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Sh. Santokh Singh

S/o Sh. Milkha Singh
Village Gagnoli, PO-Sahri,
Tehsil & District Hoshiarpur
(M.- 904158766)

.....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,

O/o BDPO, Hoshiarpur

First Appellate Authority

O/o DDPO, Hoshiarpur

.....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 4016 of 2023

Present : Sh. Santokh Singh, the appellant along with Sh. Mukhtiar Singh .
Sh. Subhash, Panchayat Officer (9781297468) and Sh. Jagmeet Singh,
Panchayat Secretary (9877975923) and on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 10.10.2024.

2. The appellant submits that he is not satisfied with the information so supplied by the respondent and requested that the directions may be issued to the respondent to remove the ambiguity, which has already been sent to the Commission. Accordingly, a copy of the same is **being sent** to the respondent PIO with the directions to remain present on next date for deliberations.

3. After the hearing of this case is over, the respondent remained present and tenders unconditional apology for late appearance in this case and he was apprised with the proceedings of the case.

4. To come up on **18.12.2024 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

Date:21.11.2024

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Sh. Paramjit Singh Sodhi ,

Flat No. A2/214, Tower-7,
Purvanchal Royal Park,
Sector-137, Noida-201305
M:9899227027

Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,

O/o DC, Ludhiana

First Appellate Authority

O/o DC, Ludhiana

Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1999 of 2023

Present : None on behalf of the parties.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 19.09.2024.

2. The appellant is absent but he has sent the written submissions through email and requested for the information. It is also a fact that the respondent PIO-cum-Tehsildar (East) was directed to submit an action taken on two letters dated 30.09.2021 and 05.05.2022, action taken of which has been sought by the appellant regarding Intkal of Property no. 273, Major Sham Lal, Civil Lines, Ludhiana but neither the respondent PIO is present nor any submissions with regard to the sought information has been received. Since, the appellant is absent, therefore, **one opportunity** is granted to the PIO cum-Tehsildar (East), Ludhiana to remain present on the next date of hearing along with the specific reply/information on the next date of hearing.

3. It is also a fact that during the last hearing, Sh. Inderjeet Singh, Clerk (9914828960) was present and assured that he will file the reply/supply the information pertaining to letters of the appellant but he is also absent without intimation.

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Appeal Case No. 1999 of 2023

4. A copy of this order is **being sent** to the Financial Commissioner Revenue to ensure the presence of the concerned PIO 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. To come up on **30.01.2025 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

Date: 21.11.2024

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(Inderpal Singh)
Chief Information Commissioner
Punjab

CC:

Sh. Anurag Verma, IAS
Financial Commissioner (Revenue), Punjab
Punjab Civil Secretariat-1,
Chandigarh

(for the compliance of this order)

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Sh. Prem Nath Bansal

#69, Lajpat Nagar, Gazipur Road,
Bishanpura Area, Zirakpur
(M:9814030742)

.....Appellant

Vs

Sh. Gursharan Singh-Superintendent -cum-Public Information Officer,

O/o Director, Animal Husbandry,
Punjab Livestock Bhawan,
Sector-68, Mohali

First Appellate Authority

O/o Director, Animal Husbandry,
Punjab Livestock Bhawan,
Sector-68, Mohali

.....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 5956 of 2023

Present : Sh. Prem Nath Bansal, the appellant .
Sh. Suresh Kumar Dubey, Senior Assistant (9779793145) and Sh. Davinder Singh, Clerk (9779702662) on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 04.09.2024.

2. The appellant submits that the department has misplaced his record and no satisfactory reply is being given by respondent in this regard. The respondent, Sh. Suresh Kumar Dubey submits that he is from the RTI Branch and in place of Superintendent, GPF Branch, Sh. Davinder Singh is present. When asked particularly about the misplacement of the personal file of the appellant, no satisfactory reply has been given by him. It is also a fact that the appellant filed the rti application on 05.04.2023 and still struggling to get the sought information.

3. The mandate of the RTI act is transparency and accountability. Viewing the attitude in dealing with the RTI application by the respondent casually, **Sh. Gursharan Singh, Superintendent-cum- Public Information Officer, is, thus, issued a show cause notice, by name,** to explain in a self-attested affidavit as to why a penalty @ Rs.250/- per day of delay

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Appeal Case No. 5956 of 2023

subject to a maximum of Rs.25000/- 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 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.

