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SHOW CAUSE NOTICE

Sh. Ranjit Singh,

S/o Sh. Balvir Singh

R/o Village Karni Khera,

Tehsil & District Fazilka.

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o Additional Deputy Commissioner (Development),
Fazilka.

Public Information Officer,

O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer,
Fazilka.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Additional Deputy Commissioner (Development),
Fazilka.

Complaint Case No.22 of 2023

PRESENT:

Sh. Ranjit Singh (Complainant via Webex).

Sh. Roshan Lal (Panchayat Officer) Respondent.

ORDER:

1. The Complainant Sh. Ranjit Singh filed this RTI application dated **21.09.2022** and sought information regarding **"Gram Panchayat Karni Khera from 01.01.2019 to 06.08.2022 etc.,"** as enumerated in his RTI application. When no information was received, the Complainant filed a complaint under Section 18 of the RTI Act, 2005 to the Commission on **17.11.2022**. This case was last heard on **20.11.2023**.

2. Both parties are present. The incumbent BDPO has submitted a reply in response to the Commission's Show Cause Notice 10.05.2023 along with copies of the information sought at point No. 1,2,3, 6 and 7 the information pertaining to 4 & 5 (Patanama Register and Receipt Register) was stated to be not available in the Gram Panchayat and information sought at 8 & 9 was stated to be publically available on NAREGA website. Accordingly, the PIO was directed to initiate due process as per State Government Rules to recover/reconstruct the missing record pertaining point No. 4 & 5 pertaining to this RTI application.

3. Sh. Roshan Lal (Panchayat Officer) appeared on behalf of PIO and states that there is presently no one posted as BDPO Fazilka. Earlier, as directed by the Commission at the Hearing on 20.11.2023, the then PIO-cum-BDPO Fazilka, informed the Commission vide Letter 386 Dated 21.11.2023 that Sh. Kamaljit Singh was PIO-cum-BDPO at the time of submission of this RTI application on 21.09.2022.

4. Sh. Roshan Lal states that, Sh. Kamaljit Singh is posted at Naushera Pannua, Amritsar. Accordingly, Sh. Kamaljit Singh, who was incumbent as PIO-cum-BDPO, Fazilka on the date of filing of this RTI application, is issued this Show Cause Notice.

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5. The respondent incumbent **PIO-cum-BDPO, Fazilka, Sh. Kamaljit Singh** is herewith ordered to SHOW CAUSE as to why a penalty should not be imposed upon him under Section 20 (1) of RTI Act, 2005, for causing willful delay/denial of the information requested by the appellant as far back as on **21.09.2022**. If there are other PIOs responsible for the delay in providing the information, the PIO is directed to inform such PIO(s) of the Show Cause and direct them to appear before the Commission along with written replies.

“In addition to the written reply, the respondent PIO is also given an opportunity under Section 20 (1) provision there to, for a personal hearing before the imposition of such penalty on the next date of hearing. He may take note that in case he does not file his written reply and doesnot avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the date fixed, it will be presumed that he has nothing to say and the Commission shall proceed to take further proceedings against him ex parte.”

6. The Case is adjourned with the aforesaid directions. Since, I will be concluding my Five-year term as State Information Commissioner, Punjab, on 09.07.2024, and there are no available dates to hear the case further, this case file be sent back to the Registry Branch to be put up before the Hon'ble Chief Information Commissioner, for reallocation as he deems appropriate.

Sd/-
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Sh. Gagandeep Singh Threke,

H. No. 208, Aryan Enclave,
Main Sua Road, Near Geeta Mandir Chowk,
Village and Post Office Threke, Ludhiana (142028).

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Chief Administrator,
Greater Ludhiana Area Development Authority,
Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority

Chief Administrator,
Greater Ludhiana Area Development Authority,
Ludhiana.

Appeal Case No. 3421 of 2022

PRESENT:

(Appellant) Absent.

Sh. Narinder Pal Singh (Junior Assistant, Regularity Branch) (Respondent).

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **29.04.2022** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding “unauthorized colony of Mahesh Goyal and his company from Sidwan River to Janpath Estate and Aatam Valabh Janpath etc.”** as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **31.06.2022** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **22.07.2022** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. This case was last heard on **17.11.2023**.

