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Pargat Masih, c/o Ankit Kapoor, # 6, Pratap Colony, Model Gram, Ludhiana – 141 002.

Versus

Public Information Officer, o/o Superintendent, Government Institution for Blinds, Jamalpur, Ludhiana First Appellate Authority, o/o Director, Social Security Department, Punjab, Chandigarh.

Appeal Case No. 218 of 2019

PRESENT: (Appellant) Absent Balvir Singh, Clerk (for the Respondent) 94640-90624

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 20.9.19 and 30.10.19)

1. The RTI application is dated **7.9.18** vide which the appellant has sought <u>information by way</u> <u>of details of students on roll etc., as enumerated in his RTI application</u>. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on **3.1.19** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (RTI Act). The case was last heard on **30.10.19**.

2. The appellant is absent and has informed the Commission that he is unable to attend the hearing because of ill health.

3. The respondent PIO, represented by Balvir Singh, Clerk, had furnished the information as directed by this Commission at the last hearing on 30.10.19. He has now also informed the Commission that as directed by State Information Commissioner Smt. Preety Chawla in her order dated 12.6.19 and this bench in its order of 20.9.19, details pertaining to the Government Institution for blind, Jamalpur, Ludhiana, have been uploaded on the NIC Portal (Ludhiana.nic.in). This is pursuant to achieving greater compliance with Section 4(1)(b) of the RTI Act.

4. There is no further cause for action and this appeal case is herewith **CLOSED**.

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Ashok Kumar,

1527, Street No. 5, New Chander Nagar, Opposite Yuvraj Nursing Home, Ludhiana-141001.

Versus

Public Information Officer, o/o Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana. First Appellate Authority, o/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana.

Appeal Case No. 2470 of 2019

PRESENT: (Appellant) Absent Harjeet Singh, Draftsman (for the Respondent) 98141-66090

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 20.9.19 and 30.10.19)

1. The RTI application is dated **29.1.19** vide which the appellant has sought <u>information by</u> <u>way of a locality map etc</u>., as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on **9.7.19** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (RTI Act). The case was last heard on **30.10.19**.

2. The appellant is absent without intimation to the Commission. The respondent PIO, represented at this hearing by Harjeet Singh, Draftsman, has, as directed by this Commission at the last hearing on 30.10.19, submitted copy of an affidavit that was sent to the appellant along with an attested copy of the Map requested in the original RTI application.

3. This Commission sees no further cause for action and this appeal case is herewith **CLOSED**.

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Major Singh,

D-301, Ganpati Enclave, Bathinda.

Versus

Public Information Officer,

o/o Registrar, I.K. Gujral Punjab Technical University, Jalandhar. **First Appellate Authority**, o/o. Registrar, I.K. Gujral Punjab Technical University, Jalandhar.

Appeal Case No. 2496 of 2019

PRESENT: (Appellant) Absent Rajinder Kumar, Assistant Registrar (for the Respondent) 94780-98038

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 20.9.19 and 30.10.19)

1. The RTI application is dated **26.3.19** vide which the appellant has sought <u>information</u> <u>regarding affiliated colleges etc.</u>, as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on **10.7.19** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (RTI Act). The case was last heard on **30.10.19**.

2. The appellant is absent without intimation for the third time in succession. The respondent PIO, represented at this hearing by Rajinder Kumar, Assistant Registrar, has submitted a copy of the replies sent directly to the appellant by various affiliated colleges and University Grants Commission (UGC).

3. This Commission feels that the appellant's continuing absence on three successive hearings after having filed this appeal case, seems to suggest that he is either satisfied with the information supplied to him or then, not interested in pursuing this case any further.

4. Under the aforesaid circumstances, there is no further cause for action and this appeal case is herewith **CLOSED**.

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Sat Pal Sharma, # 3623, Street No.1, Haibowal Kalan, Ludhiana.

Versus

Public Information Officer, o/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Zone-D, Ludhiana. First Appellate Authority, o/o Additional Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana.

Appeal Case No. 2500 of 2019

PRESENT: (Appellant) Absent Harjeet Singh, Draftsman (for the Respondent) 98141-66090

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 20.9.19 and 30.10.19)

1. The RTI application is dated **7.9.18** vide which the appellant has sought <u>information</u> <u>regarding illegal factories in residential areas etc.</u>, as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on **9.7.19** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (RTI Act). The case was last heard on **30.10.19**.

