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Sh. Lajpat Rai Garg

S/o Sh. Harbans Lal,
Romana Street,
Jaito, Tehsil – Jaito,
District – Faridkot (Punjab)
(M.9814230616)

.....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,

O/o The Executive Officer,
Nagar Council,
Kotkapura (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority

O/o The Addl. Deputy Commisner(Dev.),
Ferozepur Cantt.

.....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1191 of 2021

Present : None on behalf of the appellant .
Sh. Amarinder Singh, Executive Officer-cum-PIO (9888600234) 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. Kuldeep Singh, Superintendent and Ms. Sarabjit Kaur, Senior Assistant (Appeal Case No. 2153 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. 1191 of 2021

3. The respondent submits that the sought information has already been supplied to the appellant in a pen-drive through registered post on 01.08.2024. He further submits that nothing more is available on record which could be supplied to the appellant with regard to his RTI application. Also, he tenders unconditional apology and requested to withdraw show cause notice issued to him. Further, he submits a reply along with copy of postal receipt, which is taken on record and also requested to close the case. After considering the submissions made by the respondent, the show cause issued to him hereby withdrawn.

4. Keeping in view the above, the Commission is of the view that no further cause of action is required. Hence, the present case is **disposed of & closed**.

Date: 21.11.2024

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Sh. Kailash Bassi ,
Model Town, Miani Road,
P. O. – Dasuha - 144205,
Distt. - Hoshiarpur(Punjab)

.....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Engineer,
Punjab Water Supply & Sewerage Division,
Hoshiarpur (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority
O/o The Superintending Engineer,
Punjab Water Supply & Sewerage Division,
Jalandhar(Punjab)

.....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3420 of 2021

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.

- i) Sh. Amandeep Singh(M.-9646166990), Executive Engineer-cum-PIO ;
- ii) Sh. Ashish Rai(M. 9815985242), Superintending Engineer (FAA).

ORDER

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

2. The respondent is present today and submitted that the required information has been sent to the appellant through registered post and also placed a copy of the postal receipt.

3. After perusal of the case file, it emerges that the appellant was absent on the earlier hearings, held on 24.08.2023, 29.08.2024 and 24.10.2024. He has also not raised any objection/deficiencies even then the respondent taken a very serious note and came present today. Sh. Amandeep Singh, Executive Engineer-cum-PIO and Sh. Ashish Rai (the then PIO) also tender unconditional apology and requested to withdraw the show cause notice issued to them in this case. After consideration, the show cause notice issued to them is hereby withdrawn.

3. It is also a fact on record that the earlier orders were sent to the appellant through registered post and till date no deficiency has been received from him, which appears that he has nothing to say in this case and does not intend to pursue the case.

4. Keeping in view all the above, the Commission is of the view that no further action is required to be taken in this case. Hence, the case is **disposed of and closed**.

Date 21st November, 2024

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Sh. Surinder Kumar Jhally
S/o Sh. Mohinder Ram Jhally,
V.P.O. – Langroya, Tehsil – Nawanshaher,
Distt. – Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar- 144516(Punjab)
(M.-9888583877)

.....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Block Development
and Panchayat Officer,
Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority
O/o The District Development
and Panchayat Officer,
Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar (Punjab)

.....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 4611 of 2023

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.
Sh. Amrik Singh(M.-9463913856), Panchayat Secretary, for the respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 18.03.2024.

Earlier this case was allotted to Sh. Amrit Partap Singh Sekhon, State Information Commissioner, who has demitted the office on 06.04.2024. Thereafter the case was reallocated to this Bench, which was fixed for 13.11.2024 and postponed for today i. e. 21.11.2024.

2. The respondent submitted that the required information has already been supplied to the appellant and the appellant has not pointed out any deficiency till date. He also made oral submissions on behalf of the PIO with regard to show cause notice issued and also tenders unconditional apology. Keeping in view the submissions made by the respondent, after consideration, the show cause notice issued to him is hereby withdrawn.

3. It is also a fact on record that the earlier orders were sent to the appellant through registered post and till date no deficiency has been received from him, which appears that he has nothing to say in this case and does not intend to pursue the case.

4. Keeping in view all the above, the Commission is of the view that no further action is required to be taken in this case. Hence, the case is **disposed of and closed**.

