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Sh Om Parkash, (M-64372463)
14-A, Rani Ka Bagh,
Park Lane, Amritsar

...Appellant

VERSUS

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation,
Amritsar

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation, Amritsar

...Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 256 OF 2023

Present :- (i) None for the appellant.

(ii) For the respondent : Sh Arun khanna, ATP and Angad Singh, Building Inspector

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 06.03.2024.

2. The appellant is not present today. He has filed his submission through e-mail(s).

However, the appellant is contacted telephonically but the call was not connected.

3. The respondent has sought some time to provide the information.

4. In view of the above an opportunity is given to both the parties to appear before Commission and state their case.

5. Since, my term is expiring on 06.04.2024, the next date of hearing in this case cannot be fixed. Therefore, this case file is sent to Deputy Registrar for further necessary action and re-allocation to some other bench.

Dated :27.03.2024

Sd/-
(Amrit Partap Singh Sekhon)
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Sh. Ankit Sehgal,

C/o Bombay Studio, Near Post Office
Chowk, Pathankot

.....Appellant

.Vs

Public Information Officer,

O/o Civil Surgeon, Gurdaspur

First Appellate Authority

O/o Deputy Director, Health and

Family Welfare, Punjab

Parivar Kalyan Bhawan, Sector 34A,

Chandigarh

.....Respondent

AC No. 966 of 2023

Present: (i) Sh. Ankit Sehgal the appellant
(ii) For the respondent : None is present on behalf of the respondent

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 11.03.2024, passed by the Commission.

2. Today the appellant states that he has received the information. He further states that he has not received amount of compensation till now.

3. The respondent is absent today.

4. In so far as the information, in the instant case, is concerned, it has admittedly been supplied. The only issue is that the appellant has not received amount of compensation so far. Taking a lenient view, one last opportunity is given to the respondent to pay compensation to the appellant before the next date of hearing.

5. Since, my term is expiring on 06.04.2024, the next date of hearing in this case cannot be fixed. Therefore this case file is sent to Deputy Registrar for further necessary action and re-allocation to some other bench.

Sd/-

(Amrit Partap Singh Sekhon)

State Information Commissioner

Punjab

Dated: 27th March, 2024

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Sh Gurnam Singh, (99154-07584)
R/o Shri Joginder Singh,
R/o Village Todderwal, PO Babarpur,
Tehsil- Nabha, District Patiala

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Sub Divisional Engineer,
Water Supply and Sanitation Sub Division,
Nabha, District Patiala

First Appellate Authority
O/o XEN/ Executive Engineer,
Water supply and Sanitation Division,
Patiala

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 2841 of 2021

Present :- (i) Sh Gurnam Singh, appellant.

(ii) For the respondent: Sh Khuspal Singh, SDE, Jagtar Singh, Clerk
and Sh Sudhir Sharma, Advocate on behalf of third party

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 06.03.2024.

2. The appellant states that he has not received the complete information till date.
3. The respondent states that he has brought his point-wise specific reply, along with the copy of the information.
4. The perusal of the case file shows that the respondent has brought his point-wise specific reply along with the copy of information. Hence, copy of the information, as filed by the respondent, is sent to the appellant along with these orders with directions, to point out deficiencies if any, before the next date of hearing.
5. Since, my term is expiring on 06.04.2024, the next date of hearing in this case cannot be fixed. Therefore, this case file is sent to Deputy Registrar for further necessary action and re-allocation to some other bench.

Dated :27.03.2024

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Sh. Bittu, S/o Sh. Om Kumar,
Village Bholapur Jhabewal,
PO Ramarh, District Ludhiana – 141123
(Punjab) (9888296107)

.....Appellant

.Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o Director, Health and Family
Welfare ,Punjab, Parivar Kalyan Bhawan,
Sector 34A, Chandigarh

Public Information Officer
O/o Civil Surgeon,
Ludhiana (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority
O/o Director, Health and Family
Welfare ,Punjab, Parivar Kalyan Bhawan,
Sector 34A, Chandigarh

.....Respondent

AC No. 3602 of 2023

Present: (i) Sh. Jasbir Singh on behalf of the appellant
(ii) For the respondent : Sh. Sukhsit Singh, Clerk (9855824169), Dr. Harish Kapil, MO (9878401844) and Sh. Chandan, Clerk (8427898577)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 04.03.2024, passed by the Commission, vide which Rs. 5000/- as compensation was awarded to the appellant.

