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Sh. Ankit, S/o Sh Vipan Kumar, H NO-47, Model Town, Near Kali Tea Stall, 4 Marla Quarter, Pathankot.

Versus

Public Information Officer-cum-XEN, Sewerage Board, Pathankot. First Appellate Authority, O/o DC, Pathankot.

Appeal Case No. 2822 of 2023

PRESENT: (Appellant) Absent Jagdeep Singh, JE (for the Respondent) 95920-03154

ORDER:

- 1. The RTI application is dated **7.2.2023** vide which the appellant has sought information <u>regarding sewerage pipeline in the area of Mamun (Pathankot)</u>, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **7.3.2023** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **2.5.2023** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first Hearing in the Commission on **19.12.2023**.
- 2. The appellant is absent without intimation. The respondent PIO, represented by Sh Jagdeep Singh, JE, has presented copy of a reply sent to the appellant vide Letter No. 72 Dated 28.3.2023, along with the requested information. The Commission however, notes that this Second Appeal was filed on 2.5.2023, clearly indicating that the appellant either did not receive the information, or is not satisfied with it.
- 3. Accordingly, the respondent PIO-cum-XEN, Sewerage Board, Pathanakot, is directed to provide a fresh, pointwise reply to the RTI application along with duly attested copies of the information requested therein.
- 4. <u>Next Hearing on 13.3.2024 at 11.00 AM at Punjab State Information Commission, Red</u> Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.

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Sh. Ashwani Kumar, S/o Sh Om Parkash, R/o F-9-1186, Gali No-5, Vijay Nagar, Batala Road, Amritsar.

Versus

Public Information Officer O/o Asst Town Planner, MC, Amritsar. First Appellate Authority, O/o Commissioner, MC, Amritsar.

Appeal Case No. 3688 of 2023

PRESENT: (Appellant) Absent (Respondent) Absent

ORDER:

- 1. The RTI application is dated 10.3.2023 vide which the appellant has sought information regarding attested copy of Letter No. 411 Dated 2.3.2023 Dairy No. 473 Dated 5.7.2022 and 922 Dated 3.12.2022, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on 18.4.2023 and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on 6.6.2023 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first Hearing in the Commission on 19.12.2023.
- 2. Both parties are absent. The case is adjourned.
- 3. <u>Next Hearing on 3.4.2024 at 11.00 AM at Punjab State Information Commission, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh</u>.

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Sh. Prem Kumar Rattan, H no- 78/8, Park Road, Navi Mandi, Dhuri, Sangrur.

Versus

Public Information Officer O/o XEN/SDO, Bahadur, Dsitt Barnala. First Appellate Authority, O/o SDE, Distribution Officer, PSPCL, Barnala.

Appeal Case No. 2862 of 2023

PRESENT: (Appellant) Absent (Respondent) Absent

ORDER:

- 1. The RTI application is dated **30.11.2022** vide which the appellant has sought information <u>regarding regularization of unauthorized connections</u>, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **4.3.2023** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **29.5.2023** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first Hearing in the Commission on **19.12.2023**.
- 2. Both parties are absent. The case is adjourned.
- 3. <u>Next Hearing on 3.4.2024 at 11.00 AM at Punjab State Information Commission, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh</u>.

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SHOW CAUSE NOTICE

Sh. Jagdish Kumar, Advocate, Chamber NO-851, District Courts, Bathinda.

Versus

Public Information Officer-cum-XEN, Water Supply & Sanitation Division No-3, Bathinda. First Appellate Authority, O O/o XEN, Water Supply & Sanitation Division No-3, Bathinda.