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Sh. Puneet Singh S/o Sh. Anil Pathania,
House/Street/Ward No. - 1,
Village – Lahri(183),
Teh. & Distt. – Pathankot - 143534(Punjab)
(M.-6283270078)

..Appellant

Vs

- i) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Director,
Rural Development and Panchayats, Punjab,
Vikas Bhawan, Sector 62,
S.A.S. Nagar(Mohali) (Punjab)
- ii) Public Information Officer,
O/o The District Development
and Panchayat Officer,
Pathankot (Punjab)
- iii) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Block Development
and Panchayat Officer,
Block – Gharota,
Distt. – Pathankot (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority
O/o The Director,
Rural Development and Panchayats, Punjab,
Vikas Bhawan, Sector 62,
S.A.S. Nagar(Mohali) (Punjab)

..Respondent(s)

Appeal Case No. 5219 of 2023

- Present : None on behalf of the appellant.
- i) Sh. Budh Singh (M.-9888623795), Superintendent O/o Director, Rural Dev., Mohali ;
 - ii) Sh. Balwinder Singh(M.-9592098269), Senior Assistant O/o Director, Rural Dev., Mohali;
 - iii) Sh. Gurpreet Singh (M.-9464071378) Panchayat Secretary O/o B.D.P.O., Pathankot, ; on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 18.03.2024.

Earlier this case was allotted to Sh. Amrit Partap Singh Sekhon, State Information Commissioner, who has demitted the office on 06.04.2024. Thereafter the case was reallocated to this Bench, which was fixed for 13.11.2024 and postponed for today i. e. 21.11.2024.

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Appeal Case No. 5219 of 2023

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2. The respondent submitted that a reply with regard to the enquiry on the complaint dated 09.09.2022, regarding which the information has been sought, has already been sent to the appellant and the appellant has not pointed out any deficiency till date. He also made oral submissions with regard to show cause notice issued and also tenders unconditional apology and requested to withdraw the show cause notice issued in this case. Keeping in view the submissions made by the respondent, after consideration, the show cause notice issued to him is hereby withdrawn.

3. It is also a fact on record that the earlier orders were sent to the appellant through registered post and till date no deficiency has been received from him, which appears that he has nothing to say in this case and does not intend to pursue the case.

4. Keeping in view all the above, the Commission is of the view that no further action is required to be taken in this case. Hence, the case is **disposed of and closed**. However, the liberty is granted to the appellant to approach the Commission within four weeks, in case, he has any submission to make.

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Ms. Kadambini,
4125, Abohar Road,
SriMuktsar Sahib - 152026 (Punjab)

..Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Civil Surgeon,
SriMuktsar Sahib(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority
O/o The Civil Surgeon,
SriMuktsar Sahib(Punjab)

..Respondents

Appeal Case No. 4230 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 18.03.2024.

Earlier this case was allotted to Sh. Amrit Partap Singh Sekhon, State Information Commissioner, who has demitted the office on 06.04.2024. Thereafter the case was reallocated to this Bench, which was fixed for 13.11.2024 and postponed for today i. e. 21.11.2024.

2. None of the parties are present in today's hearing. But the appellant has sent an e-mail dated 20.11.2024 and has requested to adjourn the case through Video Conferencing.

3. The appellant was not present on the earlier hearings, held on 24.11.2023, 12.01.2024, 21.02.2024 and 18.03.2024. On the said hearings, she sent an e-mail on 23.11.2023 through which she requested to exempt her presence and requested to adjourn the case. Afterwards, she sent an e-mail on 11.01.2024 and again she requested to exempt her presence and requested to adjourn the case. In the interest of natural justice an adjournment was given but again through an e-mail dated 21.02.2024, she requested to exempt her presence and requested to adjourn the case and also has not intimated about the pending information or any deficiency in the supplied information. Again through an e-mail dated 18.03.2024, she requested to exempt her presence without mentioning any valid reason and requested to adjourn the case. Now, she has sent the request to hear the case through Video Conference at the eleventh hour i. e. yesterday at 10:47 P. M. and this type of conduct of the

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Appeal Case No. 4230 of 2023

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appellant amounts to hassle in delivery of justice. As an ample opportunity was given to the appellant to file written submissions as well as plead her case but inspite of that no information/deficiency has been received from her. As such the respondent officers/officials involved in this case, are exempted from all the liabilities in the form of penalty/compensation, if any previous order reflects on them in this present appeal.

4. Keeping in view all the above, no cognizance of the matter is being taken and the Commission is of the view that no further action is required to be taken in this case. Hence, the case is **disposed of and closed**.

Date 21st November, 2024

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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

- i) Sh. Navkirat Singh Randhawa,
Public Information Officer-
Cum-District Revenue Officer,
O/o Deputy Commissioner,
Amritsar (Punjab)
- ii) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Sub Divisional Magistrate,
Amritsar – I, Amritsar (Punjab)
- iii) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Sub Divisional Magistrate,
Amritsar – II, Amritsar (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority-cum-
The Additional Deputy Commissioner (General)
District Administrative Complex,
Amritsar (Punjab)

... Respondents

Complaint Case No. 449 of 2022 **Converted to Appeal Case**

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

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 29.08.2024.

