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Sh. Varun Goel,
1188, Krishan Nagar (Chatti Gali),
Railway Road, Jagraon,
Distt. – Ludhiana - 142026(Punjab)
(M. : 9463886161)

.....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o Khalsa College of Education,
Sri Muktsar Sahib(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority
O/o Khalsa College of Education,
Sri Muktsar Sahib (Punjab)

.....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3929 of 2023

Present : Sh. Varun Goel, the appellant in person.
Sh. Virender Singh(M.-8558030894) Advocate for Sh. Sameer Sachdeva,
Advocate, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 25.09.2024.

2. The appellant submitted that he has filed rejoinder to the respondent through an e-mail. The respondent requested that directions be issued to the appellant to file the rejoinder in form of hard copy. Accordingly, hard copy of the same has been handed over to him during the hearing. The appellant submitted that he has no objection if the submissions to be filed by the respondent be sent to him through an e-mail. The respondent is at liberty to file submission within twenty days from the date of the order and the same be sent to the appellant through an e-mail at varunpu22@gmail.com and a copy of the same be sent to the Commission. It is also clarified that in case no submission is received from the respondent, it would be assumed that the respondent has nothing to say the case will be decided on merits.

3. With this, the case is **adjourned to 16th January, 2025 at 11:30 A. M. for hearing at Chandigarh.**

Date : 4th December, 2024
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.....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o Dashmesh Khalsa College of Education,
Sri Muktsar Sahib (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority
O/o Dashmesh Khalsa College of Education,
Sri Muktsar Sahib (Punjab)

.....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3930 of 2023

Present : Sh. Varun Goel, the appellant in person.
Sh. Virender Singh(M.-8558030894) Advocate for Sh. Sameer Sachdeva,
Advocate, on behalf of the respondent..

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 25.09.2024.

2. The appellant submitted that he has filed rejoinder to the respondent through an e-mail. The respondent requested that directions be issued to the appellant to file the rejoinder in form of hard copy. Accordingly, hard copy of the same has been handed over to him during the hearing. The appellant submitted that he has no objection if the submissions to be filed by the respondent be sent to him through an e-mail. The respondent is at liberty to file submission within twenty days from the date of the order and the same be sent to the appellant through an e-mail at varunpu22@gmail.com and a copy of the same be sent to the Commission. It is also clarified that in case no submission is received from the respondent, it would be assumed that the respondent has nothing to say the case will be decided on merits.

3. With this, the case is **adjourned to 16th January, 2025 at 11:30 A. M. for hearing at Chandigarh.**

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Jagraon, Distt. – Ludhiana - 142026(Punjab)
(M. : 9463886161)

.....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Administrator,
Greater Ludhiana Area Development Authority
G. L. A. D. A., Ludhiana (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority
O/o The Administrator,
Greater Ludhiana Area Development Authority
G. L. A. D. A., Ludhiana (Punjab)

.....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3931 of 2023

Present : Sh. Varun Goel, the appellant in person.
Sh. Gurpreet Singh (M.-9463233449), PIO in person .

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 16.10.2024.

2. Sh. Gurpreet Singh is present and submitted that he is designated as PIO in this case and also submitted that the office has also designated the others as APIOs. He also submitted that no deficiency has been received from the appellant. However, the appellant submitted that he has sent the deficiencies to Sh. Suneet who is working as Senior Assistant and prima facie seems that Sh. Suneet has not reacted in time to respond to the deficiencies filed by the appellant.

3. Viewing the attitude in dealing with the RTI application by Sh. Suneet in a casual manner, a show cause notice is issued to him 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/-, 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. In addition to the written reply, an opportunity is given to him 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.

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Appeal Case No. 3931 of 2023

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4. Also, the appellant brought to the notice of the Commission that he has not received the compensation amounting to Rs. 5000/- as awarded vide orders dated 01.03.2024. The respondent submitted that for payment of compensation amount a little bit time be granted and the same will be paid on the next date of hearing. The request of the respondent is granted and another opportunity is given to the respondent to pay the compensation and a copy of the demand draft be submitted on the next date of hearing. Also, the respondent is directed to remove the deficiencies as has been pointed out by the appellant on the next date of hearing.

5. A copy of this order is **being sent** to Sh. Harpreet Singh, IAS, Chief Administrator for information so that he be able to monitor this case under prevailing circumstances and on the next date of hearing, the concerned person whosoever he appoints as PIO/APIO be present and also send a list of PIOs and APIOs alongwith other details i. e. Branch, Telephone number etc. so that there should be no hazed in delivery of justice.

