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Vijay Kumar Kansal,
s/o Dev Raj,
H.No.491/9, Krishna Basti,
Dev Street, Samana,
District Patiala.

Versus

Public Information Officer,
o/o XEN Water Supply & Sanitation Division,
Gurdaspur.

Complaint Case No. 679 of 2019

PRESENT:

(Complainant) Absent

Harmanpreet Singh, SDO (for the Respondent)84700-98791.

ORDER:

1.The complainant, **Vijay Kumar Kansal**, filed this RTI application dated 21.2.19 and sought information from the PIO o/o **XEN Water Supply & Sanitation Division, Gurdaspur**. When no information was received, the Complainant filed a complaint under Section 18 of the RTI Act, 2005 to the Commission on **6.8.19**. The case was first (last) heard on **18.9.19**, wherein the APIO-cum-SDO Harmanpreet Singh was directed to enumerate the reasons for the long delay in addressing this RTI Request.

2.The appellant is absent without intimation to this Commission.

3.The respondent PIO, represented by Harmanpreet Singh, APIO-Cum-SDO, submitted a reply as directed at the last hearing, stating that the requested information was sent to the appellant by registered post on 17.9.19. The respondent has also cited the Lok Sabha Elections this year as the main reason for delay in furnishing the information requested.

4.The Commission cautions the respondent PIO against similar delays in responding to requests for information under the RTI Act in future.

5. There is no further cause for action and this complaint case is herewith **CLOSED.**

Sd/-

(ASIT JOLLY)

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Versus

Public Information Officer,
o/o XEN Water Supply & Sanitation Division,
Gurdaspur (EE-2),
Gurdaspur.

Complaint Case No. 680 of 2019

PRESENT :

(Appellant) Absent

Mandeep Singh, Clerk (for the Respondent)99884-24645.

ORDER :

1.The complainant, **Vijay Kumar Kansal**, filed this RTI application dated **22.2.19** and sought information from the PIO o/o **XEN, Water Supply & Sanitation Division, Gurdaspur**. When no information was received, the Complainant filed a complaint under Section 18 of the RTI Act, 2005 to the Commission on **6.8.19**. The case was last heard on **18.9.19**, wherein the respondent PIO, represented by Mandeep Singh, clerk, stated that the information was sent to the complainant on 5.8.19. he was also directed to enumerate the reasons for delay in furnishing the information in writing.

2.The appellant is absent without intimation to this Commission.

3.The respondent PIO, represented by Mandeep Singh, clerk, has submitted a reply as directed at the last hearing stating that the requested information was sent to the appellant on 5.8.19. The respondent has also stated the Lok Sabha Elections this year as the main reason for delay to deliver the information requested.

4.This Commission cautions the respondent PIO against similar delays in responding to requests for information under the RTI Act in future.

5. There is no further cause for action and this complaint case is herewith **CLOSED**.

Sd/-

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Sham Singh,
s/o Amar Singh,
Village Naraingarh Jhungian,
PO Chhat, Tehsil DeraBassi,
District Mohali.

Versus

Public Information Officer,
o/o XEN Water Supply & Sanitation Department,
Division-2, Phase-1,
Mohali.

Complaint Case No. 686 of 2019

PRESENT :

Sham Singh (Complainant)
Satwant Singh, Senior Assistant (for the Respondent) 81958-80501

ORDER:

1.The complainant, Sham Singh, filed this RTI application dated **30.5.19** and sought information from the PIO o/o XEN, Water Supply & Sanitation Division, Department, Division No.2, Phase-1, Mohali. When no information was received, the Complainant filed a complaint under Section 18 of the RTI Act, 2005 to the Commission on **6.8.19**. The case was last heard on **18.9.19**, wherein the complainant was absent and the respondent PIO, represented by Arun Kumar, accounts officer, was directed to send the requested information to the complainant by messenger and enumerate reasons for the delay.

2.Both parties are present. The respondent PIO, represented by Satwant Singh, Senior Assistant, has submitted that the information was sent to the complainant by registered post on 30.8.19. The Complainant has acknowledged receiving the information but says that it is incomplete pertaining to point No.6 of his RTI application. The respondent however, submitted that the information pertaining to point No.6 has not yet been generated and will be handed over as soon as the same becomes available.

3.This Commission advises the respondent PIO to be more proactive to requests for information under the RTI and respond within the stipulated 30 days.

4. There is no further cause for action and this complaint case is herewith **CLOSED**.

Sd/-
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Ashok Kumar

s/o Ram Prashad,
Radha Ramn Mil,
KilliChuharchak Road,
Ajitwal (Moga).

Versus

Public Information Officer,

o/o District Manager,
Punjab Warehousing Corporation,
Moga.

First Appellate Authority,

o/o Managing Director,
Punjab Warehousing Corporation,
Chandigarh.

Appeal Case No. 2788 of 2019

PRESENT:

(Appellant) Absent

Taranjeet Kaur Bajwa, (for the Respondent) 98147-08284

ORDER :

1.The RTI application is dated **20.2.19** vide which the appellant has sought information regarding a particular rice mill, as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on **1.8.19** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (RTI Act). The case was last heard on 18.9.19, wherein the respondent PIO, Taranjit Kaur Bajwa cited the FAA's order upholding nondisclosure by the PIO under Section 8(1)(d) of the RTI Act. The appellant, represented by Satinderpal Dhaliwal (advocate), contended that the information was in public interest but was unable to demonstrate such public interest. He was granted an opportunity to present legal premise in support of his case at the next hearing, viz. today.

2.The appellant is absent but has telephonically requested an adjournment as he is unable to attend today's hearing. The respondent PIO Taranjeet Kaur Bajwa is present.

3.In light of the appellant's request, this Commission grants him one more opportunity to be heard.