2. Respondent states that the information demanded by the appellant is third party information.

3. Today Sh Jasbir Singh is appearing on behalf of the appellant and states that no information has been given to him so far. He has also filed his written submissions today in the Commission.

4. *Copy of the same be sent to the respondent alongwith these orders.* Respondent is directed to file his rejoinder/response before the next date of hearing with a copy to the appellant.

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AC No. 3602 of 2023

5. Since, my term is expiring on 06.04.2024, the next date of hearing in this case cannot be fixed. Therefore this case file is sent to Deputy Registrar for further necessary action and re-allocation to some other bench.

Dated: 27th March, 2024

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Shri K N S Sodhi, (98720 70863)

R/o 1634, Sector 70,

S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali)

...Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o Commissioner,

Municipal Corporation, S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali)

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Commissioner,

Municipal Corporation, S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali)

...Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 3672 OF 2023

PRESENT: Shri K N S Sodhi, Appellant.

Shri Raghvir Singh, Superintendent (96460 30927) on behalf of the Respondents

ORDER:

This order may be read with reference to the order dated 11.03.2024 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.

2. The Respondent appears in person along with requisite information for the perusal of the Bench and the Appellant and the same is handed over to the Appellant consisting 1478 pages.

3. The Appellant requests that some more time is given to him to check the information provided.

4. In view of the above, the Appellant is advised to point out deficiencies in writing, if any, within in week to the PIO, under intimation to the Bench. The PIO is also directed to remove the deficiencies and supplied rectified information to the Appellant, before the next date of hearing, failing which strict action will be initiated against him as per provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

5. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. Since I am demitting the office on 6th April, 2024 and this case file is sent to the Deputy Registrar to place before the Hon'ble Chief Information Commissioner for re-allocation of the instant appeal case.

Sd/-

(Amrit Partap Singh Sekhon)

State Information Commissioner Punjab

Dated: 27.03.2024

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Shri K N S Sodhi, (98720 70863)

R/o 1634, Sector 70,

S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali)

...Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o Municipal Corporation,

S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali).

Public Information Officer,

O/o Executive Engineer,

Water Supply & Sanitation, Punjab,

Division – 2, S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali).

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Municipal Corporation,

S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali).

...Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 3677 OF 2023

PRESENT: Shri K N S Sodhi, Appellant.

Shri Sukhwinder Singh (94173 04332) & Shri Gaganpreet Singh, Jr. Engineers
(73408 57552) on behalf of the Respondents

ORDER:

This order may be read with reference to the order dated 06.03.2024 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.

2. The Respondent states that requisite information has already been supplied to the Appellant.

3. The Appellant states that he is furnished deficiencies in the provided information to the Respondents today via email, with a copy to the Bench. Copy of the same is sent to the PIO along with this order and also retained in the case file.

4. In view of the above, the PIO is directed to remove the deficiencies and supplied rectified information to the Appellant, before the next date of hearing, failing which strict action will be initiated against him as per provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

5. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. Since I am demitting the office on 6th April, 2024 and this case file is sent to the Deputy Registrar to place before the Hon'ble Chief Information Commissioner for re-allocation of the instant appeal case.

Sd/-

(Amrit Partap Singh Sekhon)

State Information Commissioner Punjab

Dated: 27.03.2024

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Shri Chandandeep Singh, (98887 09797)
S/o Shri Jagjit Singh,
R/o # 2449, Sector-71,
S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali)

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Director General of Police, Punjab,
Punjab Police Hqrs, Sector-9, Chandigarh.

Public Information Officer,
O/o Principal Secretary to Government of Punjab,
Department of Home affairs & Justice,
(Home-III Branch) Punjab Civil Secretariat,
Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Director General of Police, Punjab,
Punjab Police Hqrs, Sector-9, Chandigarh.

...Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4040 OF 2023

PRESENT: Advocate Shivam Garg, Representative of the Appellant.
Shri Lakhwinder Pal, Legal Clerk (95697 03838) on behalf of the Respondents

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the order dated 06.03.2024 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.

2. The Respondent states that the requisite information/reply has already been supplied to the Appellant and to the Bench.
3. The Representative of the Appellant appears in person and requests that some more time is given to him to file a rejoinder to the reply filed by the Respondents.
4. Last and final opportunity is given to the Appellant to file a rejoinder to the reply filed by the Respondents, failing which appropriate decision shall be taken on merits.
5. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. Since I am demitting the office on 6th April, 2024 and this case file is sent to the Deputy Registrar to place before the Hon'ble Chief Information Commissioner for re-allocation of the instant appeal case.

Sd/-

(Amrit Partap Singh Sekhon)

State Information Commissioner Punjab

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B. S. Garg, Advocate, (M.9814500950)
Tehsil Complex – Bhagta Bhai Ka,
Distt. – Bathinda (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Block Development
and Panchayat Officer,
Bhagta-Bhai-Ka,
Distt. – Bathinda (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The District Development
and Panchayat Officer,
Bathinda (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 4387 of 2023

Present : None for the parties

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 06.03.2024.

2. Today neither the appellant nor the respondent is present.
3. The appellant is not present today. However, he has filed an e-mail through which he has informed that he shall not be able to attend the hearing today. Further, he has also pointed out deficiencies in the information provided, through the said e-mail. Copy of the same is taken on record.
4. No one has appeared on behalf of the respondent today.
5. The perusal of the case file shows that both the parties are not present today. However, the appellant has filed an e-mail through which he has pointed out deficiencies in the information provided. Hence, copy of the same is sent to the respondent-PIO along with these orders with directions to provide complete information to the appellant, after the removal of the same.
6. Since, my term is expiring on 06.04.2024, the next date of hearing in this case cannot be fixed. Therefore, this case file is sent to Deputy Registrar for further necessary action and re-allocation to some other bench.

Date :27.03.2024

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Shri Lakhwinder Singh, (81949 92517)
S/o Shri Iqbal Singh,
R/o H. No. 153, Village Daddu Majra,
Tehsil & District Sri Fatehgarh Sahib – 140602

...Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o District Development & Panchayat Officer,
Sri Fatehgarh Sahib.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Deputy Commissioner,
Sri Fatehgarh Sahib.

...Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4651 OF 2023

PRESENT: Shri Lakhwinder Singh, Appellant.
Shri Buta Singh, Panchayat Secretary (97812 00341), for the Respondents.

ORDER:

This order may be read with reference to the order dated 11.03.2024 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.

2. The Respondent appears in person along with requisite information for the perusal of the Bench and the Appellant and same is handed over to the Appellant.

3. After going through the information, the Appellant is furnished deficiencies in the information provided by the Respondents today before the Bench. Copy of the same is sent to the PIO along with this order and also retained in the case file.

4. In view of the above, the PIO is directed to remove the deficiencies and supplied rectified information to the Appellant, before the next date of hearing, failing which strict action will be initiated against him as per provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

5. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. Since I am demitting the office on 6th April, 2024 and this case file is sent to the Deputy Registrar to place before the Hon'ble Chief Information Commissioner for re-allocation of the instant appeal case.

Sd/-

(Amrit Partap Singh Sekhon)
State Information Commissioner Punjab

Dated: 27.03.2024

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Dr. Harpreet Singh Kahlon, (98146 80904)

MS Civil Surgeon (Retd.)

Kahlon Road, Model Town, Jalandhar.

...Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o Block Development & Panchayat Officer,

Kalanaur, District Gurdaspur.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o District Development & Panchayat Officer,

Gurdaspur.

...Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4844 OF 2023

PRESENT:

Dr. Harpreet Singh Kahlon, Appellant.

