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Om Parkash,
14 - A, Rani Ka Bagh,
Park Lane, Amritsar (Punjab)
(M. 9463724637)

....Appellant

V/s

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. 256 of 2023

Present : Sh. Om Parkash, the appellant in person.
Sh. Satinder Singh, Inspector(Property Tax) (M.-9888958811), for respondent.

ORDER

Heard in the Commission.

2. The above-mentioned appeal-case was earlier heard by the bench of Hon'ble State Information Commissioner, Lt. Gen. Ajae Kumar Sharma (Retd.) on 31.07.2023 and vide an Office Order was re-allocated to the Bench of the under-signed for further hearing/hearings. Accordingly, the case is fixed for hearing for today i. e. 15.12.2023.

3. The appellant, Sh. Om Parkash, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that he visited the office of the respondent many times but no official record was put before him for inspection.

4. Sh. Satinder Singh, Inspector (Property Tax), who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that a proper reply has been supplied to the appellant . He also submits a reply dated 13.12.2023 in an affidavit to the Commission. He also submits a reply dated 15.12.2023 intimating that point no. 03, 04 and 05 relates with office of Municipal Town Planning Branch. Both the replies are taken on record.

5. The respondent A.T.P. through a letter dated 14.12.2023 has sought an adjournment in this case. It is taken on record.

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6. Nevertheless, an opportunity is given to the PIO office of Municipal Town Planning Branch to supply the required information demanded at point no 03 (only name of the Owner) , 04 and 05 to the appellant . He is also directed to remain present in person before the Commission alongwith relevant official-record on the next date of hearing. A copy of this order be sent to to him through registered post.

7. With this, the case is **adjourned to 6th March, 2024 at 12:00 P. M. for hearing.**

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Amrit Partap Singh Sekhon)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Date :15th December, 2023

CC: Public Information Officer,
O/o The Commissioner,
Municipal Town Planning Branch,
Municipal Corporation,
Amritsar(Punjab)

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Shri Sawinder Singh, (98148 24772)
S/o Shri Bal Singh,
R/o Village & Post Office Shutrana,
Tehsil Patran, District Patiala – 147105

...Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Sub Divisional Officer,
Punjab State Power Corporation Ltd.
Shutrana, District Patiala.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o XEN/Executive Engineer,
Punjab State Power Corporation Ltd.
Patran, District Patiala.

...Respondents

APPEAL CASE No. 0689 OF 2023

PRESENT: None on behalf of the Appellant.

Shri Darshan Singh, S.D.O (96461 10064) along with Shri Parveen Singh, LDC (96717 49449) for the Respondents.

ORDER:

This case earlier heard by the Ld. State Information Commissioner Lt. Gen. Ajae Kumar Sharma (Retd.) on 26.07.2023. However, since the Ld. State Information Commissioner has demitted his office on the completion of his tenure on 04.08.2023, the case has been re-allocated to the Bench of the undersigned. This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 26.07.2023.

2. The Respondent appears in person before the Bench along with remaining information consisting 27 pages for the perusal of the Bench and the appellant. But the Appellant is absent for today's hearing in the Commission. Therefore, the same is send to the appellant along with this order.

3. In view of the above, the Appellant is advised to point out deficiencies in writing to the PIO, under intimation to the Commission and the PIO is also directed to remove the deficiencies, if any, received from the appellant and supply rectified information, under intimation to the Commission, before the next date of hearing. The PIO is further directed to file a reply to the Show Cause Notice issued to him vide order dated 12.04.2023.

4. To come up on **12.02.2024 at 12.00 PM** for further proceedings in the Commission. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Amrit Partap Singh Sekhon)

State Information Commissioner Punjab

Dated: 15.12.2023

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Tejinder Singh, Advocate,
Civil Courts, Tehsil Complex,
Backside Sanjh Kender,
Phillaur - 144410 (Punjab)
(90410-04313)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Officer,
Nagar Council,
Majitha, Distt. – Amritsar(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Additional Deputy Commissioner
(Urban Development), Amritsar (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1007 of 2023

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

ORDER

Heard in the Commission.

2. The above-mentioned appeal-case was earlier heard by the bench of Hon'ble State Information Commissioner, Lt. Gen. Ajae Kumar Sharma (Retd.) on 17.07.2023 and vide an Office Order was re-allocated to the Bench of the under-signed for further hearing/hearings. Accordingly, the case is fixed for hearing for today i. e. 15.12.2023.

