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Ms. Archana Thakur,

D/o Late Sh. Prithvi Raj Thakur,
F7/280, Gali Aare Wali,
Batala Road, Kashmir Avenue,
Amritsar (Punjab)
(M: 8360543890)

.... Complainant

V/s

Sh. Amandeep Chawla,

Public Information Officer-
Cum-District Revenue Officer,
O/o Deputy Commissioner,
Amritsar

Public Information Officer,

O/o The Sub Divisional Magistrate,
Amritsar – I, Amritsar

Public Information Officer,

O/o The Sub Divisional Magistrate,
Amritsar – II, Amritsar

First Appellate Authority-cum-

Additional Deputy Commissioner (General)
District Administrative Complex,
Amritsar

... Respondents

Complaint Case No.449 of 2022 **(Converted into Appeal-case)**

Present : None on behalf of the parties.

ORDER

This case may be read with reference to the previous order dated 13.03.2024.

2. The respondent PIO is absent but he has sent an email, which is taken on record, mentioning therein as under:

“ਉਪਰੋਕਤ ਵਿਸ਼ੇ ਤੇ ਹਵਾਲੇ ਅਧੀਨ ਆਪ ਜੀ ਦੇ ਦਫਤਰ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਪੱਤਰ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤ ਹੋਇਆ ਹੈ , ਜਿਸ ਵਿੱਚ ਪ੍ਰਾਰਥੀ Ms Kamaldeep Kaur ਨੇ ਆਰ.ਟੀ.ਆਈ. ਐਕਟ 2005 ਤਹਿਤ ਸੂਚਨਾ ਦੀ ਮੰਗ ਕੀਤੀ ਸੀ , ਜਿਸ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਆਪ ਜੀ ਨੂੰ ਬੇਨਤੀ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਂਦੀ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਆਪ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤ ਹੋਏ ਪ੍ਰਾਰਥੀ ਨੂੰ ਮੁਆਵਜ਼ੇ ਦੇ ਤੌਰ ਤੇ 25000/- ਰੁਪਏ ਦੀ ਅਦਾਇਗੀ ਕਰਨ ਦੇ ਹੁਕਮ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤ ਹੋਏ ਸਨ , ਜਿਸ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਪ੍ਰਾਰਥੀ ਦੀ ਦਰਖਾਸਤ ਮਾਣਯੋਗ ਡਿਪਟੀ ਕਮਿਸ਼ਨਰ ਅੰਮ੍ਰਿਤਸਰ ਜੀ ਕੋਲ ਪੁੱਟਾਅਪ ਕੀਤੀ ਹੋਈ ਹੈ,

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ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਕੋਈ ਵੀ ਆਰਡਰ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤ ਨਹੀਂ ਹੋਏ ਹਨ, ਜਿਸ ਕਰਕੇ ਆਪ ਜੀ ਦੇ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤ ਆਰਡਰਾਂ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਪਾਲਣਾ ਨਹੀਂ ਹੋ ਸਕੀ ਹੈ। ਇਸ ਲਈ ਇਸ ਕੇਸ ਵਿੱਚ ਹੋਈ ਦੇਰੀ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਮਾਫੀ ਮੰਗ ਦਿਆਂ ਬੇਨਤੀ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਂਦੀ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਅਗਲੀ ਤਾਰੀਖ ਦੇਣ ਦੀ ਕ੍ਰਿਪਾਲਤਾ ਕਰਨਾ ਜੀ।“.

3. The appellant is absent without intimation. It is also a fact that copy of previous order was sent to her through registered post which appeared that her absence is intentional and willful and does not intend to pursue her case. One **last opportunity** is granted to her to remain present on the next date of hearing for deliberation, failing which the case will be decided ex-parte, on merit.

4. The request made by the respondent is very reasonable and sustainable because Lok Sabha Elections 2024 within India as well as in the Punjab are going on rather Punjab is in the last phase and the day after tomorrow voting will be started. Accordingly, the request of the respondent is accepted and the case is adjourned with the directions to the respondent PIO to pay the compensation amounting to Rs. 25,000/- as compensation as has been awarded to the appellant. Also, a copy of this order is **being sent** to the Deputy Commissioner, Amritsar to ensure the compliance of this order. It is also a fact a show cause notice was issued to Sh. Surinder Singh, PCS the then Addl. Deputy Commissioner (General), Amritsar and one more opportunity is granted to make his submissions, if any, regarding the show cause notice issued to him.

