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Sh. Baljeet Singh

Civil Engineer,
RTI Activist, #64 H, BRS Nagar,
Ludhiana-141012
M:7696500015

...Appellant

Vs.

Public Information Officer,

O/o DC, Ludhiana

First appellate Authority

O/o DC, Ludhiana

Public Information Officer,

O/o The Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana

...Respondents

Appeal case No. 591 of 2023

Present: None on behalf of the parties.

Order:

This case may be read with reference to the previous order dated 15.09.2023.

2. Earlier the case was heard by Sh. Suresh Arora, the Chief Information Commissioner, Punjab, who has demitted office on 25.9.2023. Thereafter the case was allocated to this bench and fixed for hearing today i.e. 22.05.2024. During the said hearing, respondent requested for an adjournment and assured that the compensation will be paid to the appellant before the next date of hearing.

3. The respondent is absent without intimation. Also, the appellant is absent and a notice of hearing was sent to him was returned back with the remarks '**deceased**'.

4. It is also a fact that compensation amounting to Rs. 10,000/- was awarded in this case which is to be paid by the Municipal Corporation out of the State Exchequer. As far as information is concerned the same has already been supplied to the appellant.

5. Keeping in view the above, a copy of this order is **being sent** to the Commissioner of Police, Ludhiana with the directions to submit a report whether the appellant is alive or not. He is also directed to submit the names and addresses of the legal heir of the appellant, if deceased, before the next date of hearing to take the matter to its logical end.

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Appeal case No. 591 of 2023

6. Accordingly, the case is adjourned, to come up on **22.08.2024 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

Date: 22.05.2024

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(Inderpal Singh)
Chief Information Commissioner
Punjab

CC:

Sh. Nilabh Kishore, IPS
The Commissioner of Police
Ludhiana

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Sh. Ramesh Kumar

S/o Sh. Amar Nath

H.No. U-1652, Sadar Nagar,

Opp. Old Central Jail, Amritsar-143008

M: 9855833531

...Appellant

Vs.

Public Information Officer,

O/o DPI (SE), Punjab, Mohali

First appellate Authority

O/o DPI (SE), Punjab, Mohali

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 4293 of 2023

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

Order:

This case may be read with reference to the previous order dated 20.09.2023.

2. Earlier the case was heard by Sh. Suresh Arora, the Chief Information Commissioner, Punjab, who has demitted the office on 25.9.2023. Thereafter, the case was allocated to this bench and fixed for hearing today i.e. 22.05.2024.

3. The brief of the case is that the appellant is seeking the information related to five teachers who were recruited as Science Mistresses against reserved quota of vacancies reserved for Ex-Servicemen Female General (Wards) category and at the later stage their category was changed to SC (R&O) category and wanted to know how their category has been changed. The appellant is a senior citizen and suffering from various ailments, in spite of that he is present but none is present from the respondent PIO. Also, no information is received from the said office which shows negligence and carelessness, rather absence seems to be willful and intentional, as such there is no other remedy available except taking stringent action against the respondent PIO. The appellant also brought to the notice that a message was sent by him to the respondent that he is satisfied with the supplied information in both the cases but he is not satisfied. He further clarified that the message was sent on the request of the respondent who assured that the information will be supplied to me but till date no information has been supplied. As such, he is not satisfied and requested to direct the respondent to supply the complete information in this case.

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Appeal Case No. 4293 of 2023

4. In view of the circumstances, a copy of this order is **being sent** to the Director Public Instructions (Secondary Education), Mohali to ensure the presence of the respondent PIO/competent authority, as you think, be present on the next date of hearing, failing which he will be directed for personal appearance. It is also clarified that, in case, the absence of the respondent PIO on the next date of hearing, stringent action will also be taken against him as per the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005. A copy of RTI application is attached herewith so that it will be convenient for the office to file the reply, point-wise.

5. Accordingly, the case is adjourned, to come up on **11.07.2024 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

Date: 22.05.2024

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(Inderpal Singh)
Chief Information Commissioner
Punjab

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

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S/o Sh. Amar Nath

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Opp. Old Central Jail, Amritsar-143008

M: 9855833531

...Appellant

Vs.

