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SHOW CAUSE NOTICE

Sh. Ankit Sehgal,
C/o Bombay Studio,
Near Main Post Office Chowk,
Pathankot.

Versus

Public Information Officer-cum-E.O,
MC, Baba Bakala, Distt:Amritsar.
First Appellate Authority
O/o ADC (Urban Development),
Amritsar.

Appeal Case No. 1235 of 2023

PRESENT:

Ankit Sehgal (Appellant)
(Respondent) Absent

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 8.5.2023 and 4.7.2023)

1. The RTI application is dated **28.10.2022** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding comparative statement of all work of E-tendering / like online and off line works period 1.4.2021 to 28.10.2022**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **5.12.2022** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **8.2.2023** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **4.7.2023**.

2. The respondent PIO is absent without intimation. The appellant Sh. Ankit Sehgal is present in person and has travelled all the way from Pathankot to attend this Hearing at Chandigarh. This RTI application was submitted to the PIO-cum-EO, Municipal Council, Baba Bakala on 28.10.2022, since when there has been no visible attempt on the part of the PIO to address the same. Accordingly, the Commission deems it appropriate to issue Show Cause Notice to the PIO-cum-EO, Municipal Council Baba Bakala, Amritsar.

3 The respondent **PIO-cum-EO, Municipal Council, Baba Bakala, Amritsar**, 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 **28.10.2022**. **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 respondent PIO-cum-EO, Baba Bakala, 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 ensure his presence through service of a **Bailable Warrant**.

5. Next Hearing on 2.4.2024 at 11.00 AM at Punjab State Information Commission, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.

Sd/-

(ASIT JOLLY)

State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

Chandigarh

21.12.2023

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Versus

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MC, Ramdass, District Amritsar.
First Appellate Authority
O/o ADC(Urban Development),
Amritsar.

Appeal Case No. 1232 of 2023

PRESENT:

Ankit Sehgal (Appellant)
(Respondent) Absent

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 8.5.2023 and 4.7.2023)

1. The RTI application is dated **1.11.2022** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding comparative statement of all work of E-tendering / like online and off line works period 1.4.2021 to 28.11.2022**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **6.1.2023** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **8.2.2023** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **4.7.2023**.

2. The respondent PIO is absent without intimation. The appellant Sh. Ankit Sehgal is present in person and has travelled all the way from Pathankot to attend the Hearing at Chandigarh. This RTI application was submitted to the PIO-cum-EO, Municipal Council, Ramdass, on 1.11.2022, since when there has been no visible attempt on the part of the PIO to address the same. Accordingly, the Commission deems it appropriate to issue Show Cause Notice to the PIO-cum-EO, Municipal Council, Ramdass, District Amritsar.

3 The respondent **PIO-cum-EO, Municipal Council, Ramdass, District Amritsar**, 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 **1.11.2022**. **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. 1232 of 2023

4. The respondent PIO-cum-EO, MC, Ramdass is further directed to attend the next Hearing of this Appeal Case in person at the Commission a Chandigarh. Failure to comply, will compel the Commission to ensure his presence through service of **Bailable Warrant**.

5. **Next Hearing on 2.4.2024 at 11.00 AM at Punjab State Information Commission, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.**

Sd/-

(ASIT JOLLY)

State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

Chandigarh

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Versus

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MC, Majitha,
District Amritsar.
First Appellate Authority
O/o ADC(Urban Development),
Amritsar.

Appeal Case No. 1233 of 2023

PRESENT:

Ankit Sehgal (Appellant)
(Respondent) Absent

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 8.5.2023 and 4.7.2023)

1. The RTI application is dated **28.10.2022** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding comparative statement of all work of E-tendering / like online and off line works period 1.4.2021 to 28.1.2022**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **5.12.2022** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **8.2.2023** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **4.7.2023**.

2. The respondent PIO is absent without intimation. The appellant Sh. Ankit Sehgal is present in person and has travelled all the way from Pathankot to attend the Hearing at Chandigarh. This RTI application was submitted to the PIO-cum-EO, Municipal Council, Majitha, Amritsar on 28.10.2022, since when there has been no visible attempt on the part of the PIO to address the same. Accordingly, the Commission deems it appropriate to issue Show Cause Notice to the PIO-cum-EO, Municipal Council, Majitha, Amritsar.

3 The respondent **PIO-cum-EO, Municipal Council, Majitha, Amritsar**, 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 **28.10.2022**. **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. 1233 of 2023

4. The respondent PIO-cum-EO, Municipal Council, Majitha, Amritsar, 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 ensure his presence through service of **Bailable Warrant**.

5. Next Hearing on 2.4.2024 at 11.00 AM at Punjab State Information Commission, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.

