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Sh. Yogesh Mahajan, S/o Sh. Kuldeep Raj Mahajan, President of Anti Corruption Council, Opp:Water Tank, Municipal Market, Mission Road, Pathankot.

...Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer, O/o Executive Engineer, Sidhwan Canal Division.

Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority-cum-

O/o Superintending Engineer, Sirhind Canal Circle, Ludhiana.

...Respondent

AC.No. 4081 of 2019

PRESENT: (i)Sh. Sandeep Sharma, Advocate on behalf of the appellant.

(ii) Sh. Jagpreet Singh, APIO is present on behalf of the PIO.

ORDER:

- 1. The RTI application is dated 01.08.2019 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 03.09.2019 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 01.11.2019 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
- 2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 18.12.2019 by the Commission.
- 3. The appellant has authorized Sh. Sandeep Sharma, Advocate to appear on his behalf for today's hearing. The representative of the appellant states that the information has been received from the PIO and he wants to close the case.
- 4. Sh. Jagpreet Singh, APIO appearing on behalf of the PIO files reply to the Notice of the Commission mentioning therein that the information as per official records has been provided to the appellant on 16.08.2019 and once again on 16.12.2019.
- 5. After hearing both the parties and perusing the record as available on file, it is established that, no further cause of action is left in the instant appeal case. The same is, hereby, disposed off and closed. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

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Sh. Yogesh Mahajan, S/o Sh. Kuldeep Raj Mahajan, President of Anti Corruption Council, Opp:Water Tank, Municipal Market, Mission Road, Pathankot.

... Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer.

O/o Executive Engineer, Faridkot Canal Division, Faridkot.

First Appellate Authority-cum-

O/o Superintending Engineer, Sirhind Canal Circle, Ludhiana.

...Respondent

AC.No. 4080 of 2019

PRESENT: (i)Sh. Sandeep Sharma, Advocate on behalf of the appellant.

(ii) Sh. Sudhar Singh, APIO is present on behalf of the PIO.

ORDER:

- 1. The RTI application is dated 01.08.2019 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 03.09.2019 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 01.11.2019 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
- 2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 18.12.2019 by the Commission.
- 3. The appellant has authorized Sh. Sandeep Sharma, Advocate to appear on his behalf for today's hearing. The representative of the appellant states that partial information has been supplied by the PIO. He states that short comings have been conveyed to the PIO vide letter dated 31.10.2019. Further inputs are awaited.
- 4. Sh. Sudhar Singh, APIO is appearing on behalf of the PIO states that he has brought information in response to the short comings pointed out by the appellant vide letter dated 31.10.2019. Copy of the same is handed over to the representative of the appellant for his perusal. The representative of the appellant requested for additional time to peruse the information provided by the PIO.
- 5. The appellant must revert back to the PIO as also the Commission within fifteen days, on any observations in the information provided. The PIO is directed to resolve the observations, if any of the appellant within one week, failing which action under Section 20(1) of the RTI Act, 2005 will be initiated.

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6. With these directions, the instant appeal case is **closed and disposed off.** Copies of the order be sent to the parties. The appellant is at liberty to approach the Commission, if the respondent – PIO does not comply with the above mentioned order passed by the Commission.

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Smt. Daljit Kaur, W/o Late Sh.Baldev Singh, Buttar Dhulkot Road, Dashmesh Nagar, Ahmedgarh, Distt:Sangrur.

...Appellant

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Public Information Officer, O/o Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Ahmedgarh, Distt:Sangrur.

First Appellate Authority-cum-O/o Deputy Director, Deptt of Local Bodies, Patiala.

...Respondent

AC.No. 4077 of 2019 AC. No.4078 of 2019 Alongwith AC.No.4079 of 2019

PRESENT: (i)Sh. Jugneet Singh Buttar and Sh. Sukhdeep Singh Bhuttar on behalf of the

appellant.

(ii) Sh. Inderjit Goyal, Clerk is present on behalf of the PIO.

ORDER:

- 1. The RTI applications are dated 01.07.2019, 05.07.2019 and 03.07.2019 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in her RTI applications. First appeals were filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 18.08.2019, 20.08.2019, 19.08.2019 and the second appeals were filed in the Commission on 01.11.2019 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
- 2. Notices of hearing were issued to the parties for 18.12.2019 by the Commission.
- 3. The appellant filed three appeals with the Commission, as these appeals relate to the same subject and department, they have been clubbed for hearing.
- 4. The appellant has authorized Sh. Jugneet Singh Bhuttar and Sh. Sukhdeep Singh Bhuttar to appear on her behalf for today's hearing in all the three cases. The representatives of the appellant state that till date, no information has been provided by the PIO.