Shri Jarnail Singh, BDPO – cum – PIO (73079 00043) along with Shri Kulwant Singh, V.D.O. (98146 97646), for the Respondents.

ORDER:

This order may be read with reference to the order dated 26.02.2024 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.

2. The Appellant states that incomplete information has been provided to him and he furnished deficiencies to the PIO.

3. The PIO states that he recently joins this office and request that some more time is given him to provide the requisite information to the Appellant. He further states that he has deposited the penalty amount of Rs. 25000/- in the State Treasury and cheque of compensation amount of Rs. 10000/- is handed over to the Appellant. Copy of the same is taken on record.

4. In view of the above, on the assurance given by the PIO, one more opportunity is given to the PIO with a direction to remove the deficiencies and supplied rectified information to the Appellant, before the next date of hearing, failing which strict action will be initiated against him as per provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

5. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. Since I am demitting the office on 6th April, 2024 and this case file is sent to the Deputy Registrar to place before the Hon'ble Chief Information Commissioner for re-allocation of the instant appeal case.

Sd/-

(Amrit Partap Singh Sekhon)

State Information Commissioner Punjab

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Shri Balram, (94639 74663)
S/o Shri Ram Narain,
R/o Village Dharampura, Tehsil Abohar,
District Fazilka – 152116

...Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Director,
Vigilance Bureau, Punjab
Vigilance Bhawan, Sector-68, SAS Nagar (Mohali)

Public Information Officer,
O/o Financial Commissioner,
Rural Development and Panchayats, Punjab
Vikas Bhawan, Sector-62, SAS Nagar (Mohali)

Public Information Officer, (BY NAME)
O/o District Development & Panchayat Officer,
Fazilka.

First Appellate Authority
O/o Chief Director,
Vigilance Bureau, Punjab
Vigilance Bhawan, Sector-68, SAS Nagar (Mohali).

...Respondents

APPEAL CASE No. 5027 OF 2023

PRESENT: Shri Balram, Appellant.
Shri Gurpreet Singh, Sr. Assistant on behalf of the Respondents.

ORDER:

This order may be read with reference to the order dated 06.03.2024 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.

2. The Appellant states that information sought has not been provided to him.
3. The Respondent states that letters have been written to the PIO O/o D.D.P.O. Fazilka but no reply received to date.

4. The PIO O/o D.D.P.O. Fazilka is again absent for today's hearing, inspite of the Notice/Orders of the Commission. This shows his disregard to the Commission. The absence of the PIO is viewed seriously as it has affected the hearing and disposal of the case.

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APPEAL CASE NO. 5027 OF 2023

4. The perusal of the case reveals that the PIO O/o DDPO, Fazilka has not provided the complete information to the appellant, even after the lapse of 11 months.

5. In view of the above, a **SHOW CAUSE NOTICE** under Section 20(1) of the RTI Act is issued to the PIO O/o District Development & Panchayat Officer, Fazilka to explain as to why penalty should not be imposed upon him/her for wilful delay/denial in supplying the information to the RTI applicant and why the compensation be not awarded to the appellant under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

6. The PIO O/o District Development & Panchayat Officer, Fazilka is directed to file a reply to the Show Cause Notice and provide the point-wise requisite information to the Appellant and should appear personally in the Commission, on the next date fixed, failing which penalty will be imposed upon him as per provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

7. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. Since I am demitting the office on 6th April, 2024 and this case file is sent to the Deputy Registrar to place before the Hon'ble Chief Information Commissioner for re-allocation of the instant appeal case.

Sd/-

(Amrit Partap Singh Sekhon)

State Information Commissioner Punjab

Dated: 27.03.2024

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Shri Ankit Sehgal, (98886 25152)
C/o Bombay Studio,
Near Post Office Chowk,
Pathankot.

...Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Executive Officer,
Nagar Council, Gurdaspur.

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

...Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 5501 OF 2023

PRESENT: Shri Ankit Sehgal, Appellant.
Shri Harjit Singh, Clerk (98880 86023) along with Shri Ajay, B.I. (93177 00002)
for the Respondents.