6. With this, the case is **adjourned to 16th January, 2025 at 11:30 A. M. for hearing at Chandigarh.**

Date : 4th December, 2024
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(Inderpal Singh)
Chief Information Commissioner
Punjab

CC :

- i) Sh. Harpreet Singh, IAS,
Chief Administrator,
O/o Greater Ludhiana Area Development Authority
G. L. A. D. A.,
Ludhiana (Punjab)
- ii) Sh. Suneet,
Senior Assistant,
O/o The Administrator,
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.... Complainant

V/s

Ms. Harleen Bedi,
Deputy Director(Grants - II Branch)-cum-
Public Information Officer,
O/o The Director,
Public Instructions (Colleges) 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 (Colleges) Pb.,
Vidya Bhawan, P.S.E.B. Complex,
Sector 62,S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali) (Punjab)

...Respondents

Complaint Case No. 41 of 2023
(Converted into appeal case)

Present : Sh. Varun Goel, the appellant in person.
None on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 25.09.2024.

2. The appellant is present and none came appeared from O/o D.P.I.(Colleges), Punjab, Mohali despite the fact that a show cause notice was issued to Ms. Harleen Bedi, Deputy Director. He also submitted that deficiencies have already been sent to the respondent with a copy to the Commission on 25.06.2024. it is also fact that neither Ms. Harleen Bedi, Deputy Director is present nor any of her subordinate i. e. Superintendent/Senior Assistant is present. Also, no reply has been received with regard to show cause notice issued to her. Therefore, a copy of this order is **being sent** to Sh. Sanyam Aggarwal, IAS, Director, Public Instructions (Higher Education) Punjab with the directions to ensure the presence of the PIO, Ms. Harleen Bedi, Deputy Director alongwith the concerned Superintendent/Senior Assistant on

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Complaint Case No. 41 of 2023

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(Converted into appeal case)

the next date of hearing. It is also clarified that in case of defiance of this order, the presence of the concerned Public Information Officer , will be procured by issuing **BAILABLE WARRANTS** and/or disciplinary action may be recommended in this case to the competent authority.

3. With this, the case is **adjourned to 16th January, 2025 at 11:30 A. M. for hearing at Chandigarh.**

Date : 4th December, 2024
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Chief Information Commissioner
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CC : Sh. Sanyam Aggarwal, IAS,
Director, Public Instructions (Higher Education) Punjab,
Vidya Bhawan, P.S.E.B. Complex,
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Ms. Kamaldeep Kaur
W/o Sh. Ajaipal Singh
VPO Gumtala, Opp. Govt. Dispensary ,
Ward No. 5, Amritsar (Punjab)
(M.-9872139640)

...Appellant

Vs.

- i) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation
Amritsar (Punjab)
- ii) Sh. Dharminderjit Singh
Estate Officer cum-Public Information Officer,
O/o The Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation, Amritsar (Punjab)
- iii) Sh. Meharban Singh
M.T.P.-cum-Public Information Officer,
O/o The Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation, Amritsar(Punjab)
- iv) Ms.Madhvi, Building Inspector,
Municipal Corporation, Amritsar (Punjab)
- v) Sh. Narinder Singh, MTP cum
Public Information Officer,
Municipal Corporation, Amritsar(Punjab)

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

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 5112 of 2021

Present : Ms. Kamaldeep Kaur, the appellant in person.
i) Sh. Dharminder Singh(M.-9646004303), Executive Officer, in person ;
ii) Sh. Narinder Sharma, (M.-9646989876), M. T. P. for the respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 16.10.2024.

2. The respondent submitted that the required information in lieu of point no. 3 has already been sent to the appellant through registered post on 06.04.2023 and also submitted a copy of the postal receipt. He also handed over the required information to the appellant during the hearing. Also, Sh. Narinder Sharma, M.T.P., filed a reply, which is taken on record. The

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appellant submitted that she has received the information. Accordingly, the appellant is directed to file deficiencies in the information supplied to her at point no. 3, in writing, on the next date fixed. Further, the appellant is directed to file 'larger public interest' involved in seeking the information related to 'third party' i.e. point no. 4, on the next date fixed.

3. The decision regarding show cause issued to Sh. Dharminder Singh, Executive Officer, in this case will be taken on the next date of hearing.