4. Sh. Gursharan Singh is also directed to take appropriate action under the rules/instructions regarding misplacement of the file and submit a copy to the Commission or supply the information.

5. A copy of this order is **being sent** to the Principal Secretary, Animal Husbandry, Punjab to ensure the presence of the concerned PIO 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.

6 To come up on **19.02.2025 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

Date:21.11.2024

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**(Inderpal Singh)
Chief Information Commissioner
Punjab**

CC:

Sh. Rahul Bhandari, IAS
Principal Secretary,
Animal Husbandry, Punjab
Punjab Mini Secretariat-2,
Sector-9, Chandigarh

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Sh. Hassan Sardar

S/o Sh. Hasan Raj Maforia,
Mofar Residence,
Village Mansa Khurd, Khaila Side,
PO, Tehsil & District Mansa
(M:9814030742)

.....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,

O/o Registrar,
Punjabi University,
Patiala

First Appellate Authority

O/o Registrar,
Punjabi University,
Patiala

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 4284 of 2023

Present : None on behalf of the parties.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 12.09.2024.

2. The representative of the respondent requested for an adjournment in this case. Accordingly, the case is adjourned and the same has already been conveyed to the appellant not to appear in this case. The respondent PIO is also directed to remove the deficiencies pertaining to Point No. 3, 4 and 5 of the RTI application, if so received from the appellant before the next date of hearing.

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

Date:21.11.2024

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Sh. Lajpat Rai Garg

S/o Sh. Harbans Lal,
Romana Street,
Jaiton, District-Faridkot
(M.9814230616)

.....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,

O/o The Deputy Commissioner,
Faridkot

Public Information Officer,

O/o The Addl. Deputy Commissioner (Dev.),
Faridkot

First Appellate Authority

O/o The Deputy Commissioner,
Faridkot

.....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1248 of 2022

Present : None on behalf of the appellant .
Sh. Naib Singh Brar, APIO (9872222109) and Sh. Vikas Dhawan, Inspector, O/o
Mc, Jagraon (9780009796) on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 07.08.2024.

2. The appellant is not present but he has sent a written submission that he is unable to attend today's hearing at the eleventh hour i.e. in the afternoon, a day prior to the hearing and this type of conduct of the appellant amounts to hassle in delivery of justice and also harassment and humiliation to the respondent, who are present in person. It is also a fact that the other cases of the appellant are also listed today in which namely Sh. Naib Singh Brar, APIO and Sh. Vikas Dhawan (Appeal case No. 1247 of 2022), Sh. Naib Singh Brar, APIO and Sh. Vikas Dhawan (Appeal case No. 1222 of 2022), Sh. Kuldeep Singh, Superintendent and Ms. Sarabjit Kaur, Senior Assistant (Appeal Case No. 2153 of 2021) and Sh. Amarinder Singh, Executive Officer-cum-PIO (Appeal Case No. 1191 of 2021) are present.

The appellant is advised to inform the Commission as well as to the respondent PIO about his non presence well within time in future, if this practice of the appellant will be repeated, a serious view may be taken as per the procedure established by Law.

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Appeal Case No. 1248 of 2022

3. The appellant is directed to point out, specific deficiency in an annotated form within one month from the issue of this order. Also, the respondent PIO is directed to remove the same, if any deficiency received from the appellant before the next date of hearing.

4. The respondent also submitted a copy of an order in Appeal Case No. 4007 of 2023 passed by the Commission on 18.10.2023 and reiterated the same during the course of hearing. The relevant portion of the said order is reproduced below:

“6. *It is observed that Sh. Lajpat Rai Garg is an RTI Activist and is habitual of filing RTI applications without realizing the practical difficulties which the Public Authorities have to face. Although it is not incumbent upon the Public authorities to provide voluminous information demanded by him yet they have been cooperating with the appellant and providing information at the cost of other important and date-bound cases in their hands. The Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in Civil Appeal No.6454 of 2011 titled as Central Board of Secondary Education Vs Adiitya Bandopadhy and ors. has rightly observed that 75% of the staff of public authorities spends 75% of their time in collecting and furnishing information to applicants under the RTI Act. It has further been observed by the Apex Court that Act should not lead to employees of public authorities prioritizing 'information furnishing' at the cost of their normal and regular duties.*

