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Sh. Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia, 9464500405  
Ward No. 18, Street No. 2, Kartar Nagar, Amlah Road,  
Khanna -141401, District Ludhiana.

.....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,  
O/o Deputy Commissioner,  
Mini Secretariat, Ludhiana.

Public Information Officer,  
Executive Officer,  
Municipal Committee,  
Khanna,  
District Ludhiana

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o Commissioner,  
Patiala Division, 1-A, Baradari Garden, Patiala.

..... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 886 of 2020  
(Video Conference Proceedings)

Present:- Sh. Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia, appellant

Sh. Charanjeet Singh, CEO-cum-Public Information Officer 9646015752 through VC and Sh. Gurinder Singh Supdt. in person on the behalf of the respondents at Chandigarh

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 3.12.2020.

2. The appellant states that the respondent Public Information Officer have supplied the partial information related to the year 2019-20. However, the respondent-Public Information Officer states that the old files are in the record room where old street lights of the city have been placed and it is very difficult to trace the old record. The respondent-Public Information Officer also sent a self attested affidavit in this regard, which is taken on record. The representative of the respondents also placed the information pertaining to the year 2016-2019 which is taken on record.

3. The appellant also states that the sought information is available digitally in the Computer systems of the office but the respondent-Public Information Officer is not supplying the information. On the other hand, the respondent-Public Information Officer states that the appellant may come to the office and inspect the same. But the appellant apprehended that it is not safe to visit the office of the respondent as earlier the office levelled the allegations against him. The respondent-Public Information Officer states that the safety of the appellant will be ensured and the appellant consented to visit the office in this case.

4. After hearing both the parties, the request of the respondent-Public Information Officer is not tenable and he is directed to supply the remaining information before the next date of hearing. Also a show cause notice has already been issued to Sh. Charanjeet Singh, CEO-cum-Public Information Officer in this case, which will be decided on the next date of hearing. Also a copy of the information so received from the respondent-Public Information Officer is **sent** with this order to the appellant.

5. To come up on 2.2.2021 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, District Ludhiana/cisco webex.

Dated: 22.12.2020

Sd/  
(Suresh Arora)  
Chief Information Commissioner,  
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Sh. Gulshan Kumar,  
# 1525/1, Street No. 33,  
Preet Nagar, Shimlapuri  
District Ludhiana 9888482109

....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer  
o/o Deputy Commissioner  
District Ludhiana

First Appellate Authority  
o/o Deputy Commissioner  
District Ludhiana

Sh. Arun Sagggar,  
Administrator,  
SA Jain School,  
Daresi,  
District Ludhiana.

Public Information Officer  
o/o the District Education Officer,  
(Secondary)  
Ludhiana.

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2713 of 2020  
(Video Conference Proceedings)

Present:- Sh. Gulshan Kumar, appellant.  
Sh. Arun Sagggar, Administrator, SA Jain School, District Ludhiana 98726 18129 on  
behalf of the respondents.

## ORDER

The RTI application is dated 13.3.2020 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 24.7.2020 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 18.9.2020 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 supplied by the respondents so far. On the other hand, the representative of the respondents states that the record is too old i.e. 1957 which is not being traced. He further requested for the adjournment of the case to trace the record and file the reply/supply the information as has been sought by the appellant.

3. After hearing both the parties, the appellant is directed to establish the public interest involved in seeking the information before the next date of hearing. Also the representative of the respondents – Sh. Arun Sagggar, Administrator is directed to file his reply before the next date of hearing for the consideration of the Commission.

4. To come up on 2.2.2021 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, District Ludhiana/cisco webex.

Dated: 22.12.2020

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Sh. Gurpreet Singh s/o Sh. Shingara Singh  
r/o Village Rattanpanlo,  
Tehsil Amloh,  
Fatehgarh Sahib.

....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer  
o/o Block Development and Panchayats Officer,  
Block Amloh,  
Fatehgarh Sahib.

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

Sh. Kulwinder Singh, Registered  
Block Development and Panchayats Officer,  
Block Amloh,  
Fatehgarh Sahib.