4. With this, the case is **adjourned to 20th February, 2025 at 11:30 A. M. for hearing at Chandigarh.**

Date : 4th December, 2024
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Ms. Kamaldeep Kaur
W/o Shri Ajaipal Singh,
VPO – Gumtala, Opp. Govt. Dispensary,
Ward No. 05, District – Amritsar (Punjab)
M : 9872139640

Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o Tehsildar-II,
Amritsar(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/oTehsildar-II,
Amritsar(Punjab)

Ms. Gursimranjit Kaur, PCS
District Revenue Officer cum
Public Information Officer
O/o Deputy Commissioner,
Amritsar (Punjab)

Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3675 of 2023

Present : Ms. Kamaldeep Kaur, the appellant in person.
Sh. Rajwinder Singh (M.-9877639947), Clerk, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order 16.10.2024.

2. The respondent submitted that the information pertaining to point no. 3 has already been sent to the appellant. However, the appellant submits that she has not received the information. Accordingly, a copy of the information brought by the respondent is handed over to the appellant during the course of hearing. The appellant is also directed to file deficiencies, if any, to the Commission as well as to the respondent PIO so that the deficiencies made would be resolved, on the next date of hearing.

3. With this, the case is **adjourned to 20th February, 2025 at 11:30 A. M. for hearing at Chandigarh.**

Date : 4th December, 2024
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Sh. Rahul Singla S/o Sh. Davinder Kumar,
R/o House No. 3452, Ward No. 8,
Kharar, S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali) (Punjab)
(M.-9914700442)

.....Appellant

Vs

- i) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Director,
Local Government, Punjab,
Municipal Bhawan, Sector 35 - A,
Plot No. 03, Chandigarh
- ii) Sh. Varinder Kumar Jain,
Public Information Officer,
-cum- Executive Officer,
Nagar Council, Kharar,
District S. A. S. Nagar (Mohali)

First Appellate Authority
O/o The Principal Secretary
to Government of Punjab,
Deptt. of Local Government,
Municipal Bhawan, Sector 35 - A,
Plot No. 03, Chandigarh

.....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 7012 of 2023

Present : Sh. Rahul Singla, the appellant in person.
Sh. Baldev Singh(M.-9646126461),Clerk O/o Nagar Council, Kharar, on behalf of
the respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 16.10.2024.

2. The appellant submitted that he has filed the written submissions on 16.10.2024 and the same had also been handed over to the representative of the respondent and liberty was given to the respondent to submit the counter reply, if any, but no submissions have been submitted by the respondent till today.

3. The respondent is unable to give any satisfactory reply. It is also a fact that during the last hearing different representatives of the respondent usually came to attend the hearing.

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Appeal Case No. 7012 of 2023

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4. Viewing the attitude in dealing with the RTI application by the respondent in a casual manner, Sh. Varinder Kumar Jain, Executive Officer-cum- Public Information Officer, 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/-, 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 appellant 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.

5. The respondent PIO-cum-Executive Officer is also directed to file the counter submissions with regard to the submissions made by the appellant pertaining to point nos. 1 and 2. With regard to point no. 3, he is also directed to bring the information on the next date of hearing.

6. With this, the case is **adjourned to 20th February, 2025 at 11:30 A. M. for hearing at Chandigarh.**

Date : 4th December, 2024
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S/o Sh. Davinder Kumar,
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(M.-9914700442)

.....Appellant

Vs

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Public Information Officer,
-cum- Executive Officer,
Nagar Council, Kharar,
District S. A. S. Nagar (Mohali)

First Appellate Authority
O/o The Addl. Deputy Commissionmer,
(Uran Development),
S. A. S. Nagar(Mohali) (Punjab)

.....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 7013 of 2023

Present : Sh. Rahul Singla, the appellant in person.
Sh. Baldev Singh(M.-9646126461),Clerk O/o Nagar Council, Kharar, on behalf of
the respondent

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 16.10.2024.

2. The respondent submitted that the information pertaining to point no. 3 as directed by the Commission has already been sent to the appellant. A copy of the information brought by the respondent is also handed over to the appellant during the hearing. The appellant is also directed to file deficiencies, if any, to the Commission as well as to the respondent PIO so that the deficiencies made would be resolved, on the next date of hearing. With regard to point no. 1 and 2, the respondent PIO is directed to file the counter submissions, if any, as the submissions of the appellant with regard to the larger public interest has already been sent to him.