7. *It has also been viewed that the appellant is never satisfied with the provided information by the public authorities. His behaviour towards the public authorities and the Bench is not conducive to the working of the Commission. He does not hesitate to cast aspersions on the bench hearing his appeal case (s). It clearly shows that he is a habitual offender and deserves to be debarred from filing RTI applications in future. In fact, he is using RTI applications as a tool to create terror amongst the public authorities and to exploit them with some ulterior motives. This behaviour of the appellant needs to be curbed with a heavy hand.”*

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Appeal Case No. 1248 of 2022

5. Also, Sh. Vikas Dhawan filed the written submissions and also tenders unconditional apology, and also requested to withdraw the show cause notice issued to him in this case. The decision regarding the same will be taken on the next date of hearing.

6. Both the parties are directed to remain present on the next date of hearing for deliberations, failing which the decision will be taken on the merit, ex-parte. It is also clarified that no further adjournment will be given in this case.

7. According to the request of the appellant, the case will be heard through **Video Conference Facility available at office of Deputy Commissioner, Faridkot on 05.03.2025 at 11:30 A.M.**

Date:21.11.2024

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Jaito, District-Faridkot
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.....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Deputy Commisner,
Faridkot

Sh. Jagjit Singh,
Public Information Officer,
O/o The Addl. Deputy Commisner(Dev.),
Faridkot

First Appellate Authority
O/o The Deputy Commisner,
Faridkot

.....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1247 of 2022

Present : None on behalf of the appellant .
Sh. Naib Singh Brar, APIO (9872222109) and Sh. Vikas Dhawan, Inspector, O/o
Mc, Jagraon (9780009796) on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 07.08.2024.

2. The appellant is not present but he has sent a written submission that he is unable to attend today's hearing at the eleventh hour i.e. in the afternoon, a day prior to the hearing and this type of conduct of the appellant amounts to hassle in delivery of justice and also harassment and humiliation to the respondent, who are present in person. It is also a fact that the other cases of the appellant are listed today in which namely Sh. Naib Singh Brar, APIO and Sh. Vikas Dhawan (Appeal case No. 1248 of 2022), Sh. Naib Singh Brar, APIO and Sh. Vikas Dhawan (Appeal case No. 1222 of 2022), Sh. Kuldeep Singh, Superintendent and Ms. Sarabjit Kaur, Senior Assistant (Appeal Case No. 2153 of 2021) and Sh. Amarinder Singh, Executive Officer-cum-PIO (Appeal Case No. 1191 of 2021) are present.

The appellant is advised to inform the Commission as well as to the respondent PIO about his non presence well within time in future, if this practice of the appellant will be repeated, a serious view may be taken as per the procedure established by Law.

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Appeal Case No. 1247 of 2022

3. The appellant is directed to point out, specific deficiency in an annotated form within one month from the issue of this order. Also, the respondent PIO is directed to remove the same, if any deficiency received from the appellant before the next date of hearing.

4. The respondent also submitted a copy of an order in Appeal Case No. 4007 of 2023 passed by the Commission on 18.10.2023 and reiterated the same during the course of hearing. The relevant portion of the said order is reproduced below:

“6. *It is observed that Sh. Lajpat Rai Garg is an RTI Activist and is habitual of filing RTI applications without realizing the practical difficulties which the Public Authorities have to face. Although it is not incumbent upon the Public authorities to provide voluminous information demanded by him yet they have been cooperating with the appellant and providing information at the cost of other important and date-bound cases in their hands. The Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in Civil Appeal No.6454 of 2011 titled as Central Board of Secondary Education Vs Adiitya Bandopadhy and ors. has rightly observed that 75% of the staff of public authorities spends 75% of their time in collecting and furnishing information to applicants under the RTI Act. It has further been observed by the Apex Court that Act should not lead to employees of public authorities prioritizing 'information furnishing' at the cost of their normal and regular duties.*

7. *It has also been viewed that the appellant is never satisfied with the provided information by the public authorities. His behaviour towards the public authorities and the Bench is not conducive to the working of the Commission. He does not hesitate to cast aspersions on the bench hearing his appeal case (s). It clearly shows that he is a habitual offender and deserves to be debarred from filing RTI applications in future. In fact, he is using RTI applications as a tool to create terror amongst the public authorities and to exploit them with some ulterior motives. This behaviour of the appellant needs to be curbed with a heavy hand.”*

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Appeal Case No. 1247 of 2022

5. Also, Sh. Vikas Dhawan filed the written submissions and also tenders unconditional apology, and also requested to withdraw the show cause notice issued to him in this case. The decision regarding the same will be taken on the next date of hearing.