Public Information Officer,

O/o DPI (SE), Punjab, Mohali

First appellate Authority

O/o DPI (SE), Punjab, Mohali

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 4257 of 2023

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

Order:

This case may be read with reference to the previous order dated 20.09.2023.

2. Earlier the case was heard by Sh. Suresh Arora, the Chief Information Commissioner, Punjab, who has demitted the office on 25.9.2023. Thereafter, the case was allocated to this bench and fixed for hearing today i.e. 22.05.2024.

3. The brief of the case is that the appellant is seeking the information related to five teachers who were recruited as Science Mistresses against reserved quota of vacancies reserved for Ex-Servicemen Female General (Wards) category and at the later stage their category was changed to SC (R&O) category and wanted to know how their category has been changed. The appellant is a senior citizen and suffering from various ailments, in spite of that he is present but none is present from the respondent PIO. Also, no information is received from the said office which shows negligence and carelessness, rather absence seems to be willful and intentional, as such there is no other remedy available except taking stringent action against the respondent PIO. The appellant also brought to the notice that a message was sent by him to the respondent that he is satisfied with the supplied information in both the cases but he is not satisfied. He further clarified that the message was sent on the request of the respondent who assured that the information will be supplied to me but till date no information has been supplied. As such, he is not satisfied and requested to direct the respondent to supply the complete information in this case.

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Appeal Case No. 4257 of 2023

4. In view of the circumstances, a copy of this order is **being sent** to the Director Public Instructions (Secondary Education), Mohali to ensure the presence of the respondent PIO/competent authority, as you think, be present on the next date of hearing, failing which he will be directed for personal appearance. It is also clarified that, in case, the absence of the respondent PIO on the next date of hearing, stringent action will also be taken against him as per the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005. A copy of RTI application is attached herewith so that it will be convenient for the office to file the reply, point-wise.

5. Accordingly, the case is adjourned, to come up on **11.07.2024 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

Date:22.05.2024

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

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Sh. Varun Goel

#1188, Krishan Nagar,
ChattiGali, Jagraon,
Distt. Ludhiana
M:9463886161

...Appellant

Vs.

Public Information Officer,

O/o DPI (Colleges), Punjab,
Chandigarh

First appellate Authority

O/o Public Instructions (Colleges),
Punjab, Mohali

...Respondents

Complaint Case No. 41 of 2023 Converted into Appeal Case

Present: Sh. Varun Goel, the appellant in person.
Sh. Jagjit Singh, Senior Assistant (9417868929) on behalf of the respondents.

Order:

This case may be read with reference to the previous order dated 18.09.2023.

2. Earlier the case was heard by Sh. Suresh Arora, the Chief Information Commissioner, Punjab, who has demitted office on 25.9.2023. Thereafter the case was allocated to this bench and fixed for hearing today i.e. 22.05.2024.

3. The appellant submits that the directions may be issued to the respondent to supply the complete information.

4. However, the respondent submits that the present case was remanded back by the Commission on 29.03.2023 to the First Appellate Authority and the First Appellate Authority passed the order. Further, he submits that he is a new incumbent and joined the office recently and requested for a copy of RTI application to file the reply/supply the information.

5. After detailed deliberations and going through the case file, it is clarified that the present case was filed by Sh. Varun Goel as complaint case in the Commission, which was remanded back to the First Appellate Authority vide order dated 29.03.2023 with the liberty to the complainant to approach the Commission, if he is not satisfied with the decision of the First Appellate Authority. Thereafter, a PUC was received from the complainant in this regard and after consideration, the case was fixed for hearing on 18.09.2023. During the hearing the respondent, Ms. Karamjeet Kaur requested for an adjournment of the case to supply the complete information.

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Complaint Case No. 41 of 2023 **Converted into Appeal Case**

She further clarified that the information pertaining to UGC guidelines are available on their website i.e. www.ugc.ac.in. She further submitted that the appellant may contact him and she will hand over the information and any doubts, will also be cleared. Accordingly, the case was adjourned with the directions to supply the information. Also, the appellant was directed to approach her in case he wants any clarification. But the appellant contended that he approached number of times but the office is not responding as per the query raised by him.