3. Viewing the attitude in dealing with the RTI application by the respondent in a casual manner, Sh. Varinder Kumar Jain, Executive Officer-cum- Public Information Officer, 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/-, be not imposed under Section 20(1) of RTI Act, 2005 on him for causing willful delay/denial of the information to the RTI

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applicant and to show cause why a compensation under section 19(8) of the RTI Act,2005, may not be paid to the appellant 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. With this, the case is **adjourned to 20th February, 2025 at 11:30 A. M. for hearing at Chandigarh.**

Date : 4th December, 2024
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Sh. Nishan Singh Sekhon
S/o Sh. Gurdev Singh,
H. No. 2343, Sector 32 – A,
Village – Bhamian Kalan,
Teh. & Distt. – Ludhiana (East) – 141010 (Punjab)
(M.-9797950474)

.....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Administrator,
Greater Ludhiana Area Development Authority
G. L. A. D. A., Ludhiana (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority
O/o The Addl. Chief Administrator,
Greater Ludhiana Area Development Authority
G. L. A. D. A., Ludhiana (Punjab)

.....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 5151 of 2023

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.
i) Sh. Gurpreet Singh (M.-9463233449), PIO in person ;
ii) Sh. Narinder Pal Singh(M.-9803814780), Junior Assistant, on behalf of
the respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 16.10.2024.

2. The appellant is neither present in today's hearing nor was present on the last date of hearing. Last **opportunity** is given to the appellant to remain present on the next date of hearing to plead his case, failing which the case will be decided ex-parte, on merits.

3. The respondent PIO is also directed to verify the facts whether there is any list of unauthorized, authorized or any other colony/colonies, which are under process for sanction (Residential and/or Industrial colony) falling in Village Bhamian Kalan, Ludhiana.

4. The respondent PIO is also directed to remain present on the next date of hearing. It is also clarified that in case of defiance of this order, the presence of the concerned Public Information Officer, will be procured by issuing **BAILABLE WARRANTS** and/or disciplinary action may be recommended in this case to the competent authority.

5. With this, the case is **adjourned to 16th January, 2025 at 11:30 A. M. for hearing at Chandigarh.**

Date : 4th December, 2024
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Sh. B.B.Rampal, S/o Sh. Tek Chand Rampal,
R/o # 1001, Sector:02, Panchkula.

.....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o Principal Secretary to Govt., of Punjab,
Department of Personnel (PP-1 Branch),
Punjab Civil Secretariate-1, Chandigarh.

Public Information Officer,
O/o Principal Secretary to Govt., of Punjab,
Department of Public Works (PWD, B&R),
Punjab Civil Secretariate-2, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority
O/o Principal Secretary to Govt., of Punjab,
Department of Personnel (PP-1 Branch),
Punjab Civil Secretariate-1, Chandigarh.

.....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 4698 of 2023

Present : None for the parties.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 04.09.2024 with the relevant portion of the same read as follows:-

"2. The appellant submits that he had full faith in the proceedings initiated by the Secretary to Government of Punjab, Department of Personnel to trace/reconstruct the original file. However, the respondent submitted a status report by way of an affidavit of Smt. Gurpreet Kaur Sapra, Secretary to Government of Punjab, Department of Personnel, in original, dated 02.09.2024 wherein the submissions made by the deponent in Para 4 and 5 are very appreciable and the para 4 & 5 of the deponent are reproduced as under:-

"4. It was submitted that during the course of hearing, the Appellant was apprised of all the efforts made by both the branches concerned so far in the present case. The Appellant was assured that the efforts to locate the file were still made and parallel files were traced out in order to reconstruct the original file so that the requisite information may be provided to him at the earliest. The Appellant was also assured that in case mala fide intention behind misplacement of the file was found, then in that case the person responsible would be proceeded against with

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Appeal Case No. 4698 of 2023

stringent disciplinary action. The appellant desired his satisfaction upon the same.

5. It is also submitted that during the hearing given to the Appellant, he placed some documents relating to his case where a committee at the level of the then Chief Secretary was constituted and in light of these facts it was decided that a committee comprising of Special Secretary, Personnel and Under Secretaries of both branches (PP-I & PP-II), be constituted to inquire about the misplaced file and give its finding. That thereupon, the said committee has been constituted vide orders dated 02.09.2024.”

