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Sh. Avtar Singh, S/o Late Sh. Diwan Singh,
VPO - Khokhar Faijian,
Tehsil - Batala,
Distt Gurdaspur.M : 9876436088

..Complainant

Vs

Public Information Officer, **Registered**
O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer,
Batala,
Distt Gurdaspur.

Ms. Amandeep Kaur, **Registered**
Public Information Officer,
O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer,
Qadian,
Distt Gurdaspur.

....Respondents

Complaint Case No. 495/2020
(Video Conference Proceedings)

Present:- Sh. Avtar Singh, appellant.

Sh. Sukhwinder Masih, GRS 7986566096, 9855745036 on behalf of the
respondents.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 25.11.2020.

2. A letter has been received from the respondent-Public Information Officer Ms Amandeep Kaur, Block Development and Panchayats Officer, Batala now posted at Qadian, Gurdaspur that she has been transferred and now Sh. Satish Kumar, has been posted as Block Development and Panchayats Officer 8054603744. With regard to the information related to Manrega, it has mentioned in the said letter that the complete information has already been supplied to the complainant.

3. However, the complainant states the respondent-Public Information Officer has misled the Commission that as per the statement of the Block Development and Panchayats Officer office, no work has been done during the lockdown period whereas as per the mustroll, the attendance of the workers have been marked as present. But the representative of the respondents states that the work has been done previously and only the payment has been made to the workers during the lockdown period. The complainant also states that unattested/incomplete information is being supplied by the respondents pertaining to Point No. 10(1 to 5). In addition, he further states that the respondent-Public Information Officer is knowingly harassing him and the penalty may be imposed upon her as the partial information has been provided after the lapse of 84 days.

4. Since, a show cause notice in this case has already been issued to Ms Amandeep Kaur, Block Development and Panchayats Officer, Batala now at Qadian, Gurdaspur but no reply has been received from her so far. She is given an opportunity to file her reply regarding show cause notice issued to her failing which ex-parte decision will be taken on the next date of hearing.

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5. The present respondent-Public Information Officer-cum-Block Development and Panchayats Officer Sh. Satish Kumar is also directed to supply the complete information duly attested/certified with proper dispatch number and date as has been mentioned in para 3 above before the next date of hearing to the complainant failing which the penalty provisions will be invoked.

6. To come up on 8.2.2021 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Gurdaspur/Cisco Webex.

Dated: 16.12.2020

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Sh. Inderjit Singh, 7888383867
Chamber No. 141 A,
New Court Jalandhar,
Jalandhar.

....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer
o/o Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panchayat Satowal,
c/o Block Development and Panchayats Officer,
Adampur,
Jalandhar.

First Appellate Authority
o/o District Development and Panchayats Officer,
Mini Secretariat,
Jalandhar.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1915 of 2020

Present:- None on behalf of the parties.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 10.11.2020.

2. An email has been received from the appellant vide which it has been requested for the adjournment of the case. Also, the respondent parties have been informed regarding the absence of the appellant.
3. Accordingly, both the parties are directed to remain present at Chandigarh along with the original/supplied record pertaining to the RTI application.
4. To come up on 8.2.2021 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Jalandhar/Cisco Webex.

Dated: 16.12.2020

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Sh. Surjit Singh S/o Sh. Kulwant Singh,
R/o Village Chujari wala (Ganti Rahime Ke),
Block, Tehsil & Distt Ferozepur-152002.
M : 7740005233

..Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o Block Development and Panchyat Officer,
Ferozepur.

First Appellate Authority
O/o District Development and Panchyat Officer,
Ferozepur.

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2525 of 2020

(Video Conference/Cisco Webex/Phone proceedings)

Present:- Sh. Surjit Singh, appellant.
Sh. Rakesh Kumar, Clerk and Sh. Jagmeet Singh GRS 9417716034 on behalf of
the respondents.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 16.11.2020.

2. The representative of the respondents states that the complete information has been supplied to the appellant. However, the appellant states that he has received the incomplete information pertaining to Point No. 7,8, 9 and 10 of the RTI application that relates to the MANREGA. The representative of the respondents further states that the appellant may come to the office and inspect the information on the website and will also provide the complete information of the same, if so desired, and the appellant agreed with the submissions of the representative of the respondents. With the mutual understanding, the date of inspection has been fixed as 20.1.2021.

3. Accordingly, the appellant is advised to visit the office of the respondents and get the record inspected pertaining to the Point No. 7,8,9 and 10 of the RTI application. Also the respondents are directed to make available the record for inspection on the said date and time and supply the documents, if so identified by the appellant.