2. The appellant is absent but has informed the Commission of his inability to attend today's hearing. The respondent PIO, represented at this hearing by Harjeet Singh, Draftsman, has submitted that the appellant visited the office of Municipal Corporation, Zone-D, Ludhiana, on 6.11.19 and was supplied copies of all the documents that he requested. On that day he also signed declaration that he has received all the remaining papers that had not been supplied to him earlier.

3. However, in a later communication to this Commission on 13.12.19 the appellant has sought to again argue that the information supplied to him is deficient.

4. This Commission views the appellant's contention as an evident afterthought. After voluntarily signing a declaration that he has received the complete information, his contrary assertion

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appears to be an attempt to harass the respondent PIO and the public authority, in this instance, the Municipal Corporation Ludhiana.

5. This Commission is of the view that the appellant's request for information has been adequately addressed. There is no further cause for action and this appeal case is herewith **CLOSED**.

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Satnam Singh,

7 G.K. Vihar, Manakwal, Ludhiana.

Versus

Public Information Officer, o/o Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Ludhiana. First Appellate Authority, o/o State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, Chandigarh.

Appeal Case No. 2517 of 2019

PRESENT: (Appellant) Absent Ravinder Singh, Clerk (for the Respondent) 8528-214311

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 20.9.19 and 30.10.19)

1. The RTI application is dated **20.2.19** vide which the appellant has sought <u>information</u> <u>regarding two and four wheeler driving tests etc.</u>, as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on **12.7.19** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (RTI Act). The case was last heard on **30.10.19**.

2. The appellant is absent without any intimation to this Commission. The respondent PIO, represented at this hearing by Ravinder Singh, Clerk, has submitted that the requested information – approximately 70 pages – was sent to the appellant via an email on 12.12.19. it was also submitted that the appellant has not reverted back to point out any deficiencies.

3. Notably, the appellant has also failed to, as directed by this Commission at the last hearing on 30.10.19, submit a written submission to demonstrate the larger public interest he is pursuing in seeking the voluminous information he sought in his RTI application.

4. Despite this, the respondent PIO has, albeit late, furnished the information via email. The respondent is directed to email a copy of the aforesaid information to this Commission at the earliest instance.

5. This Commission feels that the appellants request for information has been adequately addressed.

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6. There is no further cause for action and this appeal case is herewith **CLOSED**.

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Satnam Singh,

7, G.K. Vihar, Manakwal, Ludhiana.

Versus

Public Information Officer,

o/o Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Ludhiana. **First Appellate Authority**, o/o. State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, Chandigarh.

Appeal Case No. 2518 of 2019

PRESENT: (Appellant) Absent Ravinder Singh, Clerk (for the Respondent) 8528-214311

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 20.9.19 and 30.10.19)

1. The RTI application is dated **26.2.19** vide which the appellant has sought <u>information</u>, <u>pertaining to a particular driving license</u>, as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on **12.7.19** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (RTI Act). The case was last heard on **30.10.19**.

2. The appellant is absent without any intimation to this Commission. The respondent PIO represented by Ravinder Singh, Clerk, has submitted copies of documents pertaining to the driving license regarding which information was sought by the appellant. He also submitted that the appellant was called to the office of Regional Transport Authority, Ludhiana on 12.12.19 to personally verify the details. The appellant has also signed a statement that he has verified the information.

3. There is no further cause for action and this appeal case is herewith **CLOSED**.

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Ashok Kumar,

s/o Ram Prashad, Radha Ramn Mill, Killi-Chuharchak Road, Ajitwal (Moga).

Versus

Public Information Officer, o/o District Manager, Punjab Warehousing Corporation, Moga. First Appellate Authority, o/o Managing Director, Punjab Warehousing Corporation, Chandigarh.

Appeal Case No. 2788 of 2019

PRESENT:

Ravinderjeet Singh proxy counsel for Satinderpal Singh Dhaliwal (for the Appellant) 99154-65001 (Respondent) Absent

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 18.9.19 and 25.10.19)

1. The RTI application is dated **20.2.19** vide which the appellant has sought <u>information</u> <u>regarding details of Vishal Rice Mills, Ajitwal</u>, as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on **1.8.19** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **25.10.19**.