6. Accordingly, respondent PIO is directed to go through the matter and file the point wise specific reply/supply the complete information even though which has already been supplied to the appellant with a copy to the Commission. A copy of the RTI application is handed over to the respondent during the course of hearing.

7. Both the parties are directed to remain present on the next date of hearing for deliberations. It is also clarified that in case of absence of any party, the case will be decided ex parte, on merit.

8. The case is adjourned, to come up on **18.07.2024 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

Date:22.05.2024
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Sh. Varun Goel

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ChattiGali, Jagraon,
Distt. Ludhiana
M:9463886161

...Appellant

Vs.

Public Information Officer,

O/o Dashmesh Khalsa College,
Sri Muktsar Sahib

First appellate Authority

O/o Khalsa College of Education,
Sri Muktsar Sahib

...Respondents

Appeal case No. 3930 of 2023

Present: Sh. Varun Goel, the appellant in person.
Sh. Varinder Singh, Counsel (8558030894) on behalf of the respondents.

Order:

This case may be read with reference to the previous order dated 21.09.2023.

2. Earlier the case was heard by Sh. Suresh Arora, the Chief Information Commissioner, Punjab, who has demitted office on 25.9.2023. Thereafter the case was allocated to this bench and fixed for hearing today i.e. 22.05.2024.

3. Both the parties are present. The respondent submits power of attorney on behalf of the Advocate, Sh. Sameer Sachdeva and requested for an adjournment in this case to file the rejoinder. Accordingly, the request is accepted with the directions to send a copy of rejoinder to the appellant on or before 11.07.2024 through his email ID i.e. varunpu22@gmail.com with a copy to the Commission so that the appellant is well conversant with the rejoinder.

4. Both the parties are directed to remain present on the next date of hearing for deliberations. It is also clarified that in case of absence of any party, the case will be decided ex parte, on merit.

5. Accordingly, the case is adjourned, to come up on **18.07.2024 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

Date:22.05.2024

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Sh. Varun Goel

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ChattiGali, Jagraon,
Distt. Ludhiana
M:9463886161

...Appellant

Vs.

Public Information Officer,

O/o Khalsa College of Education,,
Sri Muktsar Sahib

First appellate Authority

O/o Khalsa College of Education,
Sri Muktsar Sahib

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3929 of 2023

Present: Sh. Varun Goel, the appellant in person.
Sh. Varinder Singh, Counsel (8558030894) on behalf of the respondents.

Order:

This case may be read with reference to the previous order dated 21.09.2023.

2. Earlier the case was heard by Sh. Suresh Arora, the Chief Information Commissioner, Punjab, who has demitted office on 25.9.2023. Thereafter the case was allocated to this bench and fixed for hearing today i.e. 22.05.2024.

3. Both the parties are present. The respondent submits power of attorney on behalf of the Advocate, Sh. Sameer Sachdeva and requested for an adjournment in this case to file the rejoinder. Accordingly, the request is accepted with the directions to send a copy of rejoinder to the appellant on or before 11.07.2024 through his email ID i.e. varunpu22@gmail.com with a copy to the Commission so that the appellant is well conversant with the rejoinder.

4. Both the parties are directed to remain present on the next date of hearing for deliberations. It is also clarified that in case of absence of any party, the case will be decided ex parte, on merit.

5. Accordingly, the case is adjourned, to come up on **18.07.2024 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

Date:22.05.2024

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Sh. Darshan Singh

S/o Sh. Late Sh. Jaswant Singh
Ward No. 15, Lakkar Mandi,
Doraha, Tehsil Payal,
Distt.Ludhiana
M:9501830839

...Appellant

Vs.

Public Information Officer,

O/o NaibTehsildar, Mullanpur
District Ludhiana

First appellate Authority

O/o NaibTehsildar, Mullanpur
District Ludhiana

...Respondents

Appeal case No. 3580 of 2023

Present: None on behalf of the appellant.
Sh. Mandeep Singh, Naib Tehsildar (9855188260) and Sh. Suresh, Reader
(9815271696) on behalf of the respondents.

Order:

This case may be read with reference to the previous order dated 24.08.2023.