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2223 of 2020

(Video Conference/Cisco Webex/phone proceedings)

Present:- Sh. Gurpreet Singh Lapra, appellant.  
Sh. Kulwinder Singh, Block Development and Panchayats Officer and Sh. Bhupinder Singh, Panchayat Secretary on behalf of the respondents.

## ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 15.10.2020 vide which the case was adjourned to 27.11.2020 and further adjourned for today i.e. 22.12.2020 due to administrative reasons.

2. The appellant states that no information has been provided by the respondents so far. However, the representative of the respondents states that he has sent the same through registered post on 15.12.2020 i.e. complete in all respects. He also states that the appellant may inspect the record pertaining to his RTI application with which the appellant agreed to. With the mutual understanding the date of inspection has been fixed on 7.1.2021 at 11.00 AM in the office of the Block Development and Panchayats Officer.

3. Accordingly, the appellant is advised to visit the office of the respondents and get the record inspected pertaining to 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 29.1.2020 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Fatehgarh Sahib/cisco webex.

Sd/

Dated: 22.12.2020

(Suresh Arora)

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Sh. Surinder Kumar 9465313956  
r/o VPO Bareka,  
Tehsil & District Fazilka.

....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer, Registered  
o/o Panchayat Secretary, Gram panchayat, Bareka,  
c/o Block Development and Panchayats Officer,  
Block Khuhian Server,  
District Fazilka.

First Appellate Authority  
o/o District Development and Panchayats Officer,  
District Administrative Complex,  
Fazilka

.....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1896 of 2020  
(Video Conference Proceedings)

Present:- Shri Surinder Kumar, appellant along with the Advocate Sh. Prem Singh.  
Shri Gian Singh VDO, M 9914400517 on behalf of the respondent.

## ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 3.12.2020.

2. The appellant states that he has received the information pertaining to Point No.3 & 4 with which he is satisfied but he is not satisfied with the rest of the information as he has been supplied unattested papers and also there are ambiguities. However, the representative of the respondents states that the appellant may come to the office and he will attest the same and will also show that the complete record concerning the RTI application has been supplied.

3. From the perusal of the file it has transpired that the appellant has sought the information from the respondent-Public Information Officer vide his application dated 8.11.2019 and he has supplied the information after the notice issued by the Commission. Video Conference Facility was introduced for the convenience of general public and for government officials. Viewing the attitude in dealing with the RTI application, **Sh. Gian Singh, VDO, 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 him 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. 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 next date, it will be presumed that he has nothing to say and the Commission will proceed ex-parte.

4. The appellant is advised to visit the office of the respondent-Public Information Officer and get the document inspected/attested before the next date of hearing under intimation to the Commission.

5. To come up on 2.2.2021 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Fazilka/cisco webex.

Dated: 22.12.2020

Sd/  
(Suresh Arora)  
Chief Information Commissioner, Punjab.

**Sh. Gian Singh, VDO**  
**c/o Block Development and Panchyat Officer,**  
**Block Khuhian Server,**  
**Distt. Fazilka**

Regd

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Sh. Manjit Singh 9915865633  
Ward No. 10, Namdev Marg,  
Mansa 9915865633

....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer  
o/o Chief Secretary, Punjab,  
Punjab Civil Secretariat-1, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority  
o/o Chief Secretary, Punjab,  
Punjab Civil Secretariat-1, Chandigarh.

Public Information Officer  
o/o the Director,  
Employment Generations and Trainings  
Punjab, Sector 17,  
Chandigarh.

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2767 of 2020  
(Video Conference Proceedings)

Present:- Sh. Manjit Singh, appellant through video conference  
Sh. Gurpreet Singh 92172 76488, Supdt and Sh. Harjit Singh, Clerk o/o the  
Director, Employment Generations and Trainings Punjab on behalf of the  
respondents.

## ORDER

The RTI application is dated 14.3.2020 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 3.6.2020 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 22.9.2020 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter called RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 27.11.2020 but due to administrative reasons the case was adjourned for today i.e. 22.12.2020.