5. In the light of the present circumstances, both the parties are directed to remain present on the next date of hearing for deliberations, failing which case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

6. To come up on **29.08.2024 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

Date: 29.05.2024

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(Inderpal Singh)
Chief Information Commissioner
Punjab

CC:

Sh. Ghanshyam Thori, IAS
The Deputy Commissioner
Amritsar

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Ms. Maninder Kaur,

W/o Sh. Kulveer Singh Dhaliwal,
Village Nurkheria,
Distt – Patiala (Punjab)
M : 9779062650

Appellant

Vs

Ms. (Dr.) Navjot Kaur,

Registrar-cum-Public Information Officer,
O/o The Punjabi University, Patiala (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority

O/o The Vice Chancellor,
Punjabi University, Patiala (Punjab)

Respondent

Appeal Case No. 2608 of 2022

Present : Ms. Maninder Kaur, the appellant in person.
Advocate, Sh. Angel Sharma on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This case may be read with reference to the previous order dated 13.03.2024.

2. The appellant given an undertaking that she is satisfied with the information related to Point No. 1,4,5,6,8,11 and 12 regarding the remaining Point No. 2, 3, 7, 9, 10 and 14 the appellant filed the deficiencies, a copy of which is handed over to the Counsel of the respondents during the course of hearing. Also the appellant filed the public interest regarding Point No. 13 as was directed on 13.03.2024 and requested for the information. Also, a copy of the same is handed over to the respondent during the course of hearing. Accordingly, the case is adjourned with the directions to the respondent PIO to remove the deficiencies as has been pointed out by the appellant before the next date of hearing. He is also directed to file the submissions, if any, regarding Point No. 13, if any, to take the matter to its logical end. The decision regarding show cause issued to Dr. Navjot Kaur, Registrar-cum-PIO will be taken on the next date of hearing.

3. To come up on **25.07.2024 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

Date: 29.05.2024

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Ms. Kamaldeep Kaur,
W/o Sh. Ajai Pal Singh,
V. P. O. – Gumtala,
Near Govt. Dispensary,
Amritsar
(M.-98721-39640)

Appellant

Vs.

Public Information Officer
O/o The Tehsildar - II,
Amritsar

Sh. Amandeep Chawla,
Public Information Officer-
Cum-District Revenue Officer,
O/o The Deputy Commissioner,
Amritsar

First Appellate Authority
O/o The Tehsildar - II,
Amritsar

Respondents

Appeal Case No. 4161 of 2022

Present : None on behalf of the parties.

ORDER

This case may be read with reference to the previous order dated 13.03.2024

2. The respondent PIO is absent but he has sent an email mentioning therein as under:

“ਉਪਰੋਕਤ ਵਿਸ਼ੇ ਤੇ ਹਵਾਲੇ ਅਧੀਨ ਆਪ ਜੀ ਦੇ ਦਫਤਰ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਪੱਤਰ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤ ਹੋਇਆ ਹੈ , ਜਿਸ ਵਿੱਚ ਪ੍ਰਾਰਥੀ Ms Kamaldeep Kaur ਨੇ ਆਰ.ਟੀ.ਆਈ. ਐਕਟ 2005 ਤਹਿਤ ਸੂਚਨਾ ਦੀ ਮੰਗ ਕੀਤੀ ਸੀ , ਜਿਸ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਆਪ ਜੀ ਨੂੰ ਬੇਨਤੀ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਂਦੀ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਆਪ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤ ਹੋਏ ਪ੍ਰਾਰਥੀ ਨੂੰ ਮੁਆਵਜ਼ੇ ਦੇ ਤੌਰ ਤੇ 25000/- ਰੁਪਏ ਦੀ ਅਦਾਇਗੀ ਕਰਨ ਦੇ ਹੁਕਮ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤ ਹੋਏ ਸਨ , ਜਿਸ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਪ੍ਰਾਰਥੀ ਦੀ ਦਰਖਾਸਤ ਮਾਣਯੋਗ ਡਿਪਟੀ ਕਮਿਸ਼ਨਰ ਅੰਮ੍ਰਿਤਸਰ ਜੀ ਕੋਲ ਪੁੱਟਾਅਪ ਕੀਤੀ ਹੋਈ ਹੈ,

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Appeal Case No. 4161 of 2022

ਪਰ ਡਿਪਟੀ ਕਮਿਸ਼ਨਰ ਜੀ ਰਿਟਰਨਿੰਗ ਅਫਸਰ ਵੱਜੋਂ ਇਲੈਕਸ਼ਨ ਦੀ ਡਿਊਟੀ ਵਿੱਚ ਵਿਅਸਤ ਹੋਣ ਕਾਰਣ

ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਕੋਈ ਵੀ ਆਰਡਰ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤ ਨਹੀਂ ਹੋਏ ਹਨ, ਜਿਸ ਕਰਕੇ ਆਪ ਜੀ ਦੇ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤ ਆਰਡਰਾਂ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਪਾਲਣਾ ਨਹੀਂ ਹੋ ਸਕੀ ਹੈ। ਇਸ ਲਈ ਇਸ ਕੇਸ ਵਿੱਚ ਹੋਈ ਦੇਰੀ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਮਾਫੀ ਮੰਗ ਦਿਆਂ ਬੇਨਤੀ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਂਦੀ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਅਗਲੀ ਤਾਰੀਖ ਦੇਣ ਦੀ ਕ੍ਰਿਪਾਲਤਾ ਕਰਨਾ ਜੀ, which is taken on record.