2. Earlier the case was heard by Sh. Suresh Arora, the Chief Information Commissioner, Punjab, who has demitted office on 25.9.2023. Thereafter the case was allocated to this bench and fixed for hearing today i.e. 22.05.2024.

3. The respondent is present in spite of election duty, which shows bonafide conduct and it is also a fact on record that the specific reply of the respondent has already been received with a copy to the appellant but the appellant is absent without intimation. It is also a fact that a notice of hearing was sent to him through registered post which appeared that his absence is intentional and willful and does not intend to pursue his case. One **last opportunity** is granted to him to remain present on the next date of hearing for deliberation, failing which the case will be decided ex-parte, on merit.

4. Accordingly, the case is adjourned, to come up on **31.07.2024 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

Date:22.05.2024
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Sh. Sartaj Singh

S/o Sh. Joginder Singh,
R/o Village GhungraliRajputtan,
Tehsil Khanna, Distt. Ludhiana
M:9417251959

...Appellant

Vs.

Sh. Navdeep Singh Bhogal, Tehsildar-cum Public Information Officer,

O/o Tehsildar, Khanna,
Distt. Ludhiana

First appellate Authority

O/o Sub Divisional Magistrate
Khanna, Distt. Ludhiana

...Respondents

Appeal case No. 2212 of 2023

Present: Sh. Sartaj Singh, the appellant in person.
Sh. Balraj, Kanugo (9803252113) on behalf of the respondents.

Order:

This case may be read with reference to the previous order dated 23.08.2023.

2. Earlier the case was heard by Sh. Suresh Arora, the Chief Information Commissioner, Punjab, who has demitted office on 25.9.2023. Thereafter the case was allocated to this bench and fixed for hearing today i.e. 22.05.2024.

3. The respondent submits that the concerned respondent PIO is unable to attend today's hearing due to election duty and requested for an adjournment in this case.

4. However, the appellant submits that the directions may be issued to the respondent-Public Information Officer to supply the complete information.

5. After having detailed deliberations and examining the case file, it came into the notice that compensation amounting Rs. 10,000/- as has been awarded in this case is still pending to be paid to the appellant. Accordingly, the respondent PIO is directed to pay the compensation amount as mentioned above from the State Exchequer, before the next date of hearing. He is also directed to supply the point-wise reply/information as sought by the appellant before the next date of hearing with a copy to the Commission. Also, the respondent assured that the needful will be done and once again requested for an adjournment.

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Appeal case No. 2212 of 2023

6. Accordingly, both the parties are directed to remain present on the next date of hearing for deliberations. It is also clarified that in case of absence of any party no further adjournment will be given and the case will be decided ex parte, on merit.

7. To come up on **24.07.2024 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

Date:22.05.2024

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Sh. Ram Kumar,
SCO No 30 F.Floor,
Phase I(Sector 55),
S. A. S. Nagar (Mohali) (Punjab)
(M : 9878731648)

Appellant

Vs.

Kailash Gautam,
Public Information Officer,
-cum- Supdt, Personnel Department,
(IAS Branch),
Punjab Civil Secretariat, PB, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority
O/o The Under Secretary
To Government of Punjab,
Department of Personnel ,
Punjab Civil Secretariat, PB, Chandigarh.

Respondents

Appeal Case No. 751 of 2023

Present : Sh. Abhishek, on behalf of the appellant.
i) Sh. Kailash Gautam(M.-9814426259), Superintendent ;
ii) Sh. Navinderpal Singh, Senior Assistant, for the respondent.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 14.09.2022 vide which the appellant sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority on 15.11.2022 and Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 19.01.2023 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i. e. 22.05.2024.

2. Both the parties made the submissions and referred particularly to the submissions already made by them which are available in the case file.

3. After hearing both the parties, the directions are issued to them to remain present on the next date of hearing for point wise deliberations. It is also clarified that in case the absence of any party on the next date of hearing no further adjournment will be given and the case will be decided ex-parte, on merit.