3. The appellant, Sh. Tejinder Singh, Advocate, appeared in today's hearing.

4. Neither the respondent PIO nor any of his representative is present in today's hearing. He has also not sent any intimation regarding his non-availability. Moreover, he (the respondent PIO) has not sent any document showing that the information has been supplied to the appellant. It reflects that after a lapse of more than one year, the requisite information has not been supplied by the respondent PIO to the information seeker.

5. After seeing such a casual conduct of the concerned respondent PIO, a compensation of Rs. 5000/- (Rupees Five Thousand only) is awarded to the appellant, Sh. Tejinder Singh. The compensation amount shall be paid from the bank account of public authority concerned not from the individual official.

6. Nevertheless, another opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to supply the certified copies of the required information and file a point-wise reply to each and every query raised through RTI request. He is also directed to appear in person on next date.

7. With this, the case is **adjourned to 9th February, 2024 at 12:00 P. M. for hearing.**

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Amrit Partap Singh Sekhon)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Date :15th December, 2023

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Sh. Kuldip Kumar,
R/o # 3261, Rattan Singh Chowk, F.G.C. Road,
Amritsar – 143001
(7814348489)

.....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o Commissioner,
MC, Amritsar.

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

.....Respondent

AC No. 1082 of 2023

Present: None for the parties.

ORDER

This case was earlier heard by the former SIC Lt. Gen. Ajae Kumar Sharma (Retd.) on 25.07.2023. However, since former SIC Lt. Gen. Ajae Kumar Sharma (Retd.) has demitted his office on the completion of his tenure on 04.08.2023, the case has been re-allocated to the Bench of the undersigned. Accordingly, notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 15.12.2023 i.e. today.

2. The appellant is absent today. He has sent his submissions via mail, which is taken on record. It has been observed that the Appellant Sh. Kuldip Kumar has requested for online hearing of his case. The respondent is also absent today. He has informed on phone that he is unable to attend today's hearing.

3. Since, both the parties are not present, hence one more opportunity is given to them to appear before the Commission and state their case. It is made clear that in case both the parties do not appear on the next date of hearing, appropriate order in their absence shall be passed. ***The appellant will be contacted on phone on the next date of hearing.***

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AC No. 1082 of 2023

4. To come up on **12.02.2024 at 12.00 PM** for further proceedings in the Commission. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated : 15th December, 2023

Sd/-
(Amrit Partap Singh Sekhon)
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Ankit Sehgal
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(M.-9888625152)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Senior Medical Hospital,
Baba Bakala, Distt. – Amritsar (Punjab)

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

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2941 of 2023

Present : Sh. Ankit Sehgal, the appellant in person.
None on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

Heard in the Commission.

2. This case was earlier heard on 04.10.2023 and the appellant was advised to collect the information (brought by the respondent) and point-out deficiencies. The respondent was given exemption from today's appearance.

3. The appellant, Sh. Ankit Sehgal, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that through a letter dated 08.11.2023, he has pointed out deficiencies and also send a copy to the Commission. It is taken on record.

4. The respondent was given exemption from today's appearance vide order dated 04.10.2023.

5. Nevertheless, an opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to supply the information, after removing the deficiencies, which were pointed out by the appellant vide letter dated 08.11.2023 with a copy to the Commission. He is also advised to represent this case in person or through his representative on the next date of hearing.

6. With this, the case is **adjourned to 9th February, 2024 at 12:00 P. M. for hearing.**

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Amrit Partap Singh Sekhon)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Date :15th December, 2023

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....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Senior Medical Hospital,
Civil Hospital,
Mansa (Punjab)

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

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2945 of 2023

Present : Sh. Ankit Sehgal, the appellant in person.
None on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

Heard in the Commission.

2. This case was earlier heard on 04.10.2023 and the appellant was advised to collect the information (brought by the respondent) and point-out deficiencies. The respondent was given exemption from today's appearance.
3. The respondent was given exemption from today's appearance vide order dated 04.10.2023.
4. The appellant, Sh. Ankit Sehgal, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that through a letter dated 08.11.2023, he has pointed out deficiencies and also send a copy to the Commission (taken on record). He also intimates that the respondent PIO has replied to the letter dated 08.11.2023 but the information supplied is not as per deficiencies pointed out by him.
5. Nevertheless, an opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to supply the information, after removing the deficiencies, which were pointed out by the appellant vide letter dated 08.11.2023 with a copy to the Commission. He is also advised to represent this case in person or through his representative on the next date of hearing.
6. With this, the case is adjourned to 9th February, 2024 at 12:00 P. M. for hearing.
Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date :15th December, 2023

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Shri Harbhagat Singh Grewal, (91606 00002)
S/o Shri Jasbir Singh Grewal,
R/o H. No. 151, Block – J, Sarabha Nagar,
Ludhiana – 141001

...Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Civil Hospital,
Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Civil Hospital,
Ludhiana.