ORDER:

This order may be read with reference to the order dated 04.03.2024 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.

2. The Respondent states that the Appellant is asked to deposit the documentation fee but he did not respond.

3. The Appellant states that he has been filed rejoinder regarding the details of documentation fee but not replied by the PIO to date.

4. In view of the above, the Bench observes that the PIO is intentionally denied and delay the information sought. The PIO is again directed to file a reply to the Show Cause Notice issued to him vide order dated 04.03.2024 and reply to the rejoinder filed by the Appellant, before the next date of hearing, failing which penalty provisions will be initiated against him as per provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

5. The perusal of the record reveals that in this case the Appellant has tried his best to get the information from the PIO who failed to provide the information to the Appellant within stipulated period.

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APPEAL CASE NO. 5501 OF 2023

He has been made to run from pillar to post for getting the information, which he could not get even after the notice was issued by the Commission in the Second Appeal. He has suffered unnecessary detriments/harassment in getting the information at the hands of the PIO.

6. I have also looked into all the facts and circumstances of the case. In my view this is a fit case, where award of compensation under Section 19 (8) (b) is also called for. I have no doubt in my mind that this state of affairs has also come about on account of the absence of adequate machinery for handling the RTI work in O/o Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Gurdaspur is thus, responsible for the inadequate handling of the RTI request and in the instant case as well. I, therefore, order that **compensation of Rs. 5000/- (Rupees Five Thousand Only)** be paid to the appellant for the detriments suffered by him.

7. This amount shall be payable from the funds of O/o Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Gurdaspur by way of crossed Cheque/Demand Draft in the name of Shri Ankit Sehgal within one month.

8. The PIO is directed to send a copy of Cheque/Demand Draft to the Commission to establish the fact that order of the Commission has been complied with.

9. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. Since I am demitting the office on 6th April, 2024 and this case file is sent to the Deputy Registrar to place before the Hon'ble Chief Information Commissioner for re-allocation of the instant appeal case.

Sd/-

(Amrit Partap Singh Sekhon)

State Information Commissioner Punjab

Dated: 27.03.2024

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Shri Ankit Sehgal, (98886 25152)
C/o Bombay Studio,
Near Post Office Chowk,
Pathankot.

...Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Senior Medical Officer
Civil Hospital, Sri Muktsar Sahib.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Civil Surgeon,
Sri Muktsar Sahib.

...Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 5503 OF 2023

PRESENT: Shri Ankit Sehgal, Appellant.
Shri Harjit Singh, Nursing Officer (91322 00084) on behalf of the Respondents.

ORDER:

This order may be read with reference to the order dated 04.03.2024 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.

2. The Respondent orally states that the Appellant is asked to deposit the documentation fee but he did not respond whereas the Appellant states that he has already been deposited the documentation fee but information sought has not been provided to him to date.

3. In view of the above, the PIO is directed to file a reply to the Show Cause Notice issued to him vide order dated 04.03.2024 and to provide complete information to the Appellant, free of cost, before the next date of hearing.

4. The perusal of the record reveals that in this case the Appellant has tried his best to get the information from the PIO who failed to provide the information to the Appellant within stipulated period. He has been made to run from pillar to post for getting the information, which he could not get even after the notice was issued by the Commission in the Second Appeal. He has suffered unnecessary detriments/harassment in getting the information at the hands of the PIO.

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APPEAL CASE NO. 5503 OF 2023

5. I have also looked into all the facts and circumstances of the case. In my view this is a fit case, where award of compensation under Section 19 (8) (b) is also called for. I have no doubt in my mind that this state of affairs has also come about on account of the absence of adequate machinery for handling the RTI work in O/o Senior Medical Officer, Civil Hospital, Sri Muktsar Sahib is thus, responsible for the inadequate handling of the RTI request and in the instant case as well. I, therefore, order that **compensation of Rs. 5000/- (Rupees Five Thousand Only)** be paid to the appellant for the detriments suffered by him.

6. This amount shall be payable from the funds of O/o Senior Medical Officer, Civil Hospital, Sri Muktsar Sahib by way of crossed Cheque/Demand Draft in the name of Shri Ankit Sehgal within one month.