3. The appellant is absent without intimation. It is also a fact that a copy of previous order was sent to her through registered post which appeared that her absence is intentional and willful and does not intend to pursue her case. One **last opportunity** is granted to her to remain present on the next date of hearing for deliberation, failing which the case will be decided ex-parte, on merit.

4. The request made by the respondent is very reasonable and sustainable because Lok Sabha Elections 2024 within India as well as in the Punjab are going on rather Punjab is in the last phase and a day after tomorrow voting will be started. Accordingly, the request of the respondent is accepted and the case is adjourned with the directions to the respondent PIO to pay the compensation amounting to Rs. 25,000/- as compensation as has been awarded in favour of the appellant. Also, a copy of this order is **being sent** to the Deputy Commissioner, Amritsar to ensure the compliance of this order.

5. In the light of the present circumstances, both the parties are directed to remain present on the next date of hearing for deliberations, failing which case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

6. To come up on **29.08.2024 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

Date: 29.05.2024

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CC:

Sh. GhanshyamThori, IAS
The Deputy Commissioner
Amritsar

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Sh. Jaswant Kumar Madaan,

H.No. 167, Old Post Office,
Street Near HiraMandi ,
Ferozpur City 152002
9988990985

Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer

O/o ShaheedBhagat Singh,
State University Ferozpur

First Appellate Authority

O/o ShaheedBhagat Singh,
State University Ferozpur

Respondents

Appeal Case No. 5113 of 2022

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.
Sh. Nirmal Singh, APIO-TG1 (9463786971) and Dr.Bohar Singh, Associate Professor (8146992581) on behalf of the respondents.

ORDER

This case may be read with reference to the previous order dated 13.03.2024

2. The appellant is absent but he has sent the request to adjourn the case. Also, he has filed the public interest involved in seeking the information which is already available in the case file. Also, the respondent filed the submissions as per the directions given by the Commission on 13.03.2024.

3. The respondents are present in spite of the fact that Lok Sabha Elections 2024 within India as well as in the Punjab are going on rather Punjab is in the last phase and the day after tomorrow voting will be started.

4. Since, the appellant is absent and requested for an adjournment the case is adjourned with the directions to both the parties to remain present on the next date of hearing for deliberations, failing which case will be decided on merit, ex-parte. It is also clarified that no further adjournment will be given in this case.

5. To come up on **07.08.2024 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

Date:29.05.2024

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Sh. Veerdavinder Singh,
S/o Sh. Harbhajan Singh,
R/o Village Chokiman, Jagraon ,
Distt. Ludhiana-142023
(M: 9988544907)

Appellant

Vs.

Public Information Officer,
o/o DPI (SE), PB.. Mohali.

First Appellate Authority.
O/o Principal Secretary,
School Education Department,
PB., Mohali.

Public Information Officer,
O/o Punjab Education Recruitment Board,
O/O DPI (SE), Pb., Mohali.

Sh. Harpreet Singh,
PIO-cum-Asstt. Director,
O/o Punjab Education Recruitment Board,
o/o DPI (SE), Pb., Mohali.

Respondents

Appeal Case No. 5217 of 2022

Present : Sh. Veerdavinder Singh, the appellant in person.
Sh. Harpreet Singh, Assistant Director, Sh. Ashish, Senior Assistant and Sh. Balraj Singh, Senior Assistant-cum-APIO(9464150033) on behalf of the respondents.

ORDER

This case may be read with reference to the previous order dated 13.03.2024

2. The appellant submits that he is satisfied with the information pertaining to Point No. 1 and 4. Regarding Point No. 2 and 3 the appellant submits that he is not satisfied with the same. Sh. Harpreet Singh submits that the information pertaining to Point No. 2 & 3 relates to the Director Public Instructions (Secondary Education) (Establishment 2 Branch), Mohali. Also, the representative of the DPI (SE) office submits that the letters were issued to the appellant to contact the respondent but the appellant did not come.

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Appeal Case No. 5217 of 2022

However, the appellant submits that he was sick so he was unable to attend the office of DPI (SE). The respondent further submits that the appellant may come to the office to inspect the record related to the sought information and the record related to the RTI application will be made available to the appellant and in case any information will be identified by him, the same will be supplied, duly certified with which the appellant agreed to.

Accordingly, the appellant is directed to visit the respondent office and contact Sh. Balraj Singh (M: 9464150033) between 12.06.2024 to 30.06.2024 with prior intimation on any working day. The appellant is further directed to make the submissions, if any, after inspection of the record for consideration to the respondent PIO with a copy to the Commission.