2. The respondent PIO is absent without any intimation to this Commission. The appellant's lawyer Satinderpal Singh Dhaliwal is represented by his proxy counsel Ravinderjeet Singh, Advocate, who submitted a reply, wherein it has been argued that the request for information is in public interest. The appellant's contention is that there are allegations that the aforesaid mill, about whom the appellant has sought information, has not been depositing 'Rice Recovery Money' to the Government and thereby, causing losses to the public exchequer.

3. This Commission directs the respondent PIO to bring the original record pertaining to the point No. 4 of the appellant's RTI application to the Commission at the next hearing.

4. Next hearing on 6.2.20 at 11.00 am.

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Jaswinder Singh,

s/o Surjit Singh, Village Soja, PO Kalemajra, Tehsil Nabha, District Patiala.

Versus

Public Information Officer, o/o Divisional Forest Officer, Patiala. First Appellate Authority, o/o Conservator of Forests, South Circle, Patiala.

Appeal Case No. 2802 of 2019

PRESENT: Jaswinder Singh (Appellant) Paramjit Singh, Clerk (for the Respondent) 99885-07346

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 18.9.19 and 25.10.19)

1. The RTI application is dated **7.3.19** vide which the appellant has sought <u>information</u>, <u>regarding work allotment and funds utilization etc</u>., as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on **1.8.19** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **25.10.19**.

2. Both parties are present. The respondent PIO, represented at this hearing by Paramjit Singh, Clerk, has submitted that, as directed by the Commission during the last hearing on 25.10.19, the appellant was invited for inspection of the record on 5.11.19 and two subsequent dates during which he made a comprehensive inspection of the available record. The appellant was asked to list the pages that he wanted copied. The respondent also submitted a signed statement wherein the appellant has stated that he has seen the record and was satisfied with the inspection.

3. However, the appellant has clearly changed his stance since the inspection, and he now claims that he was not allowed to note the pages he wanted copied.

4. In view of the contrary claims and counterclaims, the respondent PIO is directed to arrange one final inspection on 17.12.19, during which, the appellant will have a final opportunity to make note of the pages he wants copies of. He must list these in a letter to the respondent PIO with a copy to the Commission.

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5. The respondent PIO is directed to convey the cost of photocopying the pages to the appellant in writing, with a copy to the Commission. After the appellant has deposited the copying charges with the respondent PIO, he is to have the listed pages copied and attested, and bring these to the next hearing.

6. Next hearing on 6.2.20 at 11.00 am.

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Iqbal Singh,

s/o Gurbachan Singh, ND 221, Tanda Road, Jalandhar – 144008

Versus

Public Information Officer, o/o Jalandhar Development Authority, Jalandhar. First Appellate Authority, o/o Estate Officer, Jalandhar Development Authority, Jalandhar.

Appeal Case No. 2805 of 2019

PRESENT: (Appellant) Absent Sanjeev Sharma, PIO-Cum-Sub Divisional Engineer (h) (Respondent) 98151-48712

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 19.9.19 and 30.10.19)

1. The RTI application is dated **28.2.19** vide which the appellant has sought <u>information by</u> <u>way of attested copies of documents</u>, as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on **1.8.19** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (RTI Act). The case was last heard on **30.10.19**.

2. The appellant is absent but has informed the Commission that, as directed at the last hearing, he has received attested copies of all the documents he had requested in his RTI application and that he is fully satisfied.

3. The respondent PIO-Cum-Sub Divisional Engineer (h), Sanjeev Sharma, also informed the Commission at this hearing that the RTI request has been finally addressed. He also submitted copies of the documents supplied to the appellant, for the Commission's perusal.

4. There is no further cause for action and this appeal case is herewith **CLOSED**.

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Kotkapura- 151204.

Versus

Public Information Officer, o/o PUDA, Mohali. First Appellate Authority, o/o PUDA, Mohali.

Appeal Case No. 2809 of 2019

PRESENT: (Appellant) Absent (Respondent) Absent

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 19.9.19 and 30.10.19)

1. The RTI application is dated **29.3.19** vide which the appellant has sought <u>information by</u> <u>way of gradation certificates of candidates of the sports category</u>, as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on **2.8.19** under section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (RTI Act). The case was last heard on **30.10.19**.

2. Both parties are absent. However, the appellant has informed the Commission via email that he has received the information requested and that he is satisfied with it.