Appeal Case No. 2906 of 2023

PRESENT: (Appellant) Absent (Respondent) Absent

ORDER:

- 1. The RTI application is dated **18.1.2022** vide which the appellant has sought information regarding Department of Water Supply & Sanitation projects and villages where these were implemented, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **3.1.2023** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **4.5.2023** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first Hearing in the Commission on **19.12.2023**.
- 2. Both parties are absent. A perusal of the case file shows that the respondent PIO has not made any attempt to address this RTI application till date. Accordingly, the Commission deems it appropriate to issue Show Cause Notice to the PIO-cum-XEN, Water Supply & Sanitation, Division No-3, Bathinda.
- 3. The respondent PIO-cum-XEN, Water Supply & Sanitation, Division No-3, Bathinda, is herewith ordered to SHOW CAUSE as to why a penalty should not be imposed upon him under Section 20 (1) of RTI Act, 2005, for causing willful delay/denial of the information requested by the appellant as far back as on 18.1.2022. If there is / are other PIO / PIOs responsible for the delay in providing the information, the incumbent PIO is directed to inform such PIO(s) of the Show Cause and direct them to appear before the Commission along with written replies.

"In addition to the written reply, the respondent PIO is also given an opportunity under Section 20 (1) provision there to, for a personal hearing before the imposition of such penalty on the next date of hearing. He may take note that in case he does not file his written reply and does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the date fixed, it will be presumed that he has nothing to say and the Commission shall proceed to take further proceedings against him *ex parte*." Copies of this order be sent to the parties through registered post.

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- 4. The PIO-cum-XEN is further directed to attend the next Hearing of this Appeal Case in person at the Commission in Chandigarh. Failure to comply, will compel the Commission to secure his presence through service of **Bailable Warrant**.
- 5. <u>Next Hearing on 3.4.2024 at 11.00 AM at Punjab State Information Commission, Red</u> Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.

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Sh. Jaspal Singh,

152, Village Sehna Khera, Tehsil Malout, Distt Sri Muktsar Sahib.

Versus

Public Information Officer

o/o ADC (General), Sri Muktsar Sahib.

Public Information Officer

O/o Bathinda Development Authority, Bathinda.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Bathinda Development Authority, Bathinda.

Appeal Case No. 3637 of 2023

PRESENT: (Appellant) Absent Gurwinder Singh, JA (for the Respondent) 84275-71995

ORDER:

- 1. The RTI application is dated **1.3.2023** vide which the appellant has sought information <u>regarding colonies on sekhu road Malout</u>, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **12.4.2023** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **5.6.2023** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first Hearing in the Commission on **19.12.2023**.
- 2. The appellant is absent without intimation. The respondent PIO, office of BDA, Bathinda has submitted a reply to the Commission's Notice of Hearing vide Letter No. 525 Dated 15.12.2023, stating that the RTI application pertains to the office of ADC(G) Sri Muktsar Sahib to whom said RTI application was transferred vide Letter No. 144 Dated 28.3.2023.
- 3. This Order be marked to the ADC(G) Sri Mukatsar Sahib, who is directed to submit pointwise reply to this RTI application along with the information requested after due attestation, on or before the next Hearing. The PIO, office of BDA, Bathinda is hereafter exempted from further hearings of this Appeal Case.
- 4. Next Hearing on 3.4.2024 at 11.00 AM at Punjab State Information Commission, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.

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SHOW CAUSE NOTICE

Sh. Arvinder Pal Singh, H No. 32, Gurjivan Vihar, Dhakoli, Zirakpur, Distt SAS Nagar.

Versus

Public Information Officer-cum-XEN, Punjab Water Supply & Sewerage Circle-1, Bathinda. First Appellate Authority, O/o XEN, Punjab Water Supply & Sewerage Circle-1, Bathinda.