3. Sh. Harpreet Singh, PIO-cum-Assistant Director tenders unconditional apology and requested to withdraw the show cause notice issued to him. After consideration the contentions of the respondent and going through the case file, the show cause notice issued to him in this case, is hereby withdrawn.

4. Both the parties are directed to remain present for the hearing for deliberations. In case of absence of any party the case will be decided, ex parte, on merit.

5. To come up on **31.07.2024 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

Date:29.05.2024

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Sh. Sandeep Mann,

H.No. 2928,
Sector 66 SAS Nagar
9417058040

..appellant

Vs

Sh. Rajiv Kumar,

Public Information Officer
O/o District Education Officer,(SE)
Mohali .

First Appellate Authority

O/o DPI (SE) Mohali.

The Principal,

St. Mary's School,
Management by Orthodox Syrian Church Society (Regd.)
Mohali.

..respondents

Appeal Case No. 5485 of 2022

Present : Sh. Sandeep Mann, the appellant in person.
None on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This case may be read with reference to the previous order dated 13.03.2024.

2. The appellant submits that the directions may be issued to the respondent PIO to supply a copy of file related to NOC application of St. Mary School Mohali. Regarding the remaining points the appellant showed his satisfaction with the same. It is also a fact that the directions were issued to the respondent PIO, O/o DEO (SE) to submit a photocopy of the counter signed documents related to the NOC application of St. Mary School in a sealed cover to ascertain whether the information can be supplied or not, as per the provisions of the RTI Act.

3. The respondent PIO is absent but he has sent an email stating therein that he is unable to attend today's hearing due to election duty, which is taken on record.

4. The request made by the respondent is very reasonable and sustainable because Lok Sabha Elections 2024 within India as well as in the Punjab are going on rather Punjab is in the last phase and a day after tomorrow voting will be started.

5. Accordingly, the case is adjourned for further hearing on **18.07.2024 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

Date:29.05.2024

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Sh. Surjit Singh, S/o Sh. Uttam Singh,

VPO Ladhuka, Tehsil & Distt.

Fazilka-152123. (M: 9463101650)

.....Appellant

Vs.

Public Information Officer,

O/o DEO (Primary),

Sri Muktsar Sahib.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o DEO (Primary),

Sri Muktsar Sahib.

Sh. Paramjit Singh,

S/o Sh. Amar Singh,

VPO Ladhuka, Distt.

Fazilka.

Public Information Officer

O/o District Education Officer, (EE),

Amritsar.

.....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 5685 of 2022

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.

Sh. Paramjeet Singh, Teacher (6239029070) and Sh. Dan Bahadur, Clerk (9876363704) on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This case may be read with reference to the previous order dated 13.03.2024.

2. Sh. Paramjeet Singh (Third party) involved in this case contended that his personal information may not be supplied to the appellant. The appellant is absent without intimation. It is also a fact that a copy of previous order 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.

3. In the interest of natural justice, an opportunity is granted to Sh. Paramjeet Singh (third party) to make the written submissions, if any, to take the matter to its logical end.

4. To come up on **29.08.2024 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

Date: 29.05.2024

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Sh. Jai Inder,

80, Sangam Enclave,
Sector-48 A, Chandigarh.
M: 9417334004

.....Appellant

Vs.

Public Information Officer,
O/o DPI (SE), PB., Mohali.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o DPI (SE), PB., Mohali.

.....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 6225 of 2022

Present : Sh. Jai Inder, the appellant in person.
Sh. Prabhjeet Singh, Registrar and Sh. Gurmukh Singh, Senior Assistant on
behalf of the respondents.

ORDER

This case may be read with reference to the previous order dated 13.03.2024.

2. The respondent PIO submitted a copy of DDR along with the information pertaining to the 08 representations of the appellant regarding which action taken has been sought by the appellant, comprising 14 pages except the forwarding letter. A copy of which is handed over to the appellant during the course of hearing with the directions to file the deficiency, if any, before the next date of hearing to the respondent with a copy to the Commission.
3. Both the parties are directed to remain present on the next date of hearing for deliberations to take the matter to its logical end.
4. To come up on **18.07.2024 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

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Ms. KusumLata

House No. 906,
Phase-9,
SAS Nagar (Mohali)

.....Appellant

Vs.

Public Information Officer,
O/o DPI (SE), PB., Mohali.

Public Information Officer,
O/o DEO (SE), PB., Mohali.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o DPI (SE), PB., Mohali.

.....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2750 of 2023

Present : Sh. Charanjeet on behalf of the appellant. .
Ms.Karamjeet Kaur, Senior Assistant on behalf of the respondents.

ORDER

This case may be read with reference to the previous order dated 20.03.2024.

2. The respondent handed over the information pertaining to Point No. 2 of the RTI application to the appellant. After going through the same the appellant submits that the same does not relates to office Memo no. 9/9-2009-Grant-1(4) 286 dated 22.07.2011.