2. In the Order Dated 13.07.2023, then SIC, Lt. Gen. Sh. Ajae Kumar Sharma (Retd.) directed the to provide complete information as identified by the appellant during the inspection on 19.09.2023. Notably, the appellant has been consistently contending that the information provided to him vide Letter No. 6255 Dated 30.09.2022, following the inspection on 19.09.2022, is incomplete, but has not specified any particular deficiencies in the information.

3. The Commission further notes that the appellant has been consistently absent from past 8 Hearings of this Appeal Case. With review to resolve the deadlock, the respondent PIO is hereby directed to submit a fresh, pointwise reply to the RTI application along with duly attested copies of the information, as available in the file of the cited project in the Licensing Branch and any other information available in the Regulatory Branch. The APIO-cum- ADO, Licensing Branch and APIO-cum- ADO, Regulatory Branch are hereby directed to positively comply with the above, on or before the Next Hearing.

4. The Case is adjourned with the aforesaid directions. Since, I will be concluding my Five-year term as State Information Commissioner, Punjab, on 09.07.2024, and there are no available dates to hear the case further, this case file be sent back to the Registry Branch to be put up before the Hon'ble Chief Information Commissioner, for reallocation as he deems appropriate.

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Sh. Lajpat Rai Garg,

S/o Sh. Harbans Lal,

R/o Romana Street,

Tehsil Jaito, District Faridkot.

Versus

Public Information Officer-cum-EO,

Municipal Corporation, Jaito, District Faridkot.

First Appellate Authority,

o/o Additional Deputy Commissioner (UD),

District Ferozepur.

Appeal Case No. 4568 of 2022

PRESENT:

Lajpat Rai Garg (Appellant) 98142-30616

Adv. Vikrampreet Arora (counsel)

Sh. Gurinder Pal Singh, Clerk,

Sh. Surinder Kumar, Accountant, (for the Respondent) 98729-32659

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 21.6.2023, 3.8.2023, 7.11.2023, and 07.12.2023)

1. The RTI application is dated **8.7.2022** vide which the appellant has sought information regarding **MC, Jaito**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **5.8.2022** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on 30.9.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **07.12.2023**.

2. Both parties are present. The respondent PIO-cum-EO represented by his counsel Adv. Vikrampreet Arora who is accompanied by Sh. Sh. Gurinder Pal Singh, Clerk and Sh. Surinder Kumar, Accountant. At last Hearing on 07.12.2023 the PIO's representative was provided a copy of RTI application and directed to submit a point wise reply to the same along with the information sought as available in the records. Adv. Vikrampreet Arora seeks one more opportunity to comply with this Commission's Order of 07.12.2023. The PIO is accordingly, granted one final opportunity.

3. The Case is adjourned with the aforesaid directions. Since, I will be concluding my Five-year term as State Information Commissioner, Punjab, on 09.07.2024, and there are no available dates to hear the case further, this case file be sent back to the Registry Branch to be put up before the Hon'ble Chief Information Commissioner, for reallocation as he deems appropriate.

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Sh Lajpat Rai Garg,
R/o Romana Street,
Tehsil Jaito,
District Faridkot.

Versus

Public Information Officer-cum-EO,
MC, Jaito, District Faridkot
First Appellate Authority,
Additional Deputy Commissioner (UD),
Ferozepur

Appeal Case No. 2769 of 2021

PRESENT:

Lajpat Rai Garg (Appellant) 98142-30616
Adv. Vikrampreet Arora (counsel)
Sh. Gurinder Pal Singh, Clerk,
Sh. Surinder Kumar, Accountant, (for the Respondent) 98729-32659

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 31.10.2021, 31.8.2022, 26.5.2023, 4.7.2023, and 11.8.2023, 07.11.2023 and 07.12.2023)

1. The appellant through RTI application dated **7.4.2021** has sought information regarding **the maps deposited and passed from 18.03.2021 to 12.04.2021 in a pen drive and list of works running present time along with notice 195, 195(a) issued to public 1095 to 1140 from Nov.2014, 1340 to 1380 dt.09.05.2019 to onwards and proceeding done up to date – a copy of ACR from 2014 to 2019 of Ramesh Kumar, Prem Chand and other information**, as enumerated in the RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **30.4.2021** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **16.6.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **07.12.2023**.

2. Both parties are present. The respondent PIO-cum-EO represented by his counsel Adv. Vikrampreet Arora along with Sh. Sh. Gurinder Pal Singh, Clerk and Sh. Surinder Kumar, Accountant. At the last Hearing on 07.12.2023 the respondent PIO was directed to provide a reply to point No. 1 and 6 of the RTI application. The PIO has submitted a reply provided to the appellant vide Letter No. 359 Dated 05.12.2023.