Appeal Case No. 3666 of 2023

PRESENT: (Appellant) Absent Gurpreet Singh, JE (for the Respondent) 79865-05156

ORDER:

- 1. The RTI application is dated **23.2.2023** vide which the appellant has sought information regarding layout drainage system/rainwater pipe for disposal of rainwater in Street No. 1-A, Bathinda, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **25.3.2023** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **6.6.2023** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first Hearing in the Commission on **19.12.2023**.
- 2. The appellant is absent but has informed the Commission of his inability to attend this Hearing. The respondent PIO, in a reply to this Commission's Notice of Hearing vide Letter No. 5183 Dated 15.12.2023, states that a reply along with information was sent to the appellant vide Letter No. 5174 Dated 14.12.2023 (by registered post Dated 15.12.2023). As per said reply, point 1 was stated to be not available as the cited Letter was not received in the office of the XEN, Punjab Water Supply and Sanitation Division No.1, Bathinda. At point 2, a copy of the requested reports were provided. The appellant is given an opportunity to list any deficiency in the information provided to him.
- 3. This RTI application was submitted on 23.2.2023 and the PIO delayed providing a reply / information for nearly ten months. Accordingly, the respondent PIO-cum-XEN, is issued with this Show Cause Notice.
- 4. The respondent <u>PIO-cum-XEN</u>, <u>Punjab Water Supply & Sewerage Circle-1</u>, <u>Bathinda</u>, is herewith ordered to <u>SHOW CAUSE</u> as to why a penalty should not be imposed upon him under Section 20 (1) of RTI Act, 2005, for causing willful delay/denial of the information requested by the appellant as far back as on 23.2.2023. If there is / are other PIO / PIOs responsible for the delay in providing the information, the incumbent PIO is directed to inform such PIO(s) of the Show Cause and direct them to appear before the Commission along with written replies.

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Appeal Case No. 3666 of 2023

"In addition to the written reply, the respondent PIO is also given an opportunity under Section 20 (1) provision there to, for a personal hearing before the imposition of such penalty on the next date of hearing. He may take note that in case he does not file his written reply and does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the date fixed, it will be presumed that he has nothing to say and the Commission shall proceed to take further proceedings against him *ex parte*." Copies of this order be sent to the parties through registered post.

- 5. The PIO-cum-XEN is also directed to attend the next Hearing in person. Failure to comply will compel the Commission to secure his presence through service of **Bailable Warrant**.
- 6. <u>Next Hearing on 3.4.2024 at 11.00 AM at Punjab State Information Commission, Red</u> Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.

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Sh. Rahul Sharma, SBS Nagar, Dugri Dhandra Road, Ludhiana.

Versus

Public Information Officer O/o GLADA, Ludhiana. First Appellate Authority, O/o GLADA, Ludhiana

Appeal Case No. 2846 of 2023

PRESENT: (Appellant) Absent (Respondent) Absent

ORDER:

- 1. The RTI application is dated **26.12.2022** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding online NOC**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **29.3.2023** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **28.4.2023** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first Hearing in the Commission on **19.12.2023**.
- 2. Both parties are absent. The case is adjourned.
- 3. <u>Next Hearing on 3.4.2024 at 11.00 AM at Punjab State Information Commission, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh</u>.

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Sh. Gagandeep Singh,

H NO-208, Aryan Enclave, Main Sua Road, Near Geeta Mandir Chowk, VPO Threeke, Ludhiana.

Versus

Public Information Officer O/o Chief Administrator, GLADA, Ludhiana. First Appellate Authority, O/o Chief Administrator, GLADA, Ludhiana.

Appeal Case No. 3703 of 2023

PRESENT: (Appellant) Absent (Respondent) Absent

ORDER:

- 1. The RTI application is dated **18.1.2023** vide which the appellant has sought information <u>regarding action taken on the complaint No. 246/CA Dated 13.6.2022</u>, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **6.3.2023** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **7.5.2023** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first Hearing in the Commission on **19.12.2023**.
- 2. Both parties are absent. The case is adjourned.
- 3. <u>Next Hearing on 3.4.2024 at 11.00 AM at Punjab State Information Commission, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.</u>

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Sh. Gurpiar Singh,S/o Sh Manjit Singh,
Village Cokiman, Tehsil Jagraon,
Distt Ludhiana.

