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Sh. Sukhdev Singh 9815762270
Village chahal, PO Bhadson,
Tehsil Nabha, Patiala.

....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer
o/o Block Development and Panchayats Officer,
Nabha, Patiala.

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

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2884 of 2020

Present:- None on behalf of the parties.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 9.7.2020 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 6.8.2020 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 1.10.2020 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. A request has been received from the appellant to adjourn the case. Accordingly, the respondent parties have been informed not to appear in this case.

3. 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, Patiala/Cisco Webex.

Sd/

Dated: 17.12.2020

(Suresh Arora)

Chief Information Commissioner,
Punjab

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Sh. Rajinder Singh S/o Sh. Nikka Singh,
Village - Lohgarh,
PO, Tanda Ramsahai,
Tehsil Mukherian,
Distt. Hoshiarpur-144214. M : 8146001351

..Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o Director,
Rural Development and Panchayat Department, Pb.,
Mohali.

First Appellate Authority
O/o Director,
Rural Development and Panchayat Department, Pb.,
Mohali.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2136/2020
(Video Conference Proceedings)

Present:- None on behalf of the parties.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 3.11.2020 vide which the respondent-Public Information Officer was directed to place on record a copy of the demand letter as has been sought by the appellant and the appellant was directed to point out deficiency in the information so supplied by the respondents and also the appellant was directed to file the public interest involved in seeking the information. The case was adjourned for today i.e. 17.12.2020 for further proceedings of the case.

2. Today, a request has been received from the appellant that he is suffering from fever, therefore, the case is adjourned and the respondent parties have been informed. Also a copy of the demand letter has been received from the respondent-Public Information Officer, which is taken on record.

3. Accordingly, the case is adjourned with the directions to the appellant to file the rejoinder, if any, and also file the public interest involved in seeking the information before the next date of hearing failing which the ex-parte decision will be taken.

4. To come up on 1.2.2021 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Hoshiarpur/Cisco Webex.

Dated: 17.12.2020

Sd/
(Suresh Arora)
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Sh. Jasbir Singh Sekhon,
s/o Late Shri Kartar Singh
Village Tandi, P.O. Laroya,
District Jalandhar.

.....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
o/o Sarpanch, Gram Panchayat
Tandi, Block Bhogpur,
District Jalandhar.

First Appellate Authority,
o/o Block Development and Panchayats Officer,
Bhogpur, District Jalandhar.

.....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 4008 of 2019

Present:- Sh. Jasbir Singh Sekhon, appellant at Chandigarh.
Ms Manjinder Kaur, Block Development and Panchayats Officer 7087605121
and Sh. Paramjit Singh Panchayat Secretary 94172 46564 on behalf of the
respondents.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 26.10.2020 vide which the penalty amounting to Rs.5000/- was imposed upon Sh. Paramjit Singh, Panchayat Secretary and the present Block Development and Panchayats Officer Ms. Manjinder Kaur, Block Development and Panchayats Officer was also issued a show cause notice that why a compensation may not be awarded to the appellant in this case. Also, with the directions to supply the complete information, the case was adjourned for today i.e. 17.12.2020.

2. The appellant states that he is not satisfied with the information being supplied by the respondents. However, the Block Development and Panchayats Officer, Ms Manjinder Kaur requests for the short adjournment of the case and assured that the complete information will be supplied to the appellant.

3. The perusal of the file shows that in this case, application for information was filed on 15.05.2019 but after lapse of more than one year, incomplete information is being given to the appellant. It is, thus apparent from the response of the respondent-PIO that there has been delay in providing the information. Appellant had also suffered financial loss in getting the information. There are systemic deficiencies in the manner of receiving and disposing of applications. The department still does not appear to be properly tuned to the performance of its obligations enshrined under the RTI Act.

4. I am, therefore, of the view that ends of justice would be met by awarding a sum of Rs. 10000/- (Rupees ten thousands only) by way of compensation to the appellant. This amount shall be payable to the appellant from the State Exchequer before the next date of hearing.

5. The Public Information Officer-cum-Block Development and Panchayats Officer is also directed to supply the point wise complete information to the appellant before the next date of hearing.

6. To come up on 1.2.2021 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Jalandhar/Cisco Webex.

Sd/

(Suresh Arora)

Dated: 17.12.2020

Chief Information Commissioner, Punjab

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Sh. Suresh Kumar Sharma, 9855890233

New Sharma Furniture House,
Partap bazaar Cheatta,
District Amritsar.