6. The perusal of the case file also shows that show cause notice was also issued to Sh. Jagjit Singh but no response has been received from him. **One opportunity** is awarded to him to remain present on the next date of hearing along with reply to show cause notice which was issued to him vide order dated 07.08.2024.

7. Both the parties are directed to remain present on the next date of hearing for deliberations, failing which the decision will be taken on the merit, ex-parte. It is also clarified that no further adjournment will be given in this case.

8. According to the request of the appellant, the case will be heard through **Video Conference Facility available at office of Deputy Commissioner, Faridkot on 05.03.2025 at 11:30 A.M.**

Date: 21.11.2024

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.....Appellant

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O/o The Executive Officer,
Nagar Council,
Jaiton, District-Faridkot

First Appellate Authority

O/o The Addl. Deputy Commissioner (Dev.),
Faridkot

.....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1222 of 2022

Present : None on behalf of the appellant .
Sh. Naib Singh Brar, APIO (9872222109) and Sh. Vikas Dhawan, Inspector, O/o
Mc, Jagraon (9780009796) on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 07.08.2024.

2. The appellant is not present but he has sent a written submission that he is unable to attend today's hearing at the eleventh hour i.e. in the afternoon, a day prior to the hearing and this type of conduct of the appellant amounts to hassle in delivery of justice and also harassment and humiliation to the respondent, who are present in person. It is also a fact that the other cases of the appellant are listed today in which namely Sh. Naib Singh Brar, APIO and Sh. Vikas Dhawan (Appeal case No. 1248 of 2022), Sh. Naib Singh Brar, APIO and Sh. Vikas Dhawan (Appeal case No. 1247 of 2022), Sh. Kuldeep Singh, Superintendent and Ms. Sarabjit Kaur, Senior Assistant (Appeal Case No. 2153 of 2021) and Sh. Amarinder Singh, Executive Officer-cum-PIO (Appeal Case No. 1191 of 2021) are present.

The appellant is advised to inform the Commission as well as to the respondent PIO about his non presence well within time in future, if this practice of the appellant will be repeated, a serious view may be taken as per the procedure established by Law.

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Appeal Case No. 1222 of 2022

3. The appellant is directed to point out, specific deficiency in an annotated form within one month from the issue of this order. Also, the respondent PIO is directed to remove the same, if any deficiency received from the appellant before the next date of hearing.

4. The respondent also submitted a copy of an order in Appeal Case No. 4007 of 2023 passed by the Commission on 18.10.2023 and reiterated the same during the course of hearing. The relevant portion of the said order is reproduced below:

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Appeal Case No. 1222 of 2022

5. Both the parties are directed to remain present on the next date of hearing for deliberations, failing which the decision will be taken on the merit, ex-parte. It is also clarified that no further adjournment will be given in this case.

6. According to the request of the appellant, the case will be heard through **Video Conference Facility available at office of Deputy Commissioner, Faridkot on 05.03.2025 at 11:30 A.M.**

Date: 21.11.2024

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(M.9814230616)

.....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,

O/o The Director,
Deptt. of Local Government, Punjab,
(General branch)
Municipal Bhawan, Sector 35-A,
Plot No. 03, Chandigarh

First Appellate Authority

O/o The Director,
Deptt. of Local Government, Punjab,
Municipal Bhawan, Sector 35-A,
Plot No. 03, Chandigarh

.....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2153 of 2021

Present : None on behalf of the appellant .
Sh. Kuldeep Singh, Superintendent, General Branch (9780401177) and Sh. Sarbjit Kaur, Senior Assistant-cum-APIO (9501481365) on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 07.08.2024.

2. The appellant is not present but he has sent a written submission that he is unable to attend today's hearing at the eleventh hour i.e. in the afternoon, a day prior to the hearing and this type of conduct of the appellant amounts to hassle in delivery of justice and also harassment and humiliation to the respondent, who are present in person. It is also a fact that the other cases of the appellant are listed today in which namely Sh. Naib Singh Brar, APIO and Sh. Vikas Dhawan (Appeal case No. 1248 of 2022), Sh. Naib Singh Brar, APIO and Sh. Vikas Dhawan (Appeal case No. 1247 of 2022), Sh. Naib Singh Brar, APIO and Sh. Vikas Dhawan (Appeal case No. 1222 of 2022), and Sh. Amarinder Singh, Executive Officer-cum-PIO (Appeal Case No. 1191 of 2021) are present.