Versus

Sh. Jagdev Singh Hans,
Public Information Officer-cum-Superintendent Finger,
PSPCL, Ludhiana.
First Appellate Authority,
O/o Chief Engineer,
Central Zone, PSPCL, Ludhiana.

Appeal Case No. 3715 of 2023

PRESENT:

Pritam Singh (for the Appellant) 98788-51641 Jasjeet Singh AE (for the Respondent) 96461-11568

ORDER:

- 1. The RTI application is dated **20.12.2022** vide which the appellant has sought information regarding electricity connections Nos. JS492, DS413BV140123K 413BV140354, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **20.1.2023** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **5.6.2023** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first Hearing in the Commission on **19.12.2023**.
- 2. The appellant, represented by his father, Sh. Pritam Singh, states that no clear reply to the RTI application has ever been provided by the respondent PIO and various officials of the PSPCL have been giving contradictory reply.
- 3. In view of the above, the Commission deems it appropriate to issue Show Cause Notice to the PIO-cum-Superintendent Engineer, Sh. Jagdev Singh Hans, PSPCL, Ludhiana.
- 4. The respondent PIO-cum-Superintendent Engineer, Sh. Jagdev Singh Hans, PSPCL, Ludhiana, is herewith ordered to SHOW CAUSE as to why a penalty should not be imposed upon him under Section 20 (1) of RTI Act, 2005, for causing willful delay/denial of the information requested by the appellant as far back as on 20.12.2022. If there is / are other PIO / PIOs responsible for the delay in providing the information, the incumbent PIO is directed to inform such PIO(s) of the Show Cause and direct them to appear before the Commission along with written replies.

"In addition to the written reply, the respondent PIO is also given an opportunity under Section 20 (1) provision there to, for a personal hearing before the imposition of such penalty on the next date of hearing. He may take note that in case he does not file his written reply and does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the date fixed, it will be presumed that he has nothing to say and the Commission shall proceed to take further proceedings against him *ex parte*." Copies of this order be sent to the parties through registered post.

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Appeal Case No. 3715 of 2023

5. The PIO is further directed to attend the next Hearing of this Appeal Case in person with all the original record pertaining to the connections cited in the RTI application. Failure to comply, will compel the Commission to initiate the penal action as per the RTI Act, 2005. In case the PIO fails to attend the next Hearing, the Commission will further be compelled to secure his presence through service of **Bailable Warrant**.

6. Next Hearing on 3.4.2024 at 11.00 AM at Punjab State Information Commission, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.

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ECO City, New Chandigarh,
Tehsil & Distt SAS Nagar.

Versus

Public Information Officer O/o PUDA, Sector-62, Mohali First Appellate Authority, O/o PUDA, Sector-62, Mohali.

Appeal Case No. 2839 of 2023

PRESENT: (Appellant) Absent Harpal Singh, JA (for the Respondent) 98462-09662

ORDER:

- 1. The RTI application is dated **5.3.2023** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding ECO City-I**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **10.3.2023** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **2.5.2023** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first Hearing in the Commission on **19.12.2023**.
- 2. The appellant is absent without intimation. The respondent PIO, represented by Sh. Harpal Singh, JA, has submitted copies of two replies sent to the appellant vide Letter No. 80026 Dated 8.8.2023 and Letter No. 29910 Dated 12.12.2023, wherein the information pertaining to point No. 1, 2, 10 and 11 have been provided and points 3 to 9 of the RTI application have been denied as these are in the form of questions, which are not admissible as per the RTI Act, 2005. Although, the PIO's reply adequately addresses this RTI application, in view of his absence, the appellant is granted an opportunity to be heard in person at the next Hearing.
- 3. <u>Next Hearing on 13.3.2024 at 11.00 AM at Punjab State Information Commission, Red</u> Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.

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Sh. Rajnish Bharara, # 520, Preet Colony, Zirakpur, Distt Mohali.