3. The respondent PIO, represented at the last hearing by Daljit Singh Sekhon, APIO-Cum-Superintendent, Sunil Bansal, Junior Assistant, also informed the Commission, via email on 21.11.19, that the requested information was sent to the appellant by Registered Post on 31.10.19. Copies of the postal receipt and dispatch register have been deposited with the Commission.

4. Under the circumstances, this RTI request has been adequately addressed and there is no further cause for action. This appeal case is herewith **CLOSED**.

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Surinder Kumar, s/o Rameshwar Dass, 78, Village Sarangpur, Chandigarh.

Versus

Public Information Officer, o/o. Registrar, Water Resources Department, Chandigarh. First Appellate Authority, o/o. Director, Water Cell, Water Resources, Punjab, <u>Chandigarh.</u>

Appeal Case No. 2817 of 2019

PRESENT: Surinder Kumar (Appellant) Arun Kumar, Clerk (for the Respondent) 99148-45905 Gopal Yakhmi, Senior Assistant (for the Respondent) 98152-45882

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 18.9.19 and 25.10.19)

1. The RTI application is dated **12.6.19** vide which the appellant has sought <u>information</u> <u>pertaining to selection proceedings dating back to 1982</u>, as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on **5.8.19** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (RTI Act). The case was last heard on **25.10.19**.

2. Both parties are present. The respondent PIO, represented at this hearing by Arun Kumar, Clerk and Gopal Yakhmi, Senior Assistant, have, as directed at the last hearing, submitted an affidavit stating that there is no other information pertaining to RTI application other than already supplied to the appellant.

3. However, the affidavit was not notarized. The respondent PIO is directed to have the affidavit notarized and submit the same to the Commission on 18.12.19 or before. The appellant has been asked to collect the original affidavit following date on 19.12.19.

4. There is no further cause for action and this appeal case will be deemed to have been **CLOSED on 19.12.19**.

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Mahinder Singh, S/o Ram Singh,

T-2/171, Ranjit Singh Dam Colony, Sahapur Kandi Township, Tehsil & District Pathankot.

Versus

Public Information Officer,

o/o. Executive Engineer, Vigilance & Quality Control Division, Amritsar.
First Appellate Authority,
o/o. Director Monitoring, Water Resources Department, Punjab, Chandigarh.

Appeal Case No. 2839 of 2019

PRESENT: Mahinder Singh (Appellant) 96461-41428 Avtar Singh Kahlon, XEN (for the Respondent) 95012-33559

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on **19.9.19** and **30.10.19**)

1. The RTI application is dated **20.2.19** vide which the appellant has sought <u>information</u> <u>regarding the investigation into allegedly fake muster rolls etc.</u>, as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on **6.8.19** under section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (RTI Act). The case was last heard on **30.10.19**.

2. Both parties are present. The respondent PIO, represented at this hearing by Avtar Singh Kahlon, Executive Engineer, has submitted a reply, which was also received in the Commission on 28.11.19, and wherein it is claimed that apart from the information already furnished to the appellant, the rest of the requested information is not available in his office.

3. However, contrary to the directions of this Commission's Order of 30.10.19, the respondent PIO has not specifically replied to the four points in the RTI application. The respondent PIO is directed to respond to the request for information made in 4 points of the RTI application. This reply must be in the form of an affidavit which is to be submitted to this Commission at the next hearing.

4. Next hearing on 7.2.20 at 11.00 am.

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Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o Punjab State Warehousing Corporation Chandigarh. First Appellate Authority, O/o Punjab State Warehousing Corporation, Chandigarh.

Appeal Case No. 2845 of 2019

PRESENT: Des Raj (Appellant) 98761-90214 Jagdev Kaur, APIO-Cum-Senior Assistant (for the Respondent) 94639-17088

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 19.9.19 and 30.10.19)

1. The RTI application is dated **4.5.19** vide which the appellant has sought <u>information to</u> <u>pertaining to the payment of balance gratuity etc.</u>, as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on **6.8.19** under section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (RTI Act). The case was last heard on **30.10.19**.

2. Both parties are present. The respondent PIO, who was issued a **Show Cause Notice** at the last hearing on 30.10.19, is represented by Jagdev kaur, APIO-Cum-Senior Assistant. She has submitted that the letter sanctioning the release of the balance gratuity to the appellant has been issued. An attested attested copy of the letter was handed over to the appellant.