3. After deliberation, the PIO is directed to provide a fresh reply to point Nos. 1 & 6 along with the available information as discussed at this Hearing. This must be done on or before next Hearing.

4. The Case is adjourned with the aforesaid directions. Since, I will be concluding my Five-year term as State Information Commissioner, Punjab, on 09.07.2024, and there are no available dates to hear the case further, this case file be sent back to the Registry Branch to be put up before the Hon'ble Chief Information Commissioner, for reallocation as he deems appropriate.

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Sh. Lajpat Rai, S/o Sh. Harbans Lal,
Roamana Street, Jaito, District Faridkot.

Versus

Sh. Amarinder Singh,
Public Information Officer-cum-Executive Officer,
O/o Municipal council, Kotkapura,
District Faridkot.
First Appellate Authority,
O/o Additional Deputy Commissioner (Urban Development),
District Faridkot.

Appeal Case No. 4589 of 2022

PRESENT:

(Appellant) Absent.

Sh. Surinder Kumar, Accountant (For the Respondent).

ORDER:

(To be heard in continuity with earlier orders on 23.01.2023, 31.05.2023, 27.07.2023 and 20.09.2023 and 07.11.2023).

1. The RTI application is dated **20.07.2021** vide which the appellant has sought information regarding **“office of Executive Office, Municipal Council, Kotkapura etc.”** as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **24.08.2021** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **06.10.2022** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. This case was last heard on **07.11.2023**.

2. Both parties are present. At the last Hearing on 17.11.2023, the respondent PIO-cum-EO, Sh. Amrinder Singh, had submitted to the Commission's Show Cause Notice vide letter No. 4101 Dated 15.11.2023, along with copy of a reply sent to the appellant vide letter No.1796-99 Dated 24.04.2023, by registered post along with some 316 pages, by way of information.

3. The Commission has examined the information, which has been provided in respect of AC 4589/2021 and AC 4588/2021, and is of the view that the said reply/information is not satisfactory. The respondent PIO-cum- EO, Kotakpura, is hereby directed to supply a fresh, pointwise reply to the RTI application along with the information sought by the appellant. This must be indexed as per the instructions issued to Sh. Surinder Kumar (Accountant), at this Hearing. The information submitted to the Commission at the last Hearing is returned to Sh. Surinder Kumar (Accountant), so that the same can be included in the fresh reply.

4. The Case is adjourned with the aforesaid directions. Since, I will be concluding my Five-year term as State Information Commissioner, Punjab, on 09.07.2024, and there are no available dates to hear the case further, this case file be sent back to the Registry Branch to be put up before the Hon'ble Chief Information Commissioner, for reallocation as he deems appropriate.

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Sh. Lajpat Rai,

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Roamana Street, Jaito, District Faridkot.

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Director, Local Bodies,

Sector-35-A, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Director, Local Bodies,

Sector-35-A, Chandigarh.

Appeal Case No. 2219 of 2023

PRESENT:

(Appellant) Absent.

Sh. Gurpartee Singh (Sr. Assistant) (For the Respondent).

ORDER:

(To be heard in continuity with earlier orders on 03.07.2023 and 07.011.2023)

1. The RTI application is dated **06.01.2023** vide which the appellant has sought information regarding “**Sh. Ajay Singh, Building Inspector etc.,**” as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **02.02.2023** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **03.04.2023** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. This case was last heard on **07.011.2023**.

2. Both parties are present. The respondent PIO represented by Sh. Gurpartee Singh, Senior Assistant, has, as directed at the Last Hearing, submitted a point wise reply to the RTI application. The Commission has examined the said reply point-by-point and is of view that a suitable reply has been provided to point No. 1 of the RTI application along with the available information. Point 2 has been transferred to the PIO-cum-Superintendent General Branch, who is hereby directed to provide a suitable reply along with attested copies of the available record. Point Nos. 3 & 4 has been stated to be not specific and Commission concurs with the PIO's conclusion. The PIO is further directed to provide replies to point Nos. 5, 6 and 7, as discussed at this Hearing. This must be done on or before the next Hearing.

3. The Case is adjourned with the aforesaid directions. Since, I will be concluding my Five-year term as State Information Commissioner, Punjab, on 09.07.2024, and there are no available dates to hear the case further, this case file be sent back to the Registry Branch to be put up before the Hon'ble Chief Information Commissioner, for reallocation as he deems appropriate.