7. The PIO is directed to send a copy of Cheque/Demand Draft to the Commission to establish the fact that order of the Commission has been complied with.

8. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. Since I am demitting the office on 6th April, 2024 and this case file is sent to the Deputy Registrar to place before the Hon'ble Chief Information Commissioner for re-allocation of the instant appeal case.

Sd/-

(Amrit Partap Singh Sekhon)

State Information Commissioner Punjab

Dated: 27.03.2024

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Sh. Ankit Sehgal, (9888625152)

R/o C/o Bombay Studio

Near Post Office Chowk, Pathankot

.....Appellant

.Vs

Public Information Officer,

O/o Municipal Corporation

Batala, District Gurdaspur

First Appellate Authority

O/o Commissioner,

Municipal Corporation, Batala

District Gurdaspur

.....Respondent

AC No. 5505 of 2023

Present: (i) Sh. Ankit Sehgal, the appellant

(ii) For the respondent : None is present on behalf of the respondent

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 04.03.2024, vide which a show cause notice was issued to the respondent-PIO.

2. Today the appellant Sh. Ankit Sehgal states that no information has been given to him so far.

3. Respondent is absent today.

4. After hearing the appellant and going through the case file, it is observed that during the last hearing the respondent was absent and a show cause notice was issued to him. Today again the respondent is not present. This shows that the respondent has no regard for the orders issued by the Commission. This is indeed a serious matter.

5. This has resulted in much avoidable inconvenience and hardship to the Appellant. He is, therefore, entitled to be compensated under Section 19(8)(b) of RTI Act 2005 for the loss and detriment suffered by him. In the circumstances, I am of the view that ends of justice would be met if a sum of **Rs.5000/- (Rupees Five Thousand Only)** is awarded to the Appellant as compensation. I order accordingly.

6. This amount shall be payable by the Respondent from the State exchequer within fifteen days from the receipt of this order under intimation to the Commission.

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AC No. 5505 of 2023

7. Since, my term is expiring on 06.04.2024, the next date of hearing in this case cannot be fixed. Therefore this case file is sent to Deputy Registrar for further necessary action and re-allocation to some other bench.

Dated: 27th March, 2024

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...Appellant

VERSUS

Public Information Officer,
O/o Executive Officer,
Municipal Council, Dinanagar,
District Gurdaspur.

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

...Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 5507 OF 2023

Present :- (i) Shri Ankit Sehgal, appellant.
(ii) None for the respondent

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 04.03.2024.

2. No one has appeared on behalf of the respondent today. However, the respondent-PIO has filed an e-mail mentioning therein that he shall not be able to attend the hearing today. Further, he has also mentioned in the said e-mail that the appellant has not deposited the documentation fee. Hence, the information has not been provided.

3. The appellant states that he has already filed his submissions regarding the same in the Commission office.

4. The perusal of the case file shows that the Respondent-PIO has sought an adjournment today. Further, the respondent has informed that the appellant has not deposited the requisite documentation fee, as demanded from him hence, the information has not been provided. The appellant has already filed his submissions regarding the same. Hence, copy of the submissions, as filed by the appellant, is sent to the respondent along with these orders with directions, to file his reply accordingly.

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APPEAL CASE NO. 5507 OF 2023

5. Since, my term is expiring on 06.04.2024, the next date of hearing in this case cannot be fixed. Therefore, this case file is sent to Deputy Registrar for further necessary action and re-allocation to some other bench.

Dated :27.03.2024

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Sh. Ankit Sehgal, (9888625152)

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Near Post Office Chowk, Pathankot

.....Appellant

.Vs

Public Information Officer,

O/o Executive Engineer,
Provincial Division, Public
Works Department (B&R),
Jalandhar

First Appellate Authority

O/o Superintending Engineer,
Construction Circle No. 01,
Public Works Department (B&R)
Jalandhar

.....Respondent

AC No. 5509 of 2023

Present: (i) Sh. Ankit Sehgal the appellant
(ii) For the respondent : None is present on behalf of the respondent

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 04.03.2024, passed by the Commission.