3. Prior to this, the respondent PIO in a letter dated: 5.11.19, also informed the Commission that as directed in its earlier order on 19.9.19, a **Compensation of Rs. 5,000/-** has been paid to the appellant. The appellant also confirmed this in a letter dated 8.11.19.

4. The appellant has expressed his gratitude and has stated that he is satisfied with the information furnished. There is no further cause for action and this appeal case is herewith **CLOSED**.

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Baljinder Singh, s/o Kartar Singh, VPO Doraha, Tehsil Payal, District Ludhiana – 141 418.

Versus

Public Information Officer, o/o Chief Agricultural Officer, Fatehgarh Sahib. First Appellate Authority, o/o. Director, Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Mohali.

Appeal Case No. 2847 of 2019

PRESENT: Baljinder Singh (Appellant) Suninder Singh, Agricultural Development Officer (for the Respondent) 96466-67655

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 19.9.19 and 30.10.19)

1. The RTI application is dated **12.4.19** vide which the appellant has sought <u>information</u> <u>agricultural subsidies and funds received etc.</u>, as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on **6.8.19** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **30.10.19**.

2. Both parties are present. The respondent PIO, represented at this hearing by Suninder Singh, Agricultural Development Officer (ADO), acting contrary to this Commission's order of 30.10.19, attempted to submit a declaration instead of the Affidavit he was directed to submit.

3. Overlooking this as a first misdemeanor, this Commission directs the respondent PIO to submit a **NOTARIZED AFFIDAVIT** stating that there is no other information in the custody of office of Chief Agricultural Officer, Fatehgarh Sahib, than that already furnished.

4. The respondent has further directed to furnish the information as per the deficiencies 3 pointed out to him by the appellant at the hearing.

5. Next hearing on 30.1.20 at 11.00 am.

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S/o Sh. Ramji Dass Gupta, # B-X-1049, Shivala Road, Distt: Ludhiana-141007

Versus

Public Information Officer,

o/o Commissioner of Police, Mini Secretariat, Ferozepur Road, Ludhiana-141002

Complaint Case No. 844 of 2019

PRESENT: Davinder Pal Sood, Advocate (on behalf of Complainant) Pardeep Singh, Sub Inspector (for the Respondent) 98725-10548

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 29.11.19)

1. The complainant, **Rajinder Pal Gupta**, filed this RTI application dated **3.6.19** and sought information from the PIO o/o Commissioner of Police, Ludhiana. When no information was received, the Complainant filed a complaint under Section 18 of the RTI Act, 2005 to the Commission on **24.9.19**. The case was last heard on **29.11.19**.

2. Both parties are present through Video Conference at the NIC facility at the office of Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana. The respondent PIO, represented by Sub-Inspector Pardeep Singh, has submitted that most of the information / documents pertaining to this RTI application have already been submitted to Court and so not available with his Police Station.

3. The respondent PIO is directed to submit a written, pointwise reply to the complainant's original RTI application. This is to be submitted to the Commission with a copy to the complainant before the next hearing on **17.1.20**.

4. Next hearing on 17.1.20 at 1:00 pm via Video Conferencing.

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Versus

Public Information Officer,

o/o Commissioner of Police, Mini Secretariat, Ferozepur Road, Ludhiana – 141 001

Complaint Case No. 857 of 2019

PRESENT: Davinder Pal Sood, Advocate (on behalf of Complainant) Pardeep Singh, Sub Inspector (for the Respondent) 98725-10548

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 29.11.19)

1. The complainant, **S.P. Goyal**, filed this RTI application dated **15.7.19** and sought information from the PIO o/o **Commissioner of Police**, Ludhiana. When no information was received, the Complainant filed a complaint under Section 18 of the RTI Act, 2005 to the Commission on **24.9.19**. The case was last heard on **29.11.19**.

2. Both parties are present through Video Conference in the NIC facility, at the office of Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana. The respondent PIO, represented by Pardeep Singh, Sub Inspector, has submitted that most of the information/documents pertaining to this RTI application have already been submitted in the Court and so not available with Police Station.

3. The respondent PIO is directed to submit a written, pointwise reply to the complainant's original RTI application. This is to be submitted to the Commission with a copy to the complainant before the next hearing on **17.1.20**.

4. Next hearing on 17.1.20 at 1:00 pm via Video Conferencing.

Sd/-(ASIT JOLLY) State Information Commissioner