4. To come up on 28.1.2021 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Ferozepur /Cisco Webex.

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Dated: 16.12.2020

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Sh. Pal Singh, Advocate 9814187521
Chamber No. 32 B, Judicial Court complex,
Rupnagar.

....Appellant

vs

Public Information Officer
o/o the Block Development and Panchayats Officer,
Rupnagar.

First Appellate Authority,
o/o the District Development and Panchayats Officer,
Rupnagar.

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2853 of 2020
(Video Conference Proceedings)

Present:- Sh. Pal Singh, appellant.
Sh. Sunil Kumar 7307284285 on behalf of the respondents.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 6.1.2020 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter called FAA) on 23.2.2020 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 29.9.2020 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter called RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today.

2. The appellant states that no information has been provided by the respondents so far. However, the representative of the respondents states that the appellant is lawyer hence, he is not eligible to seek the information under the RTI Act, 2005. Also the request has been received from the Sarpanch in this regard, which is taken on record.

3. As per the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005 any citizen of India is eligible to seek the information, therefore, the respondent-Public Information Officer is directed to file the reply/supply the information pertaining to the RTI application of the appellant before the next date of hearing.

4. To come up on 12.1.2021 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Rupnagar/Cisco Webex.

Dated: 16.12.2020

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Smt. Amarjit Kaur 9876061872

r/o Village Bulandpur, PO Nurpur
Tehsil and Distt Jalandhar

....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer
o/o Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panchayat Bulandpur
c/o Block Development and Panchayats Officer
Block Jalandhar West, Jalandhar.

Smt. Sukhvir Kaur, **Registered**
Block Development and Panchayats Officer,
Block Jalandhar West, Jalandhar.

....Respondent

Complaint Case No. 659 of 2020
(Video Conference Proceedings)

Present:- Smt. Amarjeet Kaur, appellant.
Ms Rajinder Kaur, Accountant 80549 71224, Sh. Dilbagh Sahota Panchayat
Secretary 9915116494, 9815314601 on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 25.11.2020 vide which Smt. Sukhvir Kaur, Block Development and Panchayats Officer assured that the information will be supplied to the complainant within fortnight and the case was adjourned for today i.e. 16.12.2020.

2. The appellant states that no information has been provided by the respondents so far. However, the representative of the respondents states that one more adjournment may be given to provide the information.

3. During the last hearing Ms. Sukhvir Singh, Block Development and Panchayats Officer assured that the information will be supplied but even though no information has been supplied. The respondent-Public Information Officer is absent without intimation. Video Conference Facility was introduced for convenience of general public and for government officials. Viewing the absence of the respondent seriously and casual attitude in dealing with the RTI application dated 27.1.2020 which is pending adjudication for the last eleven months, Ms. Sukhvir Kaur, Block Development and Panchayats Officer, is, thus, issued a show cause notice to explain in a self-attested affidavit as to why a penalty @ Rs.250/- per day of delay subject to a maximum of Rs.25000/- till the complete information is furnished, be not imposed under Section 20(1) of RTI Act, 2005 on her for causing wilful delay/denial of the information to the RTI applicant. In addition to the written reply, the PIO 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. She may take note that in case she does not file her written reply and does not avail herself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the next date, it will be presumed that she has nothing to say and the Commission will proceed ex-parte.

4. Also the directions are issued to the respondent-Public Information Officer to supply the complete information to the appellant before the next date of hearing under intimation to the Commission.

5. To come up on 20.1.2020 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Jalandhar/cisco webex.

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Dated:16.12.2020

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Chief Information Commissioner, Punjab.

Sh. Gurinder Singh S/o Sh. Jaspal Singh,
Village - Noorpur,
PO - Machhiwara,
Tehsil - Samrala,
Distt. - Ludhiana-141115. M : 9592750040

..Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Machhiwara,
Tehsil - Samrala,
Distt Ludhiana.

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

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2135/2020
(Video Conference Proceedings)

Present:- None on behalf of the appellant.
Sh. Raghubir Singh, V.D.O. 8968700542 on behalf of the respondents.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 25.11.2020.

2. The representative of the respondents states that he has brought the remaining information i.e. copy of bank pass book pertaining to the year 1.4.2010 to 31.3.2012.

3. Since, the request of the appellant has been received telephonically that he is out of station and requested for the adjournment, therefore, the respondent-Public Information Officer is directed to send the same through registered post to the appellant and the appellant is advised to go through the same and point out deficiency, if any, before the next date of hearing.

4. To come up on 15.1.2021 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, District Ludhiana /Cisco Webex.

Dated: 16.12.2020

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