Sd/-

(ASIT JOLLY)

State Information Commissioner, Punjab.
Chandigarh
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Sh. Raminderpal Singh,
R/o MIG 1406, Housing Board Colony,
C-Block, Ranjit Avenue,
Amritsar.

Versus

Public Information Officer,
o/o MC, District Amritsar.
Public Information Officer
O/o Improvement Trust,
Amritsar.
First Appellate Authority,
O/o ADC (UD)
Amritsar.

Appeal Case No. 2624 of 2023

PRESENT:

(Appellant) Absent
Paramjit Singh, JA (for the Respondent) 99140-02711

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 4.7.2023)

1. The RTI application is dated **2.1.2023** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding vishal mega mart**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **16.2.2023** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **20.4.2023** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **4.7.2023**.

2. This RTI application was transferred to the PIO, office of Municipal Corporation, Amritsar vide this Commission's Order of 4.7.2023. However, there is no one present on behalf of Municipal Corporation. Accordingly, the PIO, office of Municipal Corporation, Amritsar is issued this Show Cause Notice.

3. The respondent **PIO, office of Municipal Corporation, Amritsar**, 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 **2.1.2023**. **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.**

“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. 2624 of 2023

4. The respondent PIO, office of Municipal Corporation, Amritsar, 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 ensure his presence through service of a **Bailable Warrant**.

5. Next Hearing on 2.4.2024 at 11.00 AM at Punjab State Information Commission, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.

Sd/-

(ASIT JOLLY)

State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

Chandigarh

21.12.2023

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Sh. Amarjit Singh Dhamotia,
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Near Vishawkarma Bhawan,
Down Canal Road, Shimlapuri,
Ludhiana.

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o EO, Nagar Council,
Gidderbaha, District Sri Muktsar Sahib.
First Appellate Authority,
Additional Deputy Commissioner,
District Sri Muktsar Sahib.

Appeal Case No. 2551 of 2023

PRESENT:

(Appellant) Absent
(Respondent) Absent

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 5.7.2023)

1. The RTI application is dated **21.10.2022** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding work of interlocking tiles in Nagar Council, Gidderbaha**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **28.11.2022** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **18.4.2023** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **5.7.2023**.
2. Both parties are absent. The case is adjourned.
3. **Next Hearing on 2.4.2024 at 11.00 AM at Punjab State Information Commission, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.**

Sd/-
(ASIT JOLLY)
State Information Commissioner, Punjab.
Chandigarh
21.12.2023

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Ludhiana.

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o EO, Nagar Council,
Gidderbaha, District Sri Muktsar Sahib.

First Appellate Authority,

Additional Deputy Commissioner,
District Sri Muktsar Sahib.

Appeal Case No. 2553 of 2023

PRESENT:

(Appellant) Absent

(Respondent) Absent

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 5.7.2023)

1. The RTI application is dated **21.10.2022** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding work of streets roads in Nagar Council, Gidderbaha**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **28.11.2022** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **18.4.2023** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **5.7.2023**.

2. Both parties are absent. The case is adjourned.

3. **Next Hearing on 2.4.2024 at 11.00 AM at Punjab State Information Commission, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.**

Sd/-

(ASIT JOLLY)

State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

Chandigarh

21.12.2023

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Sh. Narinder Singh,
S/o Sh. Wajir Singh,
Village Tarheti,
PO Shahpurkandi,
Tehsil & District Pathankot.

Versus

Sh. Amrinder Singh,
Public Information Officer-cum-XEN,
o/o Water Drainage Division,
Jalandhar.
First Appellate Authority,
o/o SE, Water Drainage Circle,
Jalandhar.

Appeal Case No. 3229 of 2023

PRESENT:

(Appellant) Absent
Gurpreet Singh, SA (for the Respondent) 97791-09553

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 20.7.2023 and 13.9.2023)

1. The RTI application is dated **7.2.2023** vide which the appellant has sought information **by way of a copy of the Service Book of Wazir Singh; his retire ment benefits; and Joginder Singh's complaint against Wazir Singh and subsequent enquiry**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **13.3.2023** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **16.5.2023** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **13.9.2023**.
2. Both parties have sought an adjournment. The PIO-cum-XEN is strictly directed to comply with this Commission's Orders of 13.9.2023 before the next Hearing. The appellant wants to attend Hearing via Cisco Webex.
3. **Next Hearing on 2.4.2024 at 11.00 AM.** (The respondent PIO will attend the Hearing at Punjab State Information Commission, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh and the appellant to join the Hearing via Cisco Webex. The Cisco Webex number of this Bench is 25115873176 and password is 12345).

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Chandigarh
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