4. To come up on **24th July, 2024 at 11:30 A. M. for hearing at Chandigarh.**

Date 22nd May, 2024

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(Inderpal Singh)
Chief Information Commissioner
Punjab

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Sh. Parveen Kumar,
Street No 1, Patwari Colony,
Talwandi Saboo,
Distt. - Bathinda-151302(Punjab)
(M : 9464817898)

...Appellant

Vs

i) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Block Primary Education Officer,
Talwandi Saboo,
Distt.- Bathinda(Punjab)

ii) Public Information Officer,
O/o The District Education Officer(Sec.),
Bathinda(Punjab)

Encl:RTI

First Appellate Authority
O/o The Block Primary Education Officer,
Talwandi Saboo,
Distt. - Bathinda(Punjab)

..Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3603 of 2022

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

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 02.04.2022 vide which the appellant sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority on 06.05.2022 and Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 04.08.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i. e. 22.05.2024.

2. The appellant is absent but he has sent an e-mail vide which he has requested that as per the orders dated 14.09.2022 and 21.07.2023, District Education Officer(Sec.), Bathinda was directed to supply the information and requested for the information. Inadvertently the notice of hearing was not sent to the District Education Officer (Sec.) Bathinda by the office. Also none is present on behalf of the respondent.

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Appeal Case No. 3603 of 2022

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3. Keeping in view the above, a copy of this order being sent to Public Information Officer o/o the District Education Officer(Sec.), Bathinda who was impleaded as necessary party in this case. He is further directed to file the reply/supply the information in this case before the next date of hearing. A copy of the RTI application is also **being sent** to him alongwith this order. The respondent is further directed that in case the information sought is not available in the official record then specific undertaking be filed to the Commission before he next date of hearing.

4. Also a copy of this order is being sent to the Deputy Commissioner, Bathinda to ensure the presence of the Public Information Officer o/o the District Education Officer(Sec.), Bathinda on the next date of hearing.

5. To come up on **28th August , 2024 at 11:30 A. M. for hearing at Chandigarh.**

Date 22nd May, 2024
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(Inderpal Singh)
Chief Information Commissioner
Punjab

CC: Sh. Jaspreet Singh, IAS
Deputy Commissioner,
Bathinda(Punjab)

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Sh. Sandeep Kumar Maluja,
S/o Om Parkash,
Street No.2, Patel Nagar,
Near Shani DevMandir,
Malout, Distt. - Sri Muktsar Sahib (Punjab)
(M: 9646546613)

.....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Engineer,
Public Health Department,
Sri MuktsarSahib(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Executive Engineer,
Public Health Department,
Sri MuktsarSahib(Punjab)

.....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3244 of 2022

Present : Sh. Sandeep Kumar Maluja, the appellant in person.
Sh. Garvit Arora(M.-9711949892), S. D. O.(Water Supply), for respondent.

ORDER

This case may be read with reference to the previous order dated 25.08.2023.

2. Earlier, the case was heard by Sh. Suresh Arora, Chief Information Commissioner, who has demitted the office on 25.09.2023. Thereafter the case was allocated to this Bench, which is fixed for hearing today i. e. 22.05.2024.

2. The respondent stated that the then Executive Engineer, Sh. Jaswinder Singh had given Rs. 5000/- cash to the appellant as compensation and also shown an acknowledgement given by the appellant. It is also a fact on record that the appellant was directed to pay back Rs. 5000/- to the respondent and the respondent was directed to pay the compensation amount i.e. Rs.10000/- which was enhanced from Rs. 5000/- due to such lapse. The appellant admitted the fact that he has not paid back the amount as was directed.

3. Accordingly, the appellant is directed to prepare a Demand Draft in the name of Jaswinder Singh, Executive Engineer amounting to Rs. 5,000/- which can be presentable within three months so that the validity of the said instrument could not be expired and the same be handed over to the respondent within fifteen days.

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Appeal Case No. 3244 of 2022

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3. Also, the respondent is directed to pay the compensation amounting to Rs. 10,000/- as has already been awarded, out of the State Exchequer, to the appellant before the next date of hearing. The respondent is at liberty to transfer the money through RTGS with the coordination through Government Treasury or through demand draft. The respondent also requested an adjournment and assured that the orders of the Commission will be complied in letter and spirit. It is also clarified that in case of defiance of this order, the stringent action will be taken as per the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

4. The appellant is also directed to furnish his Bank details i. e. Name of the Bank, Bank Account Number, IFSC code and Nature of Account i. e. saving or other, to the respondent within fifteen days from today with which the appellant agreed to.