3. Further, the respondent handed over a copy of the same to the appellant during the course of hearing. Also, the respondent deponent made submissions and prayer to grant some more time, which was fairly very logical submission and sustainable for the justice in the eyes of Law especially when an earnest effort was made by the Administrative Secretary herself.

4. After going through the written submissions, a sincere effort made by Smt. Gurpreet Kaur Sapra, IAS, Secretary to Government of Punjab, Department of Personnel to resolve the issue were appreciable. Therefore, the prayer of the respondent to grant more time in order to trace/locate the missing file and to conduct an inquiry for fixing the responsibility for the same was allowed in toto and the case was adjourned with which the appellant agreed to.

5. Also, the Public Information Officer-cum-Superintendent, PP1 Branch made the written submissions and at this stage, the same were taken on record.”

2. The appellant is absent for today's hearing. However, he has informed the Bench that due to some personal reason, he cannot attend today's hearing and has requested for an adjournment. The respondent has also informed telephonically for the same.

3. Nevertheless, **another opportunity** is given to both the parties to remain, personally present, on the next date of hearing for deliberations.

4. On the request of the appellant, the case is **adjourned to 16th January, 2025 at 11:30 A. M. for hearing.**

Dated: 04th December, 2024
R.S

Sd/-
(Inderpal Singh)
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Sh. B.B.Rampal, S/o Sh. Tek Chand Rampal,
R/o # 1001, Sector:02, Panchkula.

.....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o Principal Secretary to Govt., of Punjab,
Department of Personnel (PP-1 Branch),
Punjab Civil Secretariate-1, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority
O/o Principal Secretary to Govt., of Punjab,
Department of Personnel (PP-1 Branch),
Punjab Civil Secretariate-1, Chandigarh.

.....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 4514 of 2023

Present : None for the parties.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 04.09.2024 with the relevant portion of the same read as follows:-

2. *"The appellant submitted that he had full faith in the proceedings initiated by the Secretary to Government of Punjab, Department of Personnel to trace/reconstruct the original file. However, the respondent submitted a status report by way of an affidavit of Smt. Gurpreet Kaur Sapra, Secretary to Government of Punjab, Department of Personnel, in original, dated 02.09.2024 wherein the submissions made by the deponent in Para 4 and 5 were very appreciable and the para 4 & 5 of the deponent were reproduced as under:-*

"4. It was submitted that during the course of hearing, the Appellant was apprised of all the efforts made by both the branches concerned so far in the present case. The Appellant was assured that the efforts to locate the file were still being made and parallel files were traced out in order to reconstruct the original file so that the requisite information may be provided to him at the earliest. The Appellant was also assured that in case mala fide intention behind misplacement of the file was found, then in that case the person responsible would be proceeded against with stringent disciplinary action. The appellant desired his satisfaction upon the same.

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Appeal Case No. 4514 of 2023

5. It was also submitted that during the hearing given to the Appellant, he placed some documents relating to his case where a committee at the level of the then Chief Secretary was constituted and in light of these facts it was decided that a committee comprising of Special Secretary, Personnel and Under Secretaries of both branches (PP-I & PP-II), be constituted to inquire about the misplaced file and give its finding. That thereupon, the said committee has been constituted vide orders dated 02.09.2024.”

3. Further, the respondent handed over a copy of the same to the appellant during the course of hearing. Also, the respondent deponent made submissions and prayer to grant some more time, which was fairly very logical submission and sustainable for the justice in the eyes of Law especially when an earnest effort was made by the Administrative Secretary herself.

4. After going through the written submissions, a sincere effort made by Smt. Gurpreet Kaur Sapra, IAS, Secretary to Government of Punjab, Department of Personnel to resolve the issue were appreciable. Therefore, the prayer of the respondent to grant more time in order to trace/locate the missing file and to conduct an inquiry for fixing the responsibility for the same was allowed in toto and the case was adjourned with which the appellant agreed to.”

2. The appellant is absent for today’s hearing. However, he has informed the Bench that due to some personal reason, he cannot attend today’s hearing and has requested for an adjournment. The respondent has also informed telephonically for the same.

3. Nevertheless, **another opportunity** is given to both the parties to remain, personally present, on the next date of hearing for deliberations.

4. On the request of the appellant, the case is **adjourned to 16th January, 2025 at 11:30 A.**
M. for hearing.

Dated: 04th December, 2024
R.S

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Sh.Yogesh Mahajan, S/o Late Sh. Kuldip Mahajan,
Opposite Water Tank, Municipal Market,
Mission Road, Pathankot (M.9814354649)

.....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o A.E.T.C (Mobile Wing),
Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority
O/o The Divisional Excise and Taxation Commissioner,
Amritsar.

..... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 5175 of 2023

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.
Om Parkash, STO on behalf of the respondent (9815245859)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order 16.10.2024.

2. The appellant is absent. However, an email has been received from him mentioning therein that partial information has been given to him. He further adds that in letter No. 737 Dated 11.10.2024, the PIO had demanded the documentation fee of Rs. 16,866 for 8433 pages but has supplied only 703 pages, which is incomplete.

3. The respondent states that some more time be given to him to provide the complete information to the appellant.

4. The request of the respondent is acceded to and the case is adjourned. Both the parties are directed to remain present, in person, on the next date of hearing, to take the matter to its logical end.

5. With this, the case is **adjourned to 02nd January, 2025 at 11:30 A. M. for hearing.**

Dated: 04th December, 2024
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Appeal Case No. 2953 of 2023

Sh. Sunil, S/o Sh. Krishan Lal,
Flat No.244, D-2, Tower, Penta Homes,
Zirakpur, District Mohali (M.9569806826)

.....Appellant

Vs

Ms. Nirmal, Superintendent-cum-
Public Information Officer,
O/o The Additioanl Chief Secretary-cum-
Financial Commissioner (Revenue),
Stamp and Registry Branch, Punjab Civil Sectt.-1,
Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority
O/o The Additioanl Chief Secretary-cum-
Financial Commissioner (Revenue),
Stamp and Registry Branch, Punjab Civil Sectt.-1,
Chandigarh.

Ms. Harpreet Kaur, Superintendent-cum-
Public Information Officer,
O/o The Principal Secretary, Finance,
Finance Expenditure-6 Branch,
Punjab Civil Secretariate-1, Chandigarh.

Sh. Sham Sunder, Superintendnet-cum-
Public Information Officer
O/o The Deputy Commissioner,
Mohali.

..... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2880 of 2023

Sh. Sunil, S/o Sh. Krishan Lal,
Flat No.244, D-2, Tower, Penta Homes,
Zirakpur, District Mohali (M.9569806826)

.....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer
O/o The Deputy Commissioner,
Mohali.

First Appellate Authority
O/o The Deputy Commissioner,
Mohali.

..... Respondents

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Appeal Case No. 2953 of 2023
Clubbed together
Appeal Case No. 2880 of 2023

Present : Sh. Sunil Kumar, the appellent.
Smt. Bhupinder Kaur, Senior Assistant (Revenue) on behalf of the respondent
(8872295222)
Smt. Harpreet Kaur, Superintendent, on behalf of the respondent (9888699535)
Sh. Gurpreet Singh, Senior Assistant on behalf of the respondent (9815728863)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order 16.10.2024.

2. After having detailed deliberations with both the parties at today's hearing, the Order in these appeal cases is **'Reserved'** and will be pronounced in due course of time. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 04th December, 2024
R.S

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Ms. Baljit Kaur,(M.9914666540)
93-F, SBS Nagar, Pakhowal Road,
Ludhiana.

.....Complainant

Vs

**Sh. Jatinder Singh, Assistant Director-cum-
Public Information Officer,**
O/o Director Public Instructions (Colleges), Punjab,
(Grant-1 Branch), Vidhaya Bhawan, PSEB Complex,
Sector:68, SAS Nagar, Mohali.
Public Information Officer
O/o The Ramgarhia College of Education,
Phagwara, District Kapurthala.

..... Respondents

Complaint Case No. 542 of 2023

Present : None on behalf of the complainant.
Sh. Jatinder Singh, Deputy Director on behalf of the respondent (8146022995)
Sh. Jatinder Kumar Puri, Senior Assistant on behalf of the respondent(9872885001)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order 05.09.2024.