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Appeal Case No. 2153 of 2021

3. The appellant is directed to point out, specific deficiency in an annotated form within one month from the issue of this order. Also, the respondent PIO is directed to remove the same, if any deficiency received from the appellant before the next date of hearing.
4. The respondent made the submissions that the sought information i.e. more than 800 pages as available on record has already been supplied to the appellant and also requested that in case any further information is required by the appellant he may inspect the record. Sh. Kuldeep Singh, Superintendent tenders unconditional apology, and also requested to withdraw the show cause notice issued to him in this case. It is also a fact that penalty has already been imposed upon the PIO amounting to Rs. 10,000/- vide order dated 08.08.2022 but no such compliance report has been received. Accordingly a copy of this order is **being sent** to the Director, Local Govt. to affect the order regarding imposition of penalty and compliance report be sent to the Commission before the next date of hearing. A copy of the order dated 08.08.2022 is attached herewith.
5. The decision regarding the show cause issued to Sh. Kuldeep Singh will be taken on the next date of hearing.
6. 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. It is also clarified that no further adjournment will be given in this case.
7. To come up on **12.03.2025 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

Date:21.11.2024

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(Inderpal Singh)
Chief Information Commissioner
Punjab

CC:

Sh. Gurpreet Singh Khaira, IAS

Director,
Department of Local Government, Punjab,
Municipal Bhawan, Plot No. 3,
Dakshin Marg, Sector 35-A,
Chandigarh

Encl. order dated 08.08.2022

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Ferozepur City-152002 (Punjab)
(M : 9988990985)

....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Shaheed Bhagat Singh State University,
Ferozepur(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority
O/o The Shaheed Bhagat Singh State University,
Ferozepur(Punjab)

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 5693 of 2023

Present : Sh. Jaswant Kumar Madaan, the appellant in person.
i) Sh. (Dr.) Amit Grover(M.-9988168581), PIO ;
ii) Sh. (Dr.) Bohar Singh(M.-8146992581), Associate Professor, for the respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 07.08.2024.

2. The appellant is present today. The respondent submitted the written submissions and hands over the same to the appellant during the course of hearing. After deliberations, both the parties (appellant and the respondent PIO) are directed to file their final written submissions, if any, within thirty days from the receipt of this order to meet the ends of justice.

3. After hearing both the parties, the order in this case is '**reserved**' and would be pronounced later on.

Date 21st November, 2024
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(Inderpal Singh)
Chief Information Commissioner
Punjab

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Sh. Jaswant Kumar Madaan,
H. No.167, Old Post Office Street
Near Hira Mandi,
Ferozepur City-152002 (Punjab)
(M : 9988990985)

....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Shaheed Bhagat Singh State University,
Ferozepur(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority
O/o The Shaheed Bhagat Singh State University,
Ferozepur(Punjab)

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 5113 of 2022

Present : Sh. Jaswant Kumar Madaan, the appellant in person.
i) Sh. (Dr.) Amit Grover(M.-9988168581), PIO ;
ii) Sh. (Dr.) Bohar Singh(M.-8146992581), Associate Professor, for the respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 07.08.2024.

2. Both the parties are present today. After deliberations, both the parties (appellant and the respondent PIO) are directed to send their final written submissions, within thirty days from the receipt of this order to meet the ends of justice.

3. After hearing both the parties, the order in this case is '**reserved**' and would be pronounced later on.

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Sh. Jaswant Sarpal S/o Sh. Darbari Lal Sarpal,
H. No. 2220/2, Gali Arian,
Inside Mahan Singh Gate,
Amritsar (Punjab)
(M.-9465477771)

.....Appellant

Vs

Sh. Varinder Mohan,
Assistant Town Planner
-cum-Public Information Officer,
O/o The Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation,
Amritsar (Punjab)

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

.....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3620 of 2021

Present : Sh. Jaswant Sarpal, the appellant in person.
Sh. Nitin Dheer (M.-9875975174) Building Inspector of Municipal Town Planning
Department on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 24.10.2024.