3. After detailed deliberations with both the parties, the respondent requested for an adjournment to file the specific reply/undertaking in this regard. It is also clarified that in case any official record is missing, the responsibility of the custodian of the record be fixed for negligence and appropriate action be taken as per the service rules/instructions to lodge an FIR/DDR. Regarding compensation, the respondent requested for an adjournment of the case, so that the same can be paid to him out of the State Exchequer i.e. amounting to Rs. 10,000/-. It is also a fact that a copy of this order was sent to Sh. Paramjit Singh, DPI (SE), Punjab, SAS Nagar to ensure that compensation be paid to the appellant failing which he will be directed for personal appearance. Since, the order regarding compensation is yet to be compiled with, **one last opportunity** is granted to Sh. Paramjit Singh, DPI (SE), Mohali to ensure the compliance of the order else he will be directed for personal appearance or a disciplinary action for defiance of the order of the Commission can be recommended to the competent authority as per the procedure established by law on the next date of hearing.

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Appeal Case No. 2750 of 2023

4. A copy of this order is being sent to Sh. Kamal Kishor Yadav, IAS, Secretary to Government of Punjab, Department of Higher Education, Punjab Civil Secretariat-2, Chandigarh to ensure the presence of PIO and supply the complete information in this case before the next date of hearing.

5. To come up on **04.09.2024 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

Date: 29.05.2024

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(Inderpal Singh)
Chief Information Commissioner
Punjab

CC:

Sh. Kamal Kishor Yadav, IAS
The Secretary to Government of Punjab,
Deptt. of Higher Education,
Punjab Civil Secretariat-2, Chandigarh

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Sh. Rakesh Bansal,
S/o Sh. Hem Raj Bansal,
35, Civil Lines, Tehsil – Abohar,
Distt. – Fazilka - 152116(Punjab)
(M.-9463800638)

Encl : Reply

.....Appellant

Vs

- i) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Director,
Public Instructions (Colleges) Pb.,
Vidya Bhawan, P.S.E.B. Complex,
Block – E, 7th Floor, (Grant-1 Branch),
Sector 62, S. A. S. Nagar (Mohali) (Punjab)
- ii) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Deputy Director,
Public Instructions (Colleges) Pb.,
Vidya Bhawan, P.S.E.B. Complex,
Block – E, 7th Floor, (Grant-1 Branch),
Sector 62, S. A. S. Nagar (Mohali) (Punjab)
- iii) Public Information Officer,
O/o D. A. V. College,
Abohar, Distt. – Fazilka (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority
O/o The Director,
Public Instructions (Colleges) Pb.,
Vidya Bhawan, P.S.E.B. Complex,
Block – E, 7th Floor, (Grant-1 Branch),
Sector 62, S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali) (Punjab)

.....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2111 of 2023

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.
Ms. Anju(M.-9780408232), Senior Assistant, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 20.03.2024.

2. The appellant is not present in today's hearing. Due to absence of the appellant one last opportunity is granted to him to remain present on the next date of hearing, for deliberations, failing which the decision will be taken on merit, ex-parte.

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3. The respondent submitted a point wise reply which **is being** sent to the appellant alongwith this order to make the submissions, if any, in this regard.
4. The parties concerned are directed to remain present on the next date of hearing, failing which the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.
5. With this, the case is **adjourned to 31st July, 2024 at 11:30 A. M. for hearing.**

Date : 29th May, 2024

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Encl:

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Ms. Balwinder Kaur Mann
W/o Sh. Manjit Singh Mann,
House No. 02, Street – 01,
Near Nirmal Palace,
Village – Daba Dhandri Kalan,
Ludhiana - 141014(Punjab)
(M.-8872671366)

.....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Tehsildar(South),
Ludhiana (Punjab)

Encl : RTI

First Appellate Authority
O/o The Tehsildar(South),
Ludhiana (Punjab)

.....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2951 of 2023

Present : Ms. Balwinder Kaur Mann the appellant.
None on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 20.03.2024.

2. However, the appellant submits that she has visited the office of the respondent on 27.03.2024 as per the directions of the Commission to inspect the record but she is not satisfied with the same as the respondent are giving contradictory and misleading information. She further submits that the respondent is sending the reply that the record is not legible on the one hand, and the respondent are making the statement as per the extract of an official record which may be legible on the other. The respondent is absent but he has sent a request for an adjournment of the case to pay the compensation as has been awarded in this case amounting to Rs. 25000/-. Due to ongoing Lok Sabha Election 2024 in the country especially in the Punjab where voting will take place a day after tomorrow and the district administration will be busy in monitoring the same. As such, the request of the PIO is accepted and the respondent **PIO is directed to pay the compensation out of the exchequer** before the next date. Also, the respondent **PIO is directed to remain present** on the next date of hearing alongwith the original record failing which penalty provisions will be invoked and also disciplinary action can be recommended.