5. To come up on 8th August, 2024 at 11:30 A. M. for hearing at Chandigarh.

Date 22nd May, 2024

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Sh. Anil Bhatia,
1523, Sector 13,
Hisar- 125005 (Haryana)
(M.-9017397100)

.....Appellant

Vs.

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

Encl: RTI

First Appellate Authority
O/o The Director,
Public Instructions (Colleges) Pb.,
Vidhya Bhawan, P.S.E.B. Complex,
Sector 68, S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali) (Punjab)

.....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 6130 of 2022

Present : Sh. Anil Bhatia, the appellant in person.
None on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This case may be read with reference to the previous order dated 01.09.2023.

2. Earlier, the case was heard by Sh. Suresh Arora, Chief Information Commissioner, who has demitted the office on 25.09.2023. Thereafter the case was allocated to this Bench, which is fixed for hearing today i. e. 22.05.2024.

3. The appellant appeared and submits very long submissions which seems fair enough. None is present from the respondent, which shows that many times different officials came present in the Commission but nothing concrete came out of the proceeding(s).

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4. Regarding absence of the respondent, no information or intimation has been received which shows carelessness, negligence, intentional and willful absence especially when the notice of hearing was sent through registered post. The appellant is a senior citizen and lives in Hisar rather it is very difficult to come such a long way in heat but in spite of that he is present. It is also a fact that a show cause notice was issued to Ms. Jaswinder Kaur, Deputy Director-cum-Public Information Officer o/o DPI (Colleges), Punjab on 15.02.2023 but no submissions have been received from her. One **last opportunity** is granted to her to file the written reply with regard to the show cause notice failing which the decision will be taken ex-parte, on merit. Ms. Gurinderjit Kaur, Deputy Director (Grant – II)-cum-PIO is also directed to deliver a copy of this order to Ms. Jaswinder Kaur, Deputy Director, the then PIO office of the D.P.I.(Colleges), Punjab under intimation to the Commission.

5. To meet the ends of justice an appearance of the respondent is essential, hence a copy of this order is **being sent** to the Principal Secretary, Higher Education and Director, Public Instructions (Colleges) Punjab, S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali) to procure the presence of the concerned/competent/fact knowing officer before the Commission. A copy of the RTI application of the appellant is attached herewith for ready reference.

6. To come up on **17th July, 2024 at 11:30 A. M. for hearing at Chandigarh.**

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CC:

- i) The Principal Secretary(By name)
to Government of Punjab,
Department of Higher Education,
Punjab Civil Sectt.,
Sector-9, Chandigarh.
- ii) The Director (By name)
Public Instructions (Colleges) Pb.,
Vidhya Bhawan, P.S.E.B. Complex,
Sector 68, S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali) (Punjab)

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Sh. Iqbal Singh
S/o Sh. Jaswinder Singh,
Village – Dera Bohar Wala Shutrana,
Tehsil – Patran,
Distt. – Patiala - 147105(Punjab)
(M.-9417556491)

..Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o TheBlock Development
And Panchayat Officer,
Patran, Distt. - Patiala(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority
O/o The Block Development
And Panchayat Officer,
Patran, Distt. - Patiala(Punjab)

..Respondent(s)

Appeal Case No. 5470 of 2023

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

ORDER

The above mentioned case was earlier heard by the Hon'ble State Information Commissioner, Sh. Asit Jolly on 24.04.2024 and now this case was reallocated to the Bench for further hearing. Accordingly, the case is listed for hearing for today i. e. 22.05.2024.