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- 5. Sh. Inderjit Goyal, Clerk appearing on behalf of the PIO having been duly authorized by him and filed reply to the Notice of the Commission mentioning therein that the information as sought by the appellant has been sent to her vide letter dated 11.07.2019 by ordinary post and again vide letter dated 16.12.2019 by registered post. He states that he has also brought another copy of the same today in the Commission for the perusal of the appellant. After going through the information brought by the respondent, the representatives of the appellant stated that this information is incomplete. They were then advised to visit the office of the respondent on any working day and peruse the original records as available in the office of the respondent with prior notice to the PIO. The respondent is directed to provide access to records in his office and give copies of documents needed by the appellant. Photocopies of the same be provided to him duly page numbered, stamped and authenticated by the PIO. The Bench directed the PIO that the same be done, before the next date of hearing.
- 6. The PIO is absent for today's hearing inspite of the Notice of the Commission, which shows his disregard to the authority of the Commission. The absence of the PIO is viewed seriously. The PIO is directed to appear in person on the next date of hearing, failing which action under Section 20(1) of the RTI Act, 2005 will be initiated.
- 7. The matter is adjourned. To come up for further hearing on **28.01.2020** at **11.30 AM**. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

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Sh. Avinash Kumar Goyal, Advocate, S/o Sh. Ram Nath Seth, R/o, Kothi No:462, Phase:01, Model Town, Bathinda.

...Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer, O/o Executive Officer, Improvement Trust, Bathinda.

First Appellate Authority-cum-O/o Deputy Director, Local Bodies, Bathinda.

.....Respondent

AC.No. 4106 of 2019

PRESENT: (i) None is present on behalf of the appellant.

(ii) Smt. Sunita Malhotra, APIO is present on behalf of the PIO.

ORDER

- 1. The RTI application is dated 09.04.2019 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 27.06.2019 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 31.10.2019 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
- 2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 18.12.2019 by the Commission.
- 3. The appellant is absent for today's hearing. Intimation has been received from him in the Commission stating that due to ill health, he cannot attend today's hearing.
- 4. Smt. Sunita Malhotra, APIO is appearing on behalf of the PIO having been duly authorized by the PIO. She filed reply to the Notice of the Commission mentioning therein that the information has been provided to the appellant vide letter dated 28.11.2019. She states that the appellant has filed number of RTI applications seeking near identical information on the same subject. She adds that she has brought the complete record today in the Commission, pertaining to the number of RTI applications filed by the appellant.
- 5. The Bench scrutinized the records and observed that the information as available in the record has been provided. RTI Act is a platform to seek information by citizens and not a problem solving mechanism. Under the RTI Act information can be accessed by a citizen but redressal of grievances lies somewhere else.

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AC.No. 4106 of 2019

6. With these observations, no further cause of action is left in the instant Appeal case.

The same is hereby, **closed and disposed off**. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

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Sh. Karanjeet Singh Narang, H.No.3398, Sector:19/D, Chandigarh.

...Complainant

Vs

Public Information Officer, O/o Executive Engineer, Drainage Construction Division, Faridkot at Gidderbaha.

.....Respondent

CC.No. 953 of 2019

PRESENT: (i) Sh. Karanjeet Singh Narang, the complainant.

(ii) Sh. Amarjeet Singh, APIO on behalf of the PIO.

ORDER

- 1. The RTI application is dated 08.07.2019 whereby the complainant has sought information as mentioned in his RTI application. He filed complaint in the Commission on 01.11.2019 under Section 18 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
- 2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 18.12.2019 by the Commission.
- 3. The complainant states that partial information has been provided by the PIO. He further states that information pertaining to point no.1 is still pending.
- 4. Sh. Amarjeet Singh, APIO appearing on behalf of the PIO filed reply to the Notice of the Commission mentioning therein that he has brought the remaining information today in the Commission for the perusal of the complainant. After going through the information, the complainant states that he is satisfied with information provided and wants to close the case.
- 5. After hearing both the parties and perusing the record as available on file, it is established that, no further cause of action is left in the instant complaint case. The same is, hereby, disposed off and closed. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

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Sh. Megha Singh, S/o Sh. Gurdial Singh, Ward No.5, Kulana Road, Budhlada, Distt:Mansa.

.....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer, O/o Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Budhlada, Distt:Mansa. First Appellate Authority-cum-O/o Regional Deputy Director, Local Govt., Bathinda.

.....Respondent

AC.No. 4104 of 2019

PRESENT:

(i) Sh. Megha Singh, the appellant.

(ii) Sh. Dharampal, Jr. Assistant is present on behalf of the PIO.

<u>ORDER</u>

- 1. The RTI application is dated 22.04.2019 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 19.06.2019 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 01.11.2019 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
- 2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 18.12.2019 by the Commission.
- 3. The appellant states that he has received the complete information from the PIO except point no.4 i.e the copy of the registrations of dwelling units provided under Pradhanmantri Aawas Yojana to all the allottees of ward no.5. He states that the PIO has refused to provide the same being third party information.
- 4. Sh. Dharampal, Jr. Assistant is appearing on behalf of the PIO states that information regarding point no. 4 has been supplied to the appellant in generic terms. However copies of the registrations of the allottees of ward no.5 have not been made available as it is personal and third party information.
- 5. After hearing both the parties and perusing the case file, I agree with the contention of the respondent that the information sought by the appellant on point no.4 is third party information and has rightly been declined in view of Section 8(1)(j) of the RTI Act, 2005.
- 6. Accordingly this Appeal Case is hereby **closed and disposed off**. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

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