Versus

Public Information Officer O/o PSPCL, Zirakpur. First Appellate Authority, O/o Chief Engineer, PSPCL, Patiala.

Appeal Case No. 3678 of 2023

PRESENT: Rajnish Bharara (Appellant) (Respondent) Absent

ORDER:

- 1. The RTI application is dated **6.3.2023** vide which the appellant has sought information <u>regarding connections issued by PSPSCL, Zirakpur,</u> as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **10.4.2023** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **6.6.2023** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first Hearing in the Commission on **19.12.2023**.
- 2. The respondent PIO is absent without intimation. The appellant is present in person. An examination of the case file shows that the respondent PIO, provided a reply to the RTI application vide Letter No. 3148 Dated 12.5.2023, which is not satisfactory. Accordingly, the respondent PIO, PSPCL Zirakpur is directed to submit a fresh, pointwise reply to the RTI application along with duly attested copies of the information requested. This must be done on or before the next Hearing.
- 3. <u>Next Hearing on 3.4.2024 at 11.00 AM at Punjab State Information Commission, Red</u> Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.

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Sh. Rahul Bhatia,

H No-31, Street NO-1, Gujjar Colony, Rahon Road, Tehsil Ludhiana (East).

Versus

Public Information Officer

o/o SSS Board, Mohali, Punjab.

Public Information Officer

O/o Director Sports,

Olympian Balbir Singh Senior International Hockey Stadium,

Sector 63, SAS Nagar, Punjab.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Director Sports,

Olympian Balbir Singh Senior International Hockey Stadium,

Sector 63, SAS Nagar, Punjab.

Appeal Case No. 2904 of 2023

PRESENT:

(Appellant) Absent

Deepak Sharma, Superintendent (for the Respondent) 94172-13591

Parminder Singh, Clerk (for the Respondent) 98645-00011

ORDER:

- 1. The RTI application is dated **6.2.2023** vide which the appellant has sought information regarding list of eligible candidates of sports for the past of Jail Ward, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **4.3.2023** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **4.5.2023** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first Hearing in the Commission on **19.12.2023**.
- 2. The appellant is absent without intimation. The respondent PIO, represented by Sh. Deepak Sharma, Superintendent and Sh. Parminder Singh, Clerk, states that the appellant was informed online on 13.2.2023 that the information pertains to the Jails Department. During deliberations at this Hearing Sh. Deepak Sharma, Superintendent, states that the sports merit list was prepared and sent to the SSS Board, which then carried out the recruitment of Jail Warders. The information requested in this RTI application, which was submitted online on 6.2.2023, clearly relates to the SSS Board, Mohali, Punjab. Accordingly, the PIO, Department of sports is directed to transfer this RTI application under Section 6(3) of the RTI Act, 2005, to the PIO, SSS Board, Punjab, Mohali. This must be done forthwith.
- 3. <u>Next Hearing on 3.4.2024 at 11.00 AM at Punjab State Information Commission, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.</u>

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Sh. Vivek Markanda, Teacher Colony,

Nawanshehar.

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Pr. Secy,
Housing & Urban Development,
Pb, Civil Secretariat-2, Chandigarh.
First Appellate Authority,
O/o Pr. Secy,
Housing & Urban Development,
Pb, Civil Secretariat-2, Chandigarh.

Appeal Case No. 3655 of 2023

PRESENT: (Appellant) Absent (Respondent) Absent

ORDER:

- 1. The RTI application is dated **9.2.2023** vide which the appellant has sought information regarding action taken on my complainant Dated 20.6.2022, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **4.5.2023** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **5.6.2023** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first Hearing in the Commission on **19.12.2023**.
- 2. Both parties are absent. The case is adjourned.
- 3. <u>Next Hearing on 3.4.2024 at 11.00 AM at Punjab State Information Commission, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.</u>

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State Information Commissioner, Punjab. Chandigarh 19.12.2023