The case was fixed for 13.11.2024 and postponed for today i. e. 21.11.2024.

2. The respondent through an e-mail has intimated that in compliance to the order dated 29.08.2024, compensation amounting to Rs. 25,000/- has been paid to the appellant through RTGS and copy of the letter sent to Manager, Bank Of India, Amritsar is also attached.

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Complaint Case No. 449 of 2022

(Converted Appeal Case)

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3. It is also a fact that the appellant was directed to clarify that from which office she has received a copy of the letter which was submitted by the grandfather of the appellant to the then Deputy Commissioner, Amritsar or there is any record related to the receipt of the said letter information related to which has been sought by her. In the interest of natural justice, an opportunity was granted to her to clarify as from which office she has received a copy of the said letter or is there any record related to the receipt of the said letter. Today the appellant is absent but she has sent a request to adjourn the case and no intimation regarding the same has been received from her. It is also a fact that the appellant sought the information from the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Amritsar and on the request of the appellant the S.D.M., Amritsar - I and S.D.M., Amritsar -II were impleaded as necessary party in this case. The said three offices have already filed their affidavits that no such complaint has been received in their office. It is also a fact that the appellant sent the written request to adjourn the case at the eleventh hour i.e. on 19.11.2024. On the other hand the respondent sent the written submissions that the compensation amounting to Rs. 25,000/- has already been paid to the appellant

Since an ample opportunity has been given to the appellant, therefore, keeping in view the above the Commission is of the view that no further action is required to be taken in this case. Hence, the case is **disposed of and closed**.

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S/o Sh. Ram Krishan,
Village – Lakhnaur, P. O. – Sohana,
Teh. & Distt. S.A.S. Nagar(Mohali) (Punjab)
(M.-9815315676)

.....Appellant

Vs

- i) Sh. Raghbir Singh,
Public Information Officer,
O/o The Tehsildar,
Majri,
Distt. S.A.S. Nagar(Mohali) (Punjab)
- ii) Ms. Jasbir Kaur(The then PIO),
O/o The Tehsildar,
Sardulgarh,
Distt. Mansa (Punjab)

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

.....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 6032 of 2023

Present : Sh. Chajju Singh, the appellant in person with Sh. Ravinder Singh.
i) Sh. Gurpreet Singh(M.-9780770500), Clerk ;
ii) Ms. Jasbir Kaur(The then PIO) Now as Naib Tehsildar, Sardulgarh, for respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 07.11.2024.

2. The respondent submits that the Marriage Certificate has been prepared from the secondary evidence after following the due procedure as the primary record related to the Marriage Register is not available in the official record. The respondent also handed over a copy of the Marriage Certificate related to Sh. Ravinder Singh, who is present alongwith the appellant. The appellant as well as Sh. Ravinder Singh submitted a written submission mentioning that they have received the Marriage Certificate Registered at No. 14 dated 19.02.2015 and is satisfied with the supplied information and requested to close the case.

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3. Ms. Jasbir Kaur(The then PIO) also came present and made oral submissions as well as written submissions with regard to show cause notice issued to her and also tenders unconditional apology. Also, she has requested to withdraw the show cause notice issued to her. Keeping in view the submissions made by the respondent, after consideration, the show cause notice issued to her is hereby withdrawn.

4. It is also a fact that a copy of the order was sent to Deputy Commissioner Mohali to submit the instructions/guidelines vide which the 'Suvidha Kendras' were closed and have already been replaced with 'Sewa Kendras' and also directed to make the submissions that who is the custodian of the record but neither the respondents are present nor any submissions have been received from the said office that who is the custodian of the record when 'Suvidha Kendras' were in operation. It is also a fact on record that the 'Suvidha Kendras' have been replaced with 'Sewa Kendras' and the 'Sewa Kendras' have also filed the submission that record related to 'Suvidha Kendras' are in the custody of the 'Sewa Kendras' but no such submissions have been received from the said office. **Since the whereabouts of the original record pertaining to 'Suvidha Kendras' is not available in the office**, therefore, a copy of this order is **being sent** to the Financial Commissioner (Revenue) Punjab and Deputy Commissioner, Mohali to look into the matter and take appropriate action as per the procedure established by law.

5. Keeping in view all the above, the Commission is of the view that no further action is required to be taken in this case. Hence, the case is **disposed of and closed**.

Date 21st November, 2024

R

(Inderpal Singh)
Chief Information Commissioner
Punjab

CC :

- i) Sh. Anurag Verma, IAS
Financial Commissioner (Revenue), Punjab
Punjab Civil Secretariat-1, Chandigarh
- ii) Ms. Aashika Jain, IAS
Deputy Commissioner,
S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali)(Punjab)