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**Sh. Gurnam Singh,**  
S/o Sh. Surjan Singh,  
R/o Village Bakainwala, Tehsil & District Fazilka.

Versus

## **Public Information Officer**

O/o Additional Deputy Commissioner, (Urban Development),  
Fazilka.

## **First Appellate Authority,**

O/o Additional Deputy Commissioner, (Urban Development),  
Fazilka.

## **Appeal Case No. 3217 of 2023**

PRESENT:

(Appellant)-Absent.

None for the Respondent.

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **04.11.2022** vide which the appellant has sought information in **regarding: "Action taken on the complaint Dated 20.01.2022."** as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **20.01.2023** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **16.05.2023** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The Notice of Hearing was issued to the parties for today.
2. Both parties are absent. The case is adjourned.
3. **Next Hearing on 26.03.2024 at 11.00 AM at Punjab State Information Commission, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.**

Sd/-

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**Sh. Ajay Kumar**, S/o Sh. Ram Rakha,  
Street No-1, H No-A-1346,  
Radha Swami Colony, Fazilka.

Versus

## **Public Information Officer**

O/o Executive Officer, Nagar Council,  
Fazilka.

## **First Appellate Authority,**

O/o Executive Officer, Nagar Council,  
Fazilka.

## **Appeal Case No. 3195 of 2023**

PRESENT:

(Appellant) Absent.

None for the Respondent.

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **03.02.2023** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding "Inspection of the Lease record of Sri Jain School situated on Shivpuri Road, Fazilka,"** as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **09.03.2023** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **15.05.2023** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The Notice of Hearing was issued to the parties for today.
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## SHOW CAUSE NOTICE

**Sh. Sanjeev Manhas,**  
S/o Sh. Swaran Singh,  
Village Nihalpur, Tehsil and District Pathankot.

Versus

**Public Information Officer**  
O/o Department of Water Supply & Sanitation,  
Pathankot.  
**First Appellate Authority,**  
O/o Deputy Commissioner,  
Pathankot.

### Appeal Case No. 3198 of 2023

PRESENT:

(Appellant)-Absent.

Sh. Ramesh Kumar, Assistant Engineer (For the Respondent).

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **24.02.2023** vide which the appellant has sought information in **regarding: "Newly constructed bore well/water supply at Village Jhenjeli/Nihalpur, Block Sujampur, District Pathankot etc.,"** as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **26.03.2023** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **15.05.2023** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The Notice of Hearing was issued to the parties for today.

2. The appellant is absent without intimation. The respondent PIO is represented by Sh. Ramesh Kumar, Assistant Engineer, has submitted a copy of a reply sent to the appellant vide Letter No. 09 Dated 24.11.2023 along with the requested information.

3. The Commission notes that this RTI application was submitted on 24.02.2023 online to the PIO and first reply/information was provided on 24.11.2023, which constitutes the delay of some eight months. Accordingly, the Commission deems it appropriate to issue this Show Cause Notice to the **respondent PIO-cum-XEN, Sh. Mahesh Kumar, Water Supply and Sanitation Div No.2, Pathankot.**

4. The **respondent PIO-cum-XEN, Sh. Mahesh Kumar, Water Supply and Sanitation Div No.2, Pathankot,** 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 **24.02.2023**. If there are other PIOs responsible for the delay in providing the information, the 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. 3198 of 2023

5. The respondent PIO-cum-XEN, Sh. Mahesh Kumar, Water Supply and Sanitation Div No. 2, Pathankot is further directed to be present in person along with the written reply and duly attested copies of the information as sought in the RTI application. Failure to comply, will compel the Commission to ensure his presence through service of a **Bailable Warrant**.

6. Next Hearing on 26.03.2024 at 11.00 AM at Punjab State Information Commission, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.

Sd/-

(ASIT JOLLY)

State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

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**Sh. Simranjit Singh,**  
S/o Sh. Jagdish Singh,  
# 93/2, Adarsh Nagar, Jalandhar-1,

Versus

## **Public Information Officer**

O/o Jalandhar Development Authority,  
Jalandhar.

## **First Appellate Authority,**

O/o