2. A reference has been received from the General Administration (Coordination Branch) in which it has mentioned that the RTI application of the appellant was transferred to the Additional Chief Secretary, Electricity Department and Secretary, Employment Generation and Training Department under Section 6(3) of the RTI Act, 2005. Further the Department of Electricity has given the specific reply that the letter dated 11.5.2017 and 18.7.2019 was not received in their office. But office of the Secretary Employment Generation and Training Punjab has transferred the said RTI application of the appellant to the Director, Employment Generation and Training and said office also submitted the specific reply that as per the diary report of the concerned clerk they have not received the letter regarding which action taken is being sought by the RTI application. Whereas, the appellant states that as per his knowledge the enquiry on the said complaints dated 11.5.2017 and 18.7.2019, was entrusted to Ms Rajdeep Kaur, PCS Additional Director, Employment Generation by the Principal Secretary, Employment vide Number 13861 dated 31.7.2019 and No. 324 dated 31.7.2019.

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Appeal Case No. 2767 of 2020

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3. Accordingly, the respondent-Public Information Officer o/o the Director Employment Generation, Punjab is impleaded as necessary party in this case and is directed to trace the said numbers enumerated in para 2 above and file the specific reply/supply the information in this case before the next date of hearing.

4. To come up on 4.2.2021 to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Mansa/cisco webex.

Dated: 22.12.2020

Sd/  
(Suresh Arora)  
Chief Information Commissioner,  
Punjab.

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Shri Sukhpal Singh Gill, M 9915981769

R/o Village Sahijad,

PO Jodha,

Tehsil and District –Ludhiana

..Complainant

Vs

Public Information Officer,

o/o Finanacial Commissioner,

Rural Development and Panchayat Department, Pb.

Mohali

..Respondent

Complaint Case No. 440 of 2020

(Video conference/cisco webex/phone Proceedings)

Present: None on behalf of the parties.

## ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 2.12.2020.

2. A request has been received from the appellant to adjourn the case, which is taken on record. Accordingly, the case is adjourned and the respondent parties have been informed not to appear in this case.

3. To come up on 9.2.2021 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, District Ludhiana/cisco webex.

Dated 22.12.2020

Sd/  
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Shri Sukhpal Singh Gill, M 9915981769

R/o Village Sahijad,

PO Jodha,

Tehsil and District –Ludhiana

..Complainant

Vs

Public Information Officer,

o/o Finanacial Commissioner,

Rural Development and Panchayat Department, Pb.

Mohali

..Respondent

Complaint Case No. 441 of 2020

(Video conference/cisco webex/phone Proceedings)

Present: None on behalf of the parties.

## ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 2.12.2020.

2. A request has been received from the appellant to adjourn the case, which is taken on record. Accordingly, the case is adjourned and the respondent parties have been informed not to appear in this case.

3. To come up on 9.2.2021 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, District Ludhiana/cisco webex.

Dated 22.12.2020

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Sh. Sukhpal Singh Gill 9915981769  
R/o Village - Sahijad,  
PO - Jodha,  
Tehsil and District - Ludhiana.

....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. 1889/2020  
(Video conference/cisco webex/phone Proceedings)

Present: None on behalf of the parties.

## ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 2.12.2020.

2. A request has been received from the appellant to adjourn the case, which is taken on record. Accordingly, the case is adjourned and the respondent parties have been informed not to appear in this case.

3. To come up on 9.2.2021 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, District Ludhiana/cisco webex.

Dated 22.12.2020

Sd/  
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Sh. Sukhpal Singh Gill 9915981769  
R/o Village - Sahijad,  
PO - Jodha,  
Tehsil and District - Ludhiana.

...Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,  
o/o Finanacial Commissioner,  
Rural Development and Panchayat Department ,Pb.,  
Mohali.

First Appellate Authority,  
o/o Financial Commissioner,  
Rural Development and Panchayat Department, Pb.,  
Mohali.

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1892/2020  
(Video conference/cisco webex/phone Proceedings)

Present: None on behalf of the parties.

## ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 2.12.2020.

2. A request has been received from the appellant to adjourn the case, which is taken on record. Accordingly, the case is adjourned and the respondent parties have been informed not to appear in this case.

3. To come up on 9.2.2021 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, District Ludhiana/cisco webex.

Dated 22.12.2020

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