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3. Also a **show-cause notice** was issued to the then PIO - Ms. Gurpreet Kaur, Naib Tehsildar(South) regarding imposition of penalty but no submission has been received from her, Therefore, a copy of this order is being sent to her through Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana who is directed to deliver a copy of the same to her under intimation to the Commission. He is also directed to ensure the presence of the respondent PIO on the next date of hearing and to ensure compliance of this order.

4. With this, the case is **adjourned to 10th July, 2024 at 11:30 A. M. for hearing.**

Date :29th May, 2024

R

Encl:

(Inderpal Singh)
Chief Information Commissioner
Punjab

CC :

Ms. Sakhshi Sawhney,
The Deputy Commissioner,
Ludhiana (Punjab)

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Trust Association, Office 201/100, Block- J,
BRS Nagar, Ludhiana- 141012(Punjab)
M : 8264866993

.....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/oThe Tehsildar(West),
Ludhiana(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/oThe Sub Divisional Magistrate(West),
Ludhiana(Punjab)

..... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2582 of 2023

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

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 20.03.2024 vide which the case has already been closed to supply the information but the decision regarding show cause notice issued to Sh. Lakshay Kumar the then Tehsildar (West), Ludhiana now posted as District Revenue Officer, Moga is yet to be taken for which the case was adjourned.

2. The respondent Sh. Lakshay Kumar through an e-mail has intimated that he is unable to attend today's hearing due to Lok Sabha Elections 2024 and requested for an adjournment in this case.

3. Keeping in view the above, the case is **adjourned to 10th July, 2024 at 11:30 A. M. for hearing at Chandigarh.**

Date :29th May, 2024
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(Inderpal Singh)
Chief Information Commissioner
Punjab

CC: Sh. Lakshay Kumar
(the then PIO-cum-Tehsildar(West), Ludhiana)
Now District Revenue Officer
o/o Deputy Commissioner,
Moga (Punjab)

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.....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Director,
Public Instructions (Sec.) Pb.,
Vidya Bhawan, P.S.E.B. Complex,
Sector 62, S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali) (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority
O/o The Director,
Public Instructions (Sec.) Pb.,
Vidya Bhawan, P.S.E.B. Complex,
Sector 62, S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali) (Punjab)

.....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2538 of 2023

Present : Sh. Ramesh Chander on behalf of the appellant.
i) Sh. Jatinder Singh (M.-96915807250), Senior Assistant ; on behalf of the respondent
ii) Ms. Hem Lata, Lecturer (M.-9463577367) (Third party) ;
iii) Ms. Davinder Kaur (M.-9463996306) (Third party);
iv) Sh. Pardeep Kaushal (M.-7018854679) (Third party)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 20.03.2024.

2. The appellant submits that the directions may be issued to the respondent PIO to supply the complete information in this case. He has also submitted the written response along with the documents which is taken on record. The appellant sought the information related to third parties and the said parties have already been impleaded in the interest of natural justice. Third parties involved in this case appeared and made the written submissions that their personal information may not be supplied.

3. After hearing both the parties, the appellant is directed to establish the 'Larger Public Interest' involved in seeking third party information to take the matter to its logical end.

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4 Also, in the interest of natural justice, one more opportunity is granted to third parties to make their written submissions, if any, before the next date of hearing, failing which the decision will be taken ex-parte on merit. Also the parties involved in this case are directed to remain present on the next date of hearing for deliberations, failing which the decision will be taken on merit, ex-parte.

5. With this, the case is adjourned to 11th July, 2024 at 11:30 A. M. for hearing.

Date :29th May, 2024

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Sh. Santokh Singh
S/o Sh. Milkha Singh,
Village- Gagnoli, P. O. – Sahri,
Tehsil & Distt. - Hoshiarpur (Punjab)
(M.-9041588766)

.....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Block Development
And Panchayat Officer,
Hoshiarpur (Punjab)

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

.....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 4016 of 2023

Present : Sh. Santokh Singh, the appellant, in person.
None on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

The above mentioned case was earlier heard by the State Information Commissioner, Sh. Asit Jolly on 21.02.2024. Thereafter, the above said case was reallocated to this Bench, which is fixed for hearing today i. e. 29th May, 2024.

2. The respondent is absent without intimation. No information from the respondent has been received regarding his absence which shows carelessness and negligence. It is also a fact that Lok Sabha Elections 2024 are going on in the country including Punjab state and it may be presumed that the respondent may be busy in elections but it is his primary duty to inform to save the time and energy of the Commission as well as the appellant.