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Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Additional Deputy Commissioner (Urban Development),
District Faridkot.

Public Information Officer-cum- Executive Officer, Jaito,
District Faridkot.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Additional Deputy Commissioner (Urban Development),
District Faridkot.

Appeal Case No. 2947 of 2022

PRESENT:

Lajpat Rai Garg (Appellant) 98142-30616
Adv. Vikarampreet Arora (counsel for respondent)
Sh. Gurinder Pal singh, Clerk,

ORDER:

(To be heard in continuity with earlier orders on 11.01.2023, 31.05.2023, 27.07.2023 and 20.09.2023 and 17.11.2023).

1. The RTI application is dated 16.02.2022 vide which the appellant has sought information regarding:

4. Fee Detail: IFO No. 335 (408) Rs.10/- only, attached
I gave application to Honble Election Commissioner Punjab & District S.A. Harbans Lal, Jaito (E.C.I) Delhi Complaint Against SA MC Jaito Guide Singh, on 26/2/2022 who is posted as Jaito MC from 21/8/2008. Permanent or Addition of his name enter in FIR No 12/2021 Vigilance Bureau Faridkot. Total files of Complaints, Answer and Decision fully Copies Attached.
I gave application against Guptad Singh of MC LFA District 1862) 5/9/19 & DC office
As DC Sahib send matter Magistral Enquiry on 8/9/10/11/2019 against Premchand, Ramesh Kumar, my application 3/5/19. Against Devinder Kumar all MC Jaito Jaito Employees give fully files Photo State Copies Attached. Against Komal Sharma that time 4/2/2020
I send Record to ADC (UD) Faridkot my RTI cases & Complaints filed by me my fully files given Photo Copies including Inquiries, Denials and also Letter/Copies sending Record from 11/12/19 (1-2019 to 26/2/2022) (26/2/2022)
EO MC Jaito & Khatkhat not present in appeal cases before ADC (UD) action taken reports and notices issue in my cases give Photo Copies of notices and orders sent to Director, Secretary Local Govt Punjab Chandigarh fully Record Attached.
State Commission sent to letter DC Sahib Faridkot including ADC (UD) for giving copy penalty to MC Jaito all letter with mine Related from 11/12/2019 to 16/2/2022

as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **30.03.2022** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **22.06.2022** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. This case was last heard on **17.11.2023**.

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Appeal Case No. 2947 of 2022

2. Both parties are present. Respondent PIO-Cum-MC, Jaito represented by Counsel Adv. Vikram Preet Arora accompanied by Sh. Gurbhinder Singh (Clerk) states that point No. 1 of the RTI application does not pertain to MC, Jaito. The Commission has examined the said point, which is as under:

① I gave application to Hon'ble Election Commission Punjab. (E.C.) Delhi Complaint Against MC Jaito Gunda Singh, on 12 who is posted as Jaito MC from 21/8/2008 Permanent or Addition & his name enter in FIR No 12/2021 Vigilance Bureau Faridkot. Total files of Complaints, Answer and Decision fully Copies Attached.

3. The Commission concurs that it is not clear as to what specific information has been sought vide this point. Points No. 2, 3, 4 and 5, were transferred to the PIO, O/o ADC (UD), Faridkot, who was absent without intimation. The PIO, O/o ADC(UD), Faridkot is given one final opportunity, to submit a written reply to points 2, 3, 4 and 5 of this RTI application, to the appellant with copy to the Commission, along with the information available in the record.

4. The Case is adjourned with the aforesaid directions. Since, I will be concluding my Five-year term as State Information Commissioner, Punjab, on 09.07.2024, and there are no available dates to hear the case further, this case file be sent back to the Registry Branch to be put up before the Hon'ble Chief Information Commissioner, for reallocation as he deems appropriate.

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Public Information Officer,
O/o Deputy Commissioner,
District Faridkot.

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

Appeal Case No. 2948 of 2022

PRESENT:

Sh. Lajpat Rai (Appellant).
None for the Respondent.

ORDER:

(To be heard in continuity with earlier orders on 11.01.2023, 31.05.2023, 27.07.2023 and 20.09.2023 and 17.11.2023).