..Complainant

Vs

Public Information Officer
o/o sub Registrar-2,
Tehsil complex,
District Amritsar.

....Respondent

Complaint Case No. 433 of 2020

(Video Conference/Cisco Webex/Phone Proceedings)

Present:- Sh. Suresh Kumar, Complainant on phone.
Sh. Tejashwar Reader 9463392100, 9814354074 office of the Sub Registrar 2,
Amritsar on behalf of the respondents.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 29.10.2020 vide which the respondent-Public Information Officer was directed to adopt the procedure laid down under Section 11 of the RTI Act, 2005 as the information being sought by the appellant relates to the 3rd party. Also the appellant was directed to submit in writing the public interest involved in seeking the information related to the 3rd party.

2. The representative of the respondents states that a notice was issued to the concerned party under Section 11 of the RTI Act, 2005 but due to Corona Virus Covid 19 pandemic outbreak the said party has requested for the adjournment of the case. A copy of written submissions of the 3rd party along with the letter issued has been sent to the Commission, which is taken on record.

3. Accordingly, the case is adjourned.

4. To come up on 20.1.2021 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, District Amritsar/cisco webex.

Sd/

(Suresh Arora)

Chief Information Commissioner,
Punjab.

Dated: 17.12.2020

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Sh. Bhupinder Punj,
r/o 186, Village Lohara,
District Ludhiana (M.No.9915235055).

.....Appellant.

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o Secretary, Regional Transport Authority,
Faridkot.

FAA-State Transport Commissioner, Punjab,
Near Mehfil Hotel,
Sector 17,
Chandigarh.

.....Respondents

Appeal Cases Nos. 3757 of 2019

(Cisco Webex Proceedings)

Present:- Sh. Bhupinder Punj, appellant.

Sh. Manoj Kumar, SO-cum-Public Information Officer 9877934000,
9914105200, on behalf of the respondents.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 3.11.2020.

2. The representative of the respondents place on record the copy of demand draft amounting to Rs.2500/- (Rupees Two Thousand five hundred only) as compensation to be paid to the appellant along with a forwarding letter dated 15.12.2020 addressed to the appellant with a copy to the Commission, which is taken on record. The respondent-Public Information Officer also states that the same has already sent to the appellant through registered post. But the appellant denied the fact and states that he has not received the same. The appellant also states that no information has been received from the respondent-Public Information Officer so far.

3. Accordingly, the case is adjourned for further proceedings as the information has already been supplied after deliberations in this case.

4. To come up on 24.12.2020 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Faridkot/cisco webex.

Sd/

(Suresh Arora)

Chief Information Commissioner,
Punjab.

Dated: 17.12.2020

Sh. Paramdeep Singh Khaira, PCS
Regional Transport Authority,
Faridkot.

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Sh. Bhupinder Punj,
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.....Appellant.

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Public Information Officer,
O/o Secretary, Regional Transport Authority,
Faridkot.

FAA-State Transport Commissioner, Punjab,
Near Mehfil Hotel,
Sector 17,
Chandigarh.

.....Respondents

Appeal Cases Nos. 3772 of 2019

(Cisco Webex Proceedings)

Present:- Sh. Bhupinder Punj, appellant.

Sh. Manoj Kumar, SO-cum-Public Information Officer 9877934000,
9914105200, 9872676005 on behalf of the respondents.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 3.11.2020.

2. The representative of the respondents place on record the copy of demand draft along with a forwarding letter dated 15.12.2020 addressed to the appellant with a copy to the Commission, which is taken on record. The respondent-Public Information Officer also states that the same has already been sent to the appellant through registered post. But the appellant denied the fact and states that he has not received the same. The appellant also states that nothing has been supplied to him regarding the RTI application.

3. Accordingly, last opportunity is granted to the respondent-Public Information Officer to file the reply/supply the information before the next date of hearing failing which the penalty provisions will be invoked.

4. To come up on 24.12.2020 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Faridkot/cisco webex.

Sd/

(Suresh Arora)

Dated: 17.12.2020

Chief Information Commissioner,
Punjab.

State Transport Commissioner (By name)
Punjab,
Sector 17,
Backside Mehfil Hotel,
Chandigarh.

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To ensure compliance of this
order.

Sh. Paramdeep Singh Khaira, PCS
Regional Transport Authority,
Faridkot.

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