3. Nevertheless, another last opportunity is given to the respondent PIO to represent this case, in person, on the next date of hearing positively, failing which the stringent action will be taken as per the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

4. With this, the case is **adjourned to 26th June, 2024 at 11:30 A. M. for hearing.**

Date : 29th May, 2024

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Sh. Amandeep Singh S/o Sh. Bhag Singh,
C – 119, Flower Enclave,
Near Dugri By Pass,
Ludhiana - 141013 (Punjab)
(M.-98148020281)

.....Appellant

Vs

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

First Appellate Authority
O/o The District Education Officer(Sec.),
Moga (Punjab)

.....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 4992 of 2023

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.
i) Ms. Sukhbir Kaur(M.-7973181201), Superintendent o/o D.E.O. (S) Moga;
ii) Ms. Kavita Mittal, Assistant Director O/o D.P.I.(S), Mohali,
iii) Ms. Mohni Sharma, Clerk,(M.-9815520417) on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 09.05.2024.

2. After detailed deliberations with both the parties, the respondent office of District Education Officer(Sec.), Moga submits that the appellant may be directed to inspect the record related to the sought information and in case any information will be identified by the appellant, the same will be supplied, duly certified, with which the appellant agreed to.

3. Accordingly, the appellant is directed to visit the office of the respondent on or before 30th June, 2024 and contact Ms. Sukhbir Kaur, Superintendent, Mobile No.7973181201 who has already assured to facilitate the appellant for the inspection of the record. Also, the appellant is directed to make the submissions to Sh. Davinder (M.-797318101/9815520417) of Establishment – 1Branch O/o D. P. I.(Sec.), Mohali who is the custodian of the record, if the information related to the office of D. P. I.(Sec.), Mohali is required under intimation to the Commission. Also, Ms. Kavita assured that in case any deficiency will be pointed by the appellant, the same will be removed before the next date of hearing.

4. With this, the case is **adjourned to 17th July , 2024 at 11:30 A. M. for hearing.**

Date :29th May, 2024

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(Inderpal Singh)
Chief Information Commissioner
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Sh. Jagtar Singh S/o Sh. Sampooran Singh,
Village – Naraina, P. O. – Bagrana,
Block – Khera, Tehsil BassiPathana,
Distt. – Sri Fatehgarh Sahib(Punjab)
(M.-9815289033)

..Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Block Development
And Panchayat Officer,
Block - Khera, Distt. – Sri Fatehgarh Sahib (Punjab)

Encl:RTI

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

..Respondent(s)

Appeal Case No. 3615 of 2021

Present : Sh. Jagtar Singh, the appellant, in person.
None on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

The appellant filed the Civil Writ Petition No. 7587 of 2024 in the Hon'ble Punjab and Haryana High Court challenging the order of the Commission in the titled case. The relevant portion of the order is as follows :

“8. Keeping in view the above said facts and circumstances, the present Civil Writ Petition is partly allowed and the order dated 17.11.2022 (Annexure P-7) is set aside and respondent no. 1 is directed to reconsider the appeal no. 3615-2021 filed by the petitioner and decide the same, in accordance with law, as expeditiously as possible, after taking into consideration the law and the directions by this court in Rajwinder Singh’s case (Supra).”

2. The respondent is not present in today’s hearing but through an e-mail, he has intimated that he is unable to attend due to duty in Lok Sabha Elections 2024 and requested for an adjournment in this case.

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3. Due to ongoing Lok Sabha Elections 2024 in the country including Punjab State, another opportunity is granted to the respondent to file a point wise reply on the next date of hearing otherwise stringent action will be taken against the concerned PIO as per the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005. The application filed by the appellant at the initial stage before the Public Information officer **is also being** attached herewith for ready reference.

4. With this, the case is **adjourned to 31st July, 2024 at 11:30 A. M. for hearing.**

Date :29th May, 2024

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C/o Sh. Anil Puri,
H. No. 793 – C, Sector 90,
Near Vikram Public School,
Fauji Colony, Kharar (S.A.S. Nagar)(Punjab)

..Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Sub Divisional Magistrate,
Kharar, Distt. - S.A.S. Nagar(Mohali)(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority
O/o The Sub Divisional Magistrate,
Kharar, Distt. - S.A.S. Nagar(Mohali)(Punjab)

..Respondent(s)

Appeal Case No. 6266 of 2023

Present : Sh. Rohit Joshi(M.-7508557071), Advocate on behalf of the appellant.
None on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

The appellant filed the Civil Writ Petition No.8682 of 2024 in the Hon'ble Punjab and Haryana High Court and as per the directions of the Hon'ble Court, the case is fixed for hearing today i. e. 29.05.2024.

2. The appellant submitted that directions may be issued to the respondent PIO to supply the complete information in this case. None is present on behalf of the respondent. Also no intimation has been received from the respondent PIO. Due to ongoing Lok Sabha Elections 2024 in the country especially in the Punjab state where the voting will be held a day after tomorrow, therefore, one opportunity is granted and the case is adjourned with the directions to the respondent PIO to file the point wise/supply the information before the next date of hearing, failing which penalty provisions will be provoked, Also a copy this order is **being sent** to Deputy Commissioner, Mohali with the directions to ensure the presence of the PIO on the next date of hearing.