4. **Next hearing on 13.12.19 at 11.00 am.**

Sd/-

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Tejinder Singh (advocate),
Civil Court, Tehsil Complex,
Backside SanjhKendar,
Phillaur,
District Jalandhar-141123.

Versus

Public Information Officer,
o/o Municipal Council,
Patti.
First Appellate Authority,
o/o Deputy Director, Local Government,
Amritsar.

Appeal Case No. 2795 of 2019

PRESENT :

Appellant is ABSENT

Ranbir Sood, Sanitary Inspector (for the Respondent) 97805-53839

ORDER:

1.The RTI application is dated **16.5.19** vide which the appellant has sought information regarding dimensions of footpaths and encroachments etc., as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on **1.8.19** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (RTI Act). The case was last heard on 18.9.19, wherein both parties were absent.

2.The appellant Tejinder Singh is absent but has informed the Commission via e-mail that he has received the information and no longer wishes to pursue the case.

3.The respondent PIO represented by Ranbir Sood, Sanitary Inspector has submitted that requested information was sent to the appellant within the stipulated period on 19.6.19.

4.Under the circumstances, it is surprising that the appellant Tejinder Singh, who is a lawyer himself, still chose to file a first appeal on 16.6.19 and then a second appeal to this Commission on 1.8.19. The appellant is advised to be more careful on filing such appeals in future.

5.There is no further cause for action and this complaint case is herewith **CLOSED**.

Sd/-

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Jaswinder Singh,
s/o Surjit Singh,
Village Soja, PO Kalemajra,
Tehsil Nabha,
District Patiala.

Versus

Public Information Officer,
o/o Divisional Forest Officer,
Patiala.
First Appellate Authority,
o/o Conservator of Forest, South Circle,
Patiala.

Appeal Case No. 2802 of 2019

PRESENT :

Virpal Singh (for the Appellant)

Paramjeet Singh, Clerk (for the Respondent)99885-07346.

ORDER:

1.The RTI application is dated **7.3.19** vide which the appellant has sought information, regarding work allotment and funds utilization etc., as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on **1.8.19** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (RTI Act). The case was last heard on 18.9.19, wherein the respondent PIO was directed to arrange for the appellant to inspect the record over 12 days, since this was located at six different locations.

2.Both parties are present. The appellant represented, by Virpal Singh, contended that no record was made available for inspection on 4 days, when he was called to the office of Divisional Forest Officer, Patiala on the directions of this Commission.

3.The respondent PIO, represented by Paramjeet Singh, clerk, however, submitted that the appellant, despite several requests and reminders, came for inspection only one day and he refused to examine the record. In light of these contradictory submissions, this Commission directs the respondent PIO to give the appellant one more opportunity for inspection of the 8record on Tuesday, 5.11.19.

4.**Next hearing on 13.12.19 at 11.00 am.**

Sd/-
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Gurmeet Singh,
s/o Surmukh Singh,
2072, Bhai Mastan Singh Nagar,
Sri Mukatsar Sahib-152026.

Versus

Public Information Officer,
o/o. Rajasthan Feeder,
Ferozepur Circle,
Ferozepur.

First Appellate Authority,
o/o. Superintending Engineer,
Ferozepur Canal Circle,
Ferozepur.

AppealCase No. 2808 of 2019

PRESENT:

(Appellant) Absent

Harinder Pal Singh, Clerk (for the Respondent) 98729-77274

ORDER:

1.The RTI application is dated **4.5.19** vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on **2.8.19** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). The case was last heard on **18.9.19**, wherein the appellant was absent without intimation and the respondent PIO, represented by Gurdial Singh JE, claimed that the requested information was handed over to the appellant on 16.8.19. He also submitted a letter whereon the appellant had signed on as a receipt.

2.The appellant is absent without intimation to this Commission for the second time in succession. The respondent PIO, represented by Harinderpal Singh, SDO has submitted that the information was infact, sent to the appellant on 6.8.19 and received by him on 16.8.19. It is surprising that neither the respondent nor the appellant informed this Commission that the information has been furnished almost one month before first hearing of this appeal case on 18.9.19.The respondent PIO is requested to be careful in future so that unnecessary wastage of time and expense is avoided.

3.There is no further cause of action and this appeal case is herewith **CLOSED**.

Sd/-

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Surinder Kumar,
s/o Rameshwar Dass,
78, Village Sarangpur,
Chandigarh.

Versus

Public Information Officer,
o/o. Registrar, Water Resources Department,
Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,
o/o. Director, Water Cell,
Water Resources, Punjab,
Chandigarh.

Appeal Case No. 2817 of 2019

PRESENT:

Surinder Kumar (Appellant)
Arun Kumar, Clerk (for the Respondent) 99148-45905

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **12.6.19** vide which the appellant has sought information pertaining to selection proceedings dating back to 1982, as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on **5.8.19** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). The case was last heard on 18.9.19, wherein the respondent PIO, represented by Gopal Yakhmi, senior assistant, was directed to give a written submission that there was no other information on record other than that already furnished to the appellant during the FAA's hearing on 18.8.19.

2. Both parties are present. The respondent PIO, represented by Arun Kumar, clerk, submitted in writing that there is no further record pertaining to the appellant's RTI request in his office. The appellant, however, is still not satisfied with this reply.

3. Under the circumstances, this Commission directs the respondent PIO to submit signed Affidavit stating that there is no additional record (other than that already furnished) with the office of Registrar, Water Resource Department, Punjab, Chandigarh specifically pertaining to the appellant's RTI request dated 12.6.18.

4. **The next hearing on 13.12.19.**

Sd/-
(ASIT JOLLY)
State Information Commissioner

Chandigarh.
25.10.19