**Sh. Viru Singh, (99149-26933)**

S/o Sh. Dolla Singh,  
Village Laduka, Tehsil and District Fazilka. (Pin: 152123)

**Appellant**

V/s.

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o The Executive Engineer,  
Water Supply and Sanitation,  
Fazilka.

**First Appellate Authority,**  
O/o The Executive Engineer,  
Water Supply and Sanitation,  
Fazilka.

**Respondent**

**Appeal Case No. 3238 of 2021**

**{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software}**

**Present :** The Appellant, Sh. Viru Singh is present.  
Sh. Balwinder Singh, Sub Divisional Engineer is present from the Department.

**ORDER:**

This case was last heard on 12.10.2021 vide which the Appellant was directed to appear on the next date of hearing through Cisco Webex Meetings Software.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Viru Singh states that no information has been supplied to him.

On the other hand, the SDE, Sh. Balwinder Singh requests the Court that the Appellant is asking for personal information of their employees.

After going through the RTI application dated 27.03.2021 and asking the Appellant for a reason behind his interest for gathering such information to which he was unable to give any specific answer and just giving the vague replies, which is unacceptable.

After hearing the parties and examining the documents placed in the case-file, it emerges that the information sought for by the Appellant through his RTI request is 'personal information' in nature, moreover, the Appellant is unable to clarify the facts that what public interest is involved in the disclosure of information (demanded through RTI request) in this case.

**Moreover, through Para 59 of Decision dated 13.11.2019, the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, in Civil Appeal no. 10044 of 2010 titled Central Public Information Officer, Supreme Court of India Vs. Subash Chander Agarwal, has defined 'Personal Information' under RTI Act, 2005 and the relevant operative part of the Judgment is reproduced below ;**

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***"Reading of the aforesaid judicial precedents, in our opinion, would indicate that personal records, including name, address, physical, mental and psychological status, marks obtained, grades and answer sheets, are all treated as Personal Information. Similarly, professional records, including qualification, performance, evaluation reports, ACRs, disciplinary proceedings etc. are all Personal Information". Medical records, treatment, choice of medicine, list of hospitals and doctors visited, findings recorded, including that of the family members, information relating to assets, liabilities, income tax returns, detail of investments, lending and borrowing, etc. are Personal Information". Such „Personal Information“ is entitled to protection from unwarranted invasion of privacy and conditional access is available when stipulation invasion „Larger Public Interest“ is satisfied. This list is indicative and not exhaustive."***

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**Appeal Case No. 3238 of 2021**

**{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software}**

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**As the information sought for by the Appellant through his RTI request is 'personal information' in nature and the information-seeker also failed to establish the fact that information sought for by him is in larger public interest, hence, the above-mentioned Appeal is not maintainable and announced as disposed of and closed.**

Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 21.12.2021

Sd/-  
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State Information Commissioner  
Punjab