2. The complainant is absent. However, an email has been received from her that due to illness, she is unable to attend today's hearing and has sought another opportunity.
3. The respondent has made a written submission today in the Commission, which is taken on record. The respondent is directed that a copy of the same be sent to the complainant by registered post under intimation to the Commission.
4. During the last hearing, a show-cause notice was issued to **Sh. Jatinder Singh-cum-Public Information Officer O/o DPI (Colleges), Punjab**. He has filed a written reply in this regard, which is taken on record. He also tenders unconditional apology and requested to withdraw the show cause notice issued to him. The decision on the show cause notice issued to him will be taken on the next date of hearing.
5. Nevertheless, **another opportunity** is given to both the parties to remain present on the next date of hearing for deliberations.
6. On the request of the complainant, the case is **adjourned to 02nd January, 2025 at 11:30 A. M. for hearing.**

Dated: 04th December, 2024
R.S

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S/o Sh. Kuldip Raj Mahajan
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...Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,

O/o AETC (Mobile Wing)
Chandigarh-2 at Shambhu,
Rajpura, Distt Patiala

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Divisional Excise & Taxation Commissioner,
SAS Nagar (Mohali)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 5017 of 2023

Present : None on behalf of the parties.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 16.10.2024.

2. The appellant is absent but he has sent an email mentioning therein that the directions may be issued to the respondent PIO to supply the sought information, which is taken on record. However, the respondent PIO is absent without intimation. It is also a fact that a copy of notice of hearing was sent to him through registered post but even though he is absent. He is directed to supply the remaining information pertaining to Point No. 2 of the RTI application within fifteen days after receipt of this order under intimation to the Commission.

3. Both the parties are directed to remain present on the next date of hearing, for deliberations, failing which the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

4. To come up on **02.01.2025 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

Date:04.12.2024

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Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta
8/237, Jagraon Road,
Mandi Mullanpur,
District Ludhiana
(M:9814924851)

..Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o Director,
Local Govt. of Punjab,
Municipal Bhawan,
Sector-35, Chandigarh

Public Information Officer,
O/o Superintendent, Establishment Branch
O/o Director, Local Govt. of Punjab,
Municipal Bhawan, Sector-35,
Chandigarh

Public Information Officer,
O/o Superintendent, General Branch
O/o Director, Local Govt. of Punjab,
Municipal Bhawan, Sector-35,
Chandigarh

First Appellate Authority
O/o Director, Local Govt. of Punjab,
Municipal Bhawan, Sector-35,
Chandigarh

..respondent(s)

Appeal Case No. 862 of 2021

Present : None on behalf of the parties.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 17.11.2023. Earlier this case was heard by Sh. Asit Jolly, State Information Commissioner, Punjab, who has demitted the office on 09.07.2024. Thereafter, this case was allocated to this bench and was fixed for hearing today i.e. 04.12.2024.

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Appeal Case No. 862 of 2021

2. The appellant is absent but an email has been received from him today mentioning therein that the directions may be issued to the respondent PIO to supply the sought information, which is taken on record. However, the respondent PIO is absent without intimation. It is also a fact that a copy of notice of hearing was sent to him through registered post but even though he is absent.

3. **Last opportunity** is awarded to both the parties to remain present on the next date of hearing, for deliberations, failing which the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

4. To come up on **24.04.2025 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

Date:04.12.2024

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Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, Advocate

Deen Dayal Chamber No. 362,
Lawyers Chamber Complex,
Judicial Courts, Ludhiana
(M:9815331570)

..Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o Station House Officer,
Police Station, Civil Lines,
Patiala

Public Information Officer,
O/o PSOC, Police Station,
Civil Lines, Patiala

First Appellate Authority
O/o Commissioner of Police,
Patiala

..respondent(s)

Appeal Case No. 458 of 2021

Present : None on behalf of the parties.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 04.01.2024. Earlier this case was heard by Sh. Asit Jolly, State Information Commissioner, Punjab, who has demitted the office on 09.07.2024. Thereafter, this case was allocated to this bench and was fixed for hearing today i.e. 04.12.2024.

2. The respondent PIO is not present but a reply has been received from the In-charge, Sanjh Kender, Civil Lines, Patiala, which is taken on record.

3. The perusal of the case file shows that, notice of hearing was issued to Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, 8/237, Jagraon Road, Mandi Mullanpur, District Ludhiana inadvertently who is not the appellant in this case. Accordingly, a revised notice was issued to the concerned appellant i.e. Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, Advocate, Deen Dayal Chamber No. 362, Lawyers Chamber Complex, Judicial Courts, Ludhiana in spite of that, the appellant is absent.

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Appeal Case No. 458 of 2021

4. In the interest of natural justice, **one opportunity** is awarded to both the parties to remain present on the next date of hearing, for deliberations, failing which the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.
5. To come up on **24.04.2025 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

Date:04.12.2024
G

(Inderpal Singh)
Chief Information Commissioner
Punjab