1. The RTI application is dated 04.04.2022 vide which the appellant has sought information regarding:

① I gave application against Ramesh Kumar, Prem Chand MC employees and in your office Pym send to SDM Jaito By 1570 LFA/15/10/19 fully files photo copies attached.
② I gave application against Nalb Singh claim MC Jaito on 22/12/2022, for taking action against him, my application, office notings and fully files Reports and also attached dated 07/11/18 against Prem Chand, Ramesh Kumar (Subject statement to me & take action against them) my application and proceeding done up to date give fully Record.
③ Give fully files as my application dated 18/11/2018 Complaint Branch and my reminder dated 15/11/2020, application no 117 CAC(C), & DC office no 1518/22/10/2020 all application, fully Record photo state copies, fully proceed.
④ Copy of letter no 85A-Dated 23/11/2019 LFA to MC Jaito as copy of application and office notings and as fully record regarding Tribunal fully photo state.
⑤ Give Audit Reports of MC Jaito which's copy has been sent to you from Examiners Local Fund Account Chandigarh Audit done Reports of 1/2001 to 2005, 1/2005 to 3/2007 01/07 to 3/10, 4/10 to 3/12, fully Reports copies attached 4/118 to 3/14 Audit Reports and action taken reports as misbursements (GABAN) fully Record (LFA).
⑥ You send application to SDM Jaito CEA No 248-Dt 9/3/2022 given my application I gave application against Ramd Sharma, Nalb Singh, Ramesh Kumar related GABAN, amount to MC Jaito give fully applications, notings & entries Reports given.
⑦ Same applications against Nalb Singh claim me Jaito sum 2/22 to upto date also from Ram (ARUNA RANI) No-Daily 1579 (A) 15/9/21 give fully Reports.
⑧ Give fully Record as my application against Gurbach Singh Choudhary No 933 LFA 30/9/19 give fully files, notings, observations and action taken Reports (dated 3/11/2008) application against MC employees of Jaito by Anwarul Haq D/o Halem Singh Jaito fully files attached.
⑨ Applications to SDM from your office 37 LFA Dt 15/11/2020, DC / P.A. Dated NO. 378 / P.A Dt 30/10/22, 635RKEO 30/5/11 fully Record.

as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **07.05.2022** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **22.06.2022** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. This case was last heard on **17.11.2023**.

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Appeal Case No. 2948 of 2022

2. The respondent PIO is absent without intimation for the 5th successive Hearing. The PIO O/o ADC (UD), was directed to attend the next Hearing in person in the Commission at Chandigarh. The PIO however remained absent at the next Hearing on 17.11.2023 and is also absent today. In Order of 20.09.2023, the PIO O/o ADC(UD) was cautioned that failure to comply to this Commission's directions and absence this Hearing of this appeal case, will compel the Commission to ensure his presence through the service of the Bailable warrant.

3. The PIO o/o ADC (UD) Faridkot is granted one final opportunity to comply with the Commission's Orders.

4. The Case is adjourned with the aforesaid directions. Since, I will be concluding my Five-year term as State Information Commissioner, Punjab, on 09.07.2024, and there are no available dates to hear the case further, this case file be sent back to the Registry Branch to be put up before the Hon'ble Chief Information Commissioner, for reallocation as he deems appropriate.

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O/o Municipal council, Kotkapura,
District Faridkot.
First Appellate Authority,
O/o Additional Deputy Commissioner (Urban Development),
District Faridkot.

Appeal Case No. 4588 of 2022

PRESENT:

(Appellant) Absent.

Sh. Surinder Kumar, Accountant (For the Respondent).

ORDER:

(To be heard in continuity with earlier orders on 23.01.2023, 31.05.2023, 27.07.2023 and 20.09.2023 and 07.11.2023).

1. The RTI application is dated **20.07.2021** vide which the appellant has sought information regarding **"office of Executive Office, Municipal Council, Kotkapura etc.,"** as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **24.08.2021** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **06.10.2022** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. This case was last heard on **07.11.2023**.

2. Both parties are present. At the last Hearing on 17.11.2023, the respondent PIO-cum-EO, Sh. Amrinder Singh, had submitted a reply to the Commission's Show Cause Notice vide letter No. 4101 Dated 15.11.2023, along with copy of a reply sent to the appellant vide letter No.1796-1799 Dated 24.04.2023, by registered post, along with some 316 pages, by way of information.