2. Today the appellant Sh. Ankit Sehgal states that he is not satisfied with the information provided.

3. After hearing the appellant and going through the case file, it is observed that the appellant filed RTI with the department on 23.05.2023, but after lapse of more than ten months the appellant is not satisfied with the information. Even the respondent has not bothered to attend the hearing. This shows that the respondent has no regard for the orders issued by the Commission. This is indeed a serious matter.

4. In view of the above, **PIO**- Executive Engineer, Provincial Division, Public Works Department (B&R), Jalandhar to show cause in writing or through affidavit under Section 20(1) of the RTI Act, as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay/ denial of the information to the RTI applicant and why the compensation be not awarded to the complainant under Section 19 (8)(b) of the Act for detriment suffered.

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In addition to his submission, the PIO is also hereby given an opportunity under Section 20(1) proviso, thereto, for a personal hearing before the imposition of such penalty on the next date of hearing. He may note that in case he does not file his submission and does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the next 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.

5. Since, my term is expiring on 06.04.2024, the next date of hearing in this case cannot be fixed. Therefore this case file is sent to Deputy Registrar for further necessary action and re-allocation to some other bench.

Dated: 27th March, 2024

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Pathankot.

...Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Superintending Engineer,
Public Works Department (B & R),
Construction Circle, Hoshiarpur.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Superintending Engineer,
Public Works Department (B & R),
Construction Circle, Hoshiarpur.

...Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 5562 OF 2023

PRESENT: Shri Ankit Sehgal, Appellant.
Shri Tejinder Singh, XEN and Shri Pawan Kumar, Clerk for the Respondents

ORDER:

This order may be read with reference to the order dated 04.03.2024 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.

2. The Respondent appears in person along with requisite information for the perusal of the Bench and the Appellant and the same is handed over to the Appellant.
3. The Appellant requests that some more time is given to him to check the information provided.
4. In view of the above, the Appellant is advised to point out deficiencies in writing, if any, within in week to the PIO, under intimation to the Bench. The PIO is also directed to remove the deficiencies and supplied rectified information to the Appellant, before the next date of hearing.
5. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. Since I am demitting the office on 6th April, 2024 and this case file is sent to the Deputy Registrar to place before the Hon'ble Chief Information Commissioner for re-allocation of the instant appeal case.

Sd/-

(Amrit Partap Singh Sekhon)
State Information Commissioner Punjab

Dated: 27.03.2024

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S/o Sh Satish Chander,
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Ludhiana-141116

...Appellant

VERSUS

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Incharge,
Police Post- Basant Avenue,
Ludhiana

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Commissioner of Police,
Ludhiana

...Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 5576 OF 2023

Present :- (i) None for the appellant.
(ii) For the respondent : Sh Pritpal Singh, ASI (9878020631)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 01.01.2024 vide which the above mentioned case was disposed off with directions to the respondent to provide information pertaining to point no. 3 and 4 (except the copy of MLR) to the appellant within ten days of the receipt of this order. However, through his representation/email dated 20.01.2024 the appellant has brought to the notice of the Commission that the orders dated 01.01.2024 have not been complied with. Considering the same, notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 27.03.2024.

2. The appellant is not present today. However, he has filed an e-mail through which he has sought an exemption from today's hearing. Further, he has also filed his submissions through the said e-mail. Copy of the same is taken on record.

3. The respondent has sought some time to provide the information.

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APPEAL CASE NO. 5576 OF 2023

4. In view of the above, an opportunity is given to the respondent to provide complete information pertaining to point no. 3 and 4 (except the copy of MLR) to the appellant.

5. Since, my term is expiring on 06.04.2024, the next date of hearing in this case cannot be fixed. Therefore, this case file is sent to Deputy Registrar for further necessary action and re-allocation to some other bench.

Dated :27.03.2024

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Sh Jasmeet Singh, (M-89681-52666)
S/o Sh Nachattar Singh,
Village Dan Singh Wala,
Bathinda (RTI application no. 69691)

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o DDPO, Bathinda

First Appellate Authority
O/o DC, Bathinda

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 5586 of 2023

Present :- (i) Sh Jasmeet Singh, appellant.