2. The appellant submits that he is not satisfied with the information said to be supplied by the respondent. Further, he submits that the Municipal Corporation, Amritsar appointed the various category of officers as PIOs and their Junior Officers as APIOs contrary to the orders of the Government of Punjab, Department of Local Government – 4 Branch, wherein, Joint/Deputy /Assistant Commissioner, Municipal Corporation has been designated as PIO and the Commissioner, Municipal Corporation has been designated as the Appellate Authority. Further the Superintendent /Incharge concerned Branch has been designated as the APIO. The appellant further made the submissions that Municipal Corporation may be directed to comply with the orders of the Government of Punjab in letter and spirit. The appellant also requested that the PIO may be directed to remain present on the next date of hearing as different persons are attending the hearings of this case and also requested that the name of the PIO in this case may be mentioned in the order. Thereafter, the representative of the respondent made the submissions that Sh. Varinder Mohan, A.T.P. is a concerned PIO in this case and the Head of the Wing is Sh. Meharbaan Singh, M.T.P.

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3. It is also a fact that the respondent reiterated the letter dated 821 dated 03.09.2021 vide which the information was supplied to the appellant but the appellant is not satisfied with the said information.

4. After having detailed deliberations with both the parties, the PIO-cum-ATP, Sh. Varinder Mohan is directed to bring the information which was supplied to the appellant vide letter dated 03.09.2021. The respondent is also directed to file the point wise reply with regard to the sought information in an annotated form to take the matter to its logical end. It is also clarified that in case any information is not available in the official record then the specific undertaking mentioning the reasons/submissions. If any, be filed.

5. Section 5 (1) of the RTI Act, 2005 provides –

“5 (1) Every public authority shall, within one hundred days of the enactment of this Act, designate as many officers as the Central Public Information Officers or State Public Information Officers, as the case may be, in all administrative units or offices under it as may be necessary to provide information to persons requesting for the information under this Act.”

6. Keeping in view the provision of the RTI Act, 2005, mentioned above, no cognizance of the matter is being taken with regard to the appointment of Public Information Officer by the Municipal Corporation, Amritsar.

OR

Keeping in view the submissions made by the appellant, a copy of this order is **being** sent to the Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Amritsar to file the written reply with regard to the designation of the PIOs. A copy of the Government letter alongwith the list of PIOs as has been submitted by the appellant is **being sent** to him alongwith this order.

7. A copy of this order is **being sent** to Principal Secretary to Government of Punjab to ensure the presence of the concerned PIO. It is also clarified that in case of any 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.

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

Date 21st November, 2024
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(Inderpal Singh)
Chief Information Commissioner
Punjab

CC :

- i) The Principal Secretary
to Government. of Punjab,
Deptt. of Local Government,
Pb. Civil Sectt., Sector – 9,
Chandigarh
- ii) The Commissoner,
Municipal Corportion,
Amritsar (Punjab)

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Sh. Gursharan Singh,
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Near Namdev Bhawan,
Khanna, Distt. Ludhiana(Punjab)
(M: 9876400267)

.....Appellant

Vs

- i) Public Information Officer
O/o The Headmaster,
Govt. High School,
Bhadla Nicha, Ludhiana(Punjab)
- ii) Public Information Officer
O/o The District Education Officer (SE),
Ludhiana(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The District Education Officer (SE),
Ludhiana(Punjab)

.....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 4247 of 2023

Present : Sh. Gursharan Singh, the appellant in person.
i) Ms. Hardaljit Kaur(M.-6283021467), Headmistress ;
ii) Sh. Gurdarshan Singh(M.-9501866198), Clerk, for the respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 10.10.2024.

2. The appellant is present today and submitted that no document has been received from the respondent PIO till date. The respondent submitted that enquiry is pending and he assured that enquiry will be concluded approximately within a month and seeks an adjournment in this case. **Last opportunity** is being given to the respondent to file a status report of the enquiry on the next date of hearing.

3. A copy of this order is **being sent** to the Director, Public Instructions (Sec.) Punjab with the directions to take-up the matter on his own level and issue the directions to meet ends of the justice.

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

Date 21st November, 2024

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CC :

Sh. Paramjit Singh, IAS,
Director,
Rural Development and Panchayats, Punjab,
Vikas Bhawan, Sector 62, S.A.S. Nagar(Mohali) (Punjab)

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