- Neither the respondent nor the appellant is present in today's hearing.
- Nevertheless, another opportunity is given to the parties to represent this case in person or through their authorized representative failing which the decision will be taken ex-parte, on merit.
- To come up on **17th July, 2024 at 11:30 A. M. for hearing at Chandigarh.**

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Sh. Raspinder Singh
S/o Sh. Mann Singh,
Village – Selwala, Tehsil – Patran,
Distt. -Patiala(Punjab)
(M.-9914355930)

....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/oThe Block Development
And Panchayat Officer,
Patran, Distt. - Patiala(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority
O/o The District Development
And Panchayat Officer,
Patiala (Punjab)

....Respondent(s)

Appeal Case No. 3978 of 2023

Present : Sh. Surinder Singh (M.-9872463672) on behalf of the appellant.
None on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

The above mentioned case was earlier heard by the Hon'ble State Information Commissioner, Sh. Asit Jolly on 24.04.2024 and now this case is reallocated to the Bench for further hearing. Accordingly, the case was listed for hearing for today i. e. 22.05.2024.

2. The respondent through an e-mail has requested for an adjournment in this case. Due to ongoing Lok Sabha elections in the country including Punjab State, one opportunity is granted to the respondent to file the response on the next date of hearing failing which punitive action will be initiated on the next date of hearing.

3. To come up on **17th July, 2024 at 11:30 A. M. for hearing at Chandigarh.**

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Sh. Manjit Singh, Advocate,
House No. 174, A, Shastri Nagar,
District – Ludhiana- 141002 (Punjab)
(M : 9914514555)

....Appellant

Vs

- i) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Deputy Commissioner,
Ludhiana (Punjab)
- ii) Sh. Gurpreet Singh,
Public Information Officer
-cum-Tehsildar (East),
Ludhiana(Punjab)

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

.....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3420 of 2023

Present : Sh. Manjit Singh, the appellant in person.
i) Sh. Noblejeet Singh(M.-8872900059), Patwari (Revenue) ;
ii) Sh. Inderjit Singh(M.-06284637893), Bill Clerk O/o Tehsildar(East) ;on
behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 18.04.2024.

2. The appellant stated that he has received and satisfied with the complete information pertaining to Point No. 04 only which is regarding letter no. 951. He further submits that Sh. Sham Lal sold the plots in the name of Sham Colony by selling his own land out of Khasra No. 425,426, 574 and 576. Further he submits that initially Sh. Sham Lal, for the residents of the colony, left a piece of land for the streets and roads except the land sold to the different person as plots. The appellant further alleged that Sh. Sham Lal/his legal heirs etc sold the land which was meant for streets and roads and got it registered as private owners illegally.

3. After detailed deliberations with both the parties, it is ascertained that at Point No. 01, the appellant sought the details (application, affidavit along with complete documents etc.) of the area transferred/registered in the names of the legal heirs of Sh. Sham Lal or to anyone, which was meant for streets and roads in a legal manner or not. At Point No. 02, the appellant sought the application given by the person(s) who transferred the land on his own name or anyone else along with documentary evidence. At Point no. 03, the appellant sought a copy of application for Nishandehi etc.

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4. The respondent is directed to file specific answers to the queries as mentioned herein. A copy of the RTI application is also handed over to the representative of the respondent PIO during the course of hearing who assured to do the needful. The respondent PIO is further directed to send a copy of the same to the appellant by using any mode i. e. email, registered post, whats app etc.

5. Sh. Inderjit Singh, Bill Clerk also made the submissions that the bill has already been sent to the Treasury Officer to pay the compensation out of the State Exchequer amounting to Rs.20,000/- as has been awarded in this case, who is also directed to remain present on the next date fixed.

6. It is also directed to the respondent PIO-cum-Tehsildar(East), Ludhiana to ensure compliance of this order before the next date of hearing failing punitive action will be initiated on the next date of hearing. It is also clarified that in case a part of the information is available in the official record of the Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana, he will ensure to get the same to take the matter to its logical end. As such, a copy of this order is **being sent** to Ms. Sakhshi Sawhney, IAS, Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana as well as to Sh. Gurpreet Singh, Tehsildar(East), Ludhiana to comply with this order failing which they will be directed for personal appearance.

7. To come up on 11th July,2024 at 11:30 A. M. for hearing at Chandigarh.

Date 22nd May, 2024
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(Inderpal Singh)
Chief Information Commissioner
Punjab

CC : **Ms. Sakhshi Sawhney, IAS**
The Deputy Commissioner,
Ludhiana (Punjab)