3. The Commission has examined the information which has been provided in respect of **AC 4589/2021 and AC 4588/2021** and is of the view that the said reply/information is not satisfactory. The respondent PIO-cum-EO, Kotakpura, is hereby directed to supply a fresh, pointwise reply to the RTI application along with the information sought by the appellant. This must be indexed as per the instructions issued to Sh. Surinder Kumar (Accountant), at this Hearing. The information submitted to the Commission at the last Hearing is returned to Sh. Surinder Kumar (Accountant), so that the same can be included in the fresh reply.

4. The Case is adjourned with the aforesaid directions. Since, I will be concluding my Five-year term as State Information Commissioner, Punjab, on 09.07.2024, and there are no available dates to hear the case further, this case file be sent back to the Registry Branch to be put up before the Hon'ble Chief Information Commissioner, for reallocation as he deems appropriate.

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State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

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Sh. Lajpat Rai,
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Romana Street,
Jaito, District Faridkot.

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o Director, Local Government,
Punjab, Sector-35-A, Chandigarh.
First Appellate Authority,
O/o Director, Local Government,
Punjab, Sector-35-A, Chandigarh.

Appeal Case No. 2854 of 2023

PRESENT:

Lajpat Rai (Appellant) 98142-30616

Ms. Sarabjit Kaur, Sr. Assistant, (Respondent) 99145-20298

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated 13.2.2023 vide which the appellant has sought information regarding **Naib Singh S/o Mukhtiar Singh**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on 10.3.2023 and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on 2.5.2023 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. This case was last heard on 12.12.2023.

2. As directed at last the Hearing the PIO's representative, Ms. Sarabjit Kaur has submitted a pointwise reply to the RTI application vide letter No. 9822 Dated 19.03.2024. The Commission has examined the aforesaid RTI reply point by point. Regarding point No. 2 the appellant Sh. Lajpat Rai Garg is to clarify the respondent as to what specific information he is seeking about Sh. Prem Chand (Sanitary Inspector). This must be done in writing, before the next Hearing. With regard to point No. 4 the PIO is directed to provide a list of employees of the General Branch as on the Date of submission of this RTI application. With respect to point No. 8 the respondent PIO is to check the Diary register and provide a copy appellant's application along with any related information available in the record. The above must be done on or before next Hearing.

3. The Case is adjourned with the aforesaid directions. Since, I will be concluding my Five-year term as State Information Commissioner, Punjab, on 09.07.2024, and there are no available dates to hear the case further, this case file be sent back to the Registry Branch to be put up before the Hon'ble Chief Information Commissioner, for reallocation as he deems appropriate.

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Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Addl Chief Secretary,
Local Govt, Pb, Sector-35-A, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Addl Chief Secretary,
Local Govt, Pb, Sector-35-A, Chandigarh.

Appeal Case No. 2869 of 2023

PRESENT:

Lajpat Rai (Appellant) 98142-30616
(Respondent) Absent

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **8.12.2022** vide which the appellant has sought information regarding **Surinder Singh, Under Secretary**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **6.1.2023** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **2.5.2023** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. This case was last heard on **12.12.2023**

2. At the last Hearing on 12.12.2023 the PIO-cum-superintendent, Sh. Taranjit Singh, was directed to provide information sought at point No. 4 and 7, before today's Hearing. The appellant Sh. Lajpat RaiGarg says that he received a registered letter from the PIO, but the same is not readable. Accordingly, the PIO is directed to submit a copy of reply sent to the appellant along with duly attested copy of the information, to the Commission. This must be done on or before next Hearing.

3. The Case is adjourned with the aforesaid directions. Since, I will be concluding my Five-year term as State Information Commissioner, Punjab, on 09.07.2024, and there are no available dates to hear the case further, this case file be sent back to the Registry Branch to be put up before the Hon'ble Chief Information Commissioner, for reallocation as he deems appropriate.

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Sh. Lajpat Rai,

S/o Sh. Harbans Lal,

Roamana Street, Jaito, District Faridkot.

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o Additional Deputy Commissioner (Urban Development),
District Faridkot.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Additional Deputy Commissioner (Urban Development),
District Faridkot.

Appeal Case No. 5366 of 2022

PRESENT:

Sh. Lajpat Rai (Appellant)

None for the Respondent.

ORDER:

(To be heard in continuity with earlier orders on 30.05.2023, 28.07.2023 and 21.09.2023).