(ii) For the respondent : Sh Amandeep Sharma, BDPO Sh Gurtej Singh, TC,
Sh Jaspreet Singh, Supdt and Sh Satnam Singh, Naib Tehsildar, Goniana.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 04.03.2024.

- The appellant states that the information provided to him is not complete and he is not satisfied with it.
- Sh Amandeep Sharma, BDPO is appearing on behalf of the Respondent. He states that the information is related to Naib Tehsildar, Goniana. He also files his reply to the show-cause notice. I have gone through the same and have agreed with it. Resultantly, the proceedings u/s 20(1) of the RTI Act are hereby dropped.
- Sh Satnam Singh, Naib Tehsildar, Goniana is appearing personally today. He has sought some time to provide the information.
- In view of the above, an opportunity is given to Sh Satnam Singh, Naib Tehsildar, Goniana to provide complete information to the appellant before the next date of hearing. The appellant has expressed his satisfaction over the same.
- Since, my term is expiring on 06.04.2024, the next date of hearing in this case cannot be fixed. Therefore, this case file is sent to Deputy Registrar for further necessary action and re-allocation to some other bench.

Sd/-

(Amrit Partap Singh Sekhon)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Dated :27.03.2024

CC: Sh Satnam Singh, Naib Tehsildar, Goniana (for necessary compliance)

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Malout, Distt Sri Mukatsar Sahib
(M-9779948047)

..... Appellant

.Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o Distt System Manager,
O/o DC, Sri Mukatsar Sahib

First Appellate Authority,
O/o DC, Sri Mukatsar Sahib

.....Respondent

AC No. 5631 of 2023

Present :- None for the parties.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 06.03.2024 vide which a show-cause notice was issued to the Respondent-PIO.

2. Both the parties are not present.
3. The perusal of the case file shows that no one has appeared on behalf of the respondent today. The Respondent-PIO has not even bothered to inform the Commission about his absence nor filed any reply to the notice issued by the Commission. Hence, a final opportunity is given to the respondent-PIO to appear before the Commission along with the complete information and specific reply, pertaining to the RTI of the appellant.
4. Since, my term is expiring on 06.04.2024, the next date of hearing in this case cannot be fixed. Therefore, this case file is sent to Deputy Registrar for further necessary action and re-allocation to some other bench.

Date : 27.03.2024

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Sh Jagtar Singh, (98152-89033)
S/o Sh Sampooran Singh,
R/o Village Naraiwa, PO Bhagwara,
Block Khera, Tehsil – Bassi Pathana
District Fatehgarh Sahib

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Block Development & Panchayat Officer,
Block Khera, Distt Fatehgarh Sahib

First Appellate Authority
O/o District Development & Panchayat Officer,
Fatehgarh Sahib

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 5931 of 2023

Present :- (i) Sh Jagtar Singh, appellant
(ii) None for the respondent

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 11.03.2024.

2. The appellant states that he has not received any information till date.
3. No one has appeared on behalf of the respondent today.
4. The perusal of the case file shows that no one has appeared on behalf of the respondent-PIO today. The respondent-PIO has not even bothered to inform the Commission about his absence. He has not even provided the information to the appellant. In view of the above, **PIO- O/o Block Development & Panchayat Officer, Block Khera, Distt Fatehgarh Sahib** to show cause in writing or through affidavit under Section 20(1) of the RTI Act, as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay/ denial of the information to the RTI applicant.

In addition to his submission, the PIO is also hereby given an opportunity under Section 20(1) proviso, thereto, for a personal hearing before the imposition of such penalty on the next date of hearing. He may note that in case he does not file his submission and does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the next 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.

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Appeal Case No. 5931 of 2023

5. Since, my term is expiring on 06.04.2024, the next date of hearing in this case cannot be fixed. Therefore, this case file is sent to Deputy Registrar for further necessary action and re-allocation to some other bench.

Dated: 27.03.2024

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