3. With this, the case is **adjourned to 26th June, 2024 at 11:30 A. M. for hearing.**

Date :29th May, 2024

R

(Inderpal Singh)
Chief Information Commissioner
Punjab

CC : Ms. Aashika Jain, IAS
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S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali)(Punjab)

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S/o Sh. Baldev Singh Saini,
F9/326/256 Gali No. 8,
Rajinder Nagar, Amritsar – II - 143001(Punjab)
(M.-7888805080)

.....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o Governance Reforms & Public Grievances,
Plot No. D-241, Industrial Area,
Phase – 8 B, Sector – 74,
S.A.S. Nagar (**Mohali**) (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority
O/o Governance Reforms & Public Grievances,
Plot No. D-241, Industrial Area,
Phase – 8 B, Sector – 74,
S.A.S. Nagar (**Mohali**) (Punjab)

.....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 5686 of 2023

Present : Sh. Dhiraj Saini, the appellant, in person.
i) Sh. Ravinder Saini(M.-9646022770), Superintendent ;
ii) Ms. Taruna Sharma(M.-6284319726), Deputy Manager, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 02.05.2024.

2. The appellant submits that he is not satisfied with the information pertaining to point No. 02 as the respondent has not mentioned specifically with regard to the conditions to promote the General Managers. However, the respondent Ms. Taruna Sharma submits that nobody has been promoted to the post of General Manager but on the basis of parity and fitment, adjustments have been done. Regarding conditions as has been mentioned in point No. 02 of the RTI application, the respondent requested for an adjournment of this case to file the specific reply as there is some intricacy in the provisions of the rules and regulations, which are yet to be cleared.

3. Accordingly, the request is accepted and the case is **adjourned to 31st July, 2024 at 11:30 A. M. for hearing.**

Date :29th May, 2024

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Ms. Jagroop Kaur

D/o Late Sh. Rajinder Singh,
VPO – Paddi Jagir,
Tehsil - Phillaur,
Distt. -Jalandhar(Punjab)

..Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer-
-cum-Medial Superintendent,
O/o The Civil Hospital,
Jalandhar (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority
O/o The Civil Hospital,
Jalandhar (Punjab)

.....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1525 of 2021

Present : Sh. Jaswinder (M.-9915252264) on behalf of the appellant.
None on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 03.04.20402.

2. The representative of the appellant submits that directions may be issued to the respondent PIO to supply the complete information. Further, he submits that the appellant has sought the information related to her husband who was HIV positive and died just after days of marriage and now the appellant is also HIV positive. In addition, he submits that the fact that the husband of the appellant as well as his family was well aware of the fact that her husband is HIV positive but due to their involvement she was also infected. Furthermore, he submits that earlier the department demanded the fee to deposit Rs. 66720/- whereas, the appellant is seeking information related to her own husband and requested that the information pertaining to her husband be supplied to him which is in the public interest. It is also a fact that at the later stage a response has been received from the respondent vide which the information was denied as per the provisions of 'The Human Immune Deficiency Virus and Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome Prevention and Control Act, 2017'.

3. The respondent PIO is absent without intimation. It is also a fact that the order/notice of hearing was sent to the respondent PIO through registered post but even though he is absent.

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4. Viewing the attitude in dealing with the RTI application by the respondent in a casual manner, Public Information Officer-cum-Medical Superintendent Civil Hospital, Jalandhar, is, thus, issued a show cause notice to explain in a self-attested affidavit as to why a penalty @ Rs.250/- per day of delay subject to a maximum of Rs.25,000/- till the complete information is furnished, be not imposed under Section 20(1) of RTI Act, 2005 on him for causing willful delay/denial of the information to the RTI applicant and to show cause why a compensation under section 19(8) of the RTI Act,2005, may not be paid to the appellatant for causing willful delay/denial of the information for detriment suffered by him.

In addition to the written reply, the Public Information Officer is also 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 take a note that in case he does not file his written reply and does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the next date, it will be presumed that he has nothing to say and the Commission will proceed ex-parte.

5. Keeping in view the above, a copy of this order **is also being** sent to the Civil Surgeon, Jalandhar with the directions to submit the names and addresses of the PIO office of Civil Hospital from 07.02.2020 (the date of RTI application) to date. Also a copy of this order **is being** sent to the Director Health and Family Welfare, Punjab, Chandigarh to ensure the presence of the concerned PIO on the next date of hearing.

6. With this, the case is adjourned to 4th July, 2024 at 11:30 A. M. for hearing.

Date :29th May, 2024
R

(Inderpal Singh)
Chief Information Commissioner
Punjab

- i) Ms. Hitinder Kaur,
Director, Health and Family Welfare, Punjab,
ParivarKalyanBhawan,
Sector 34 – A, Chandigarh
- ii) Sh. Ranjit Singh,
Civil Surgeon ,
Jalandhar (Punjab)