1. The RTI application is dated 02.07.2022 vide which the appellant has sought information regarding “**salary, relieving orders of staff from 01.05.2022 to 31.12.2022 and status of the complaint against Rinki Rani Senior Assistant and record pertaining to Rinki Rani, Senior Assistant etc.,**” as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **06.08.2022** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **29.08.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. This case was last heard on **21.09.2023**.

2. At Hearing on 21.09.2023, the respondent PIO, represented by Sh. Paramjit Kaur (Sr. Assistant) had submitted the requested information vide Diary No. 23189 Dated 21.09.2023 and same is available in the case file. Accordingly, the appellant Sh. Lajpat Rai Garg, was advised to deposit the requisite copying cost of Rs. 908.00 in the office of the PIO, and thereafter collect the information from the office of this Bench on presentation of the receipt for Rs. 908.00. Sh. Lajpat Rai is present in person and given one more opportunity to comply with para No. 2 of this Commission's Order of 21.09.2023.

3. The Case is adjourned with the aforesaid directions. Since, I will be concluding my Five-year term as State Information Commissioner, Punjab, on 09.07.2024, and there are no available dates to hear the case further, this case file be sent back to the Registry Branch to be put up before the Hon'ble Chief Information Commissioner, for reallocation as he deems appropriate.

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Sh. Aakash Garg,
Kothi No-158, Arvind Nagar,
Mansa.

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Bathinda Development Authority,
Bathinda.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Bathinda Development Authority,
Bathinda.

Appeal Case No. 2444 of 2023

PRESENT:

(Appellant) Absent.

None for the Respondent.

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated 17.01.2023 vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding “ Demand Survey for residential plots at Urban Estate Phase 6 and 8, Mansa Road, Bathinda etc.,”** as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **24.02.2023** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **12.04.2023** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. This case was last heard on **10.07.2023**.

2. Both parties are absent. The case is adjourned.

3. The Case is adjourned with the aforesaid directions. Since, I will be concluding my Five-year term as State Information Commissioner, Punjab, on 09.07.2024, and there are no available dates to hear the case further, this case file be sent back to the Registry Branch to be put up before the Hon'ble Chief Information Commissioner, for reallocation as he deems appropriate.

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Sh. Mohinder Singh,
S/o Sh. Surain Singh,
Village Phatu Wala, Tehsil Jalalabad,
District Fazilka.

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o Tehsildar, Jalalabad,
District Fazilka.
First Appellate Authority,
O/o Sub Divisional Magistrate, Jalalabad,
District Fazilka.

Appeal Case No. 2563 of 2023

PRESENT:

(Appellant) Absent.
None for the respondent.

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **04.01.2023** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding: "Demarcation of road from village Sukhera to Yodha Bhani road to Dhani Bhai Amar Singh etc.,"** as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **21.02.2023** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **18.04.2023** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. This case was last heard on **17.11.2023**.

2. Both parties are absent. The case is adjourned.

3. The Case is adjourned with the aforesaid directions. Since, I will be concluding my Five-year term as State Information Commissioner, Punjab, on 09.07.2024, and there are no available dates to hear the case further, this case file be sent back to the Registry Branch to be put up before the Hon'ble Chief Information Commissioner, for reallocation as he deems appropriate.

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State Information Commissioner, Punjab.
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Sh. Bawa Bhulinder Singh,

S/o Sh. Dalip Singh,

R/o Gali No.2, Mata Ganga Ji Nagar,

Near Gurudwara Bhai Khoo Manj Sahib,

Amritsar.

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Municipal Corporation,

Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority,

Commissioner, Municipal Corporation,

Amritsar.

Appeal Case No. 2635 of 2023

PRESENT:

Sh. Bawa Bhulinder Singh (Appellant via Webex).

None for the Respondent.

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **05.12.2022** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding “Building of Mandir Veerbhan, Shiwala, Amritsar near Hotel Kakkar Inn Gali Godama Wali etc.,”** as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **03.02.2023** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **20.04.2023** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. This case was last heard on **17.11.2023**.

2. The respondent PIO is absent for the second successive Hearing. This RTI application was submitted on **05.12.2022** to the PIO and there is nothing on record to show that the respondent PIO has made any attempt to address the same. Accordingly, the Commission deems it appropriate to issue a Show Cause Notice to the respondent PIO.

3. The respondent **PIO o/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Amritsar** is herewith ordered to SHOW CAUSE as to why a penalty should not be imposed upon him under Section 20 (1) of RTI Act, 2005, for causing willful delay/denial of the information requested by the appellant as far back as on **05.12.2022**. If there are other PIOs responsible for the delay in providing the information, the PIO is directed to inform such PIO(s) of the Show Cause and direct them to appear before the Commission along with written replies.