...Respondents

APPEAL CASE No. 4785 OF 2023

PRESENT: Shri Harbhagat Singh Grewal, Appellant.
Dr. Mandeep Kaur Sidhu, S.M.O. – cum – PIO.

ORDER:

This order may be read with reference to the order dated 09.10.2023 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.

2. The Respondent appears in person and states that the information sought by the appellant is voluminous and therefore she requests that if the appellant can inspect the records then it is enabled for her to provide the requisite information to the appellant on the spot.

3. Today, both the parties mutually agreed that the applicant shall visit the office of respondent on Monday i.e. 18.12.2023 at 10.00 AM, inspect the relevant records, identify the documents copies whereof are required by him; and the respondent shall provided copies thereof, according to his RTI application dated 10.03.2023, on the spot. The PIO is further directed to file a reply to the Show Cause Notice issued to her.

4. To come up on **12.02.2024 at 12.00 PM** for further proceedings in the Commission. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Amrit Partap Singh Sekhon)

State Information Commissioner Punjab

Dated: 15.12.2023

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Ms. Navjot Kaur, (83608 79809)
W/o Shri Manjit Singh,
R/o Village Mianpur, P.O. Shamashpur,
Tehsil Amlah, District Fatehgarh Sahib.

...Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer,
Block Amlah, (MGNREGA), District Fatehgarh Sahib.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o District Development and Panchayat Officer,
Fatehgarh Sahib.

...Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 5180 OF 2023

PRESENT: Shri Sinderpal Singh, Representative of the Appellant.
None on behalf of the Respondents.

ORDER:

This order may be read with reference to the order dated 11.10.2023 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.

2. The Representative of the Appellant states that information sought has not been provided to him.
3. The PIO is absent for today's hearing. However, the PIO telephonically informed that due to Punjab State Ministerial Staff Strike, he is unable to attend today's hearing in the Commission.
4. In view of the above, the PIO is directed to provide complete information to the appellant, before the next date of hearing and should appear personally, on the next date of hearing, failing which strict action will be initiated against the PIO as per provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.
5. To come up on **12.02.2024 at 12.00 PM** for further proceedings in the Commission. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Amrit Partap Singh Sekhon)

State Information Commissioner Punjab

Dated: 15.12.2023

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Sh. Gurdeep Singh, S/o Sh. Jagmohan Singh
R/o # 16, HR Enclave, Sheesh Mahal Colony
Ward No. 39, Tehsil and Distt. Patiala

.....Appellant

.Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o DDPO, Sarovar Path,
Phase -8, SAS Nagar (Mohali)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Director, Rural Development &
Panchayat Department,
Sarovar Path, Phase -8, Mohali

.....Respondent

AC No. 5512 of 2023

Present: None for the parties.

ORDER

1. The RTI application is dated 04.06.2023 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 22.08.2023 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 20.12.2023 in the Commission. But the appeal was pre-poned to be heard on 15.12.2023 i.e. today.

2. Today neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. The perusal of the file shows that the last notice (preponed notice) was returned back to the Commission from the postal authorities. This is the first date of hearing and both the parties are not present, hence one more opportunity is given to them to appear before the Commission and state their case. It is made clear that in case both the parties do not appear on the next date of hearing, appropriate order in their absence shall be passed

3. To come up on **19.01.2024 at 12.00 PM** for further proceedings in the Commission. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Amrit Partap Singh Sekhon)

**State Information Commissioner
Punjab**

Date : 15th December, 2023

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Ward No. 39, Tehsil and Distt. Patiala

.....Appellant

.Vs

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O/o DDPO, Sarovar Path,
Phase -8, SAS Nagar (Mohali)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Director, Rural Development &
Panchayat Department,
Sarovar Path, Phase -8, Mohali

.....Respondent

AC No. 5541 of 2023

Present: None for the parties.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 06.06.2023 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 23.08.2023 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 20.12.2023 in the Commission. But the appeal was pre-poned to be heard on 15.12.2023 i.e. today.

2. Today neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. This is the first date of hearing and both the parties are not present, hence one more opportunity is given to them to appear before the Commission and state their case. It is made clear that in case both the parties do not appear on the next date of hearing, appropriate order in their absence shall be passed.

3. To come up on **19.01.2024 at 12.00 PM** for further proceedings in the Commission. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Amrit Partap Singh Sekhon)

**State Information Commissioner
Punjab**

Date : 15th December, 2023