“In addition to the written reply, the respondent PIO is also given an opportunity under Section 20 (1) provision there to, for a personal hearing before the imposition of such penalty on the next date of hearing. He may take note that in case he does not file his written reply and does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the date fixed, it will be presumed that he has nothing to say and the Commission shall proceed to take further proceedings against him ex parte.” Copies of this order be sent to the parties through registered post.

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Appeal Case No. 2635 of 2023

4. The Case is adjourned with the aforesaid directions. Since, I will be concluding my Five-year term as State Information Commissioner, Punjab, on 09.07.2024, and there are no available dates to hear the case further, this case file be sent back to the Registry Branch to be put up before the Hon'ble Chief Information Commissioner, for reallocation as he deems appropriate.

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Sh. Pritpal Singh,
107/1, New Green City,
Ajnala Road, Amritsar.

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation,
Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority,

Commissioner, Municipal Corporation,
Amritsar.

Appeal Case No. 2588 of 2023

PRESENT:

(Appellant) Absent.

None for the Respondent.

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **11.06.2021** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding "Map and Construction of 108/1 Green City, Ajnala Road, Amritsar etc.,** as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate authority (FAA) on **02.07.2021** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **19.04.2023** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. This case was last heard on **11.07.2023**.

2. Both parties are absent.

3. An examination of the case file Shows that the respondent provided a pointwise reply to the appellant vide Letter No. 93 Dated 06.07.2022 along with some information by way of attested copies. The appellant Sh. Pritpal Singh is herewith granted an opportunity to examine the reply/ information for deficiencies. Deficiencies, if any, must be listed in writing to the PIO, with a copy to this Commission. On receipt of a list of specific deficiencies, the respondent PIO is directed to provide a written reply along with information as available in record.

4. The Case is adjourned with the aforesaid directions. Since, I will be concluding my Five-year term as State Information Commissioner, Punjab, on 09.07.2024, and there are no available dates to hear the case further, this case file be sent back to the Registry Branch to be put up before the Hon'ble Chief Information Commissioner, for reallocation as he deems appropriate.

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Sh. Manjit Singh,
S/o Sh. Gurcharan Singh,
Village Manemajra, Tehsil Chamkaur Sahib,
District Ropar.

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o Civil Surgeon, Tarn Taran.
First Appellate Authority,
O/o Director, Health and Family
Welfare, Punjab, Sector:34, Chandigarh.

Appeal Case No. 4197 of 2021

PRESENT:

(Appellant) Absent.

Sh. Mandeep Singh (Senior Assistant), 9872170669 (for Respondent).

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 07.03.2022, 02.08.2022, 05.12.2022, 19.05.2023, 28.06.2023, 22.09.2023 and 24.11.2023 and 19.03.2024).

1. The RTI application is dated **03.05.2021** vide which the appellant has sought information regarding **"recruitments in the department on compassionate grounds from the last ten years along with names of employees and details of dependants of deceased employees the name of the department of Directorate Health which provided the approval for the recruitment- the list of person recruited in all Civil Surgeon offices on compassionate ground for last ten years and other information,"** as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **15.06.2021** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **15.09.2021** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. This case was last heard on **19.03.2024**.

2. The respondent PIO-cum-ACS, Dr. Devi Bala was directed to provide a fresh reply to point No. 2 of the RTI application along with duly attested copies of all the available information. Sh. Mandeep Singh (Sr. Assistant) is present on behalf of the PIO and states that the information sought at point No. 2 pertains to the O/o Director Health Services Punjab at Chandigarh. Accordingly, a Letter has been written vide No. 2358 Dated 21.03.2024 to the Director Health Services along with a copy of the RTI application. The PIO O/o Director Health Services Punjab is directed to provide duly attested copies of the information sought at point No. 2 of this RTI application along with a Covering letter, to the appellant, with copy to this Commission. This must be done on or before the next Hearing.

3. The Case is adjourned with the aforesaid directions. Since, I will be concluding my Five-year term as State Information Commissioner, Punjab, on 09.07.2024, and there are no available dates to hear the case further, this case file be sent back to the Registry Branch to be put up before the Hon'ble Chief Information Commissioner, for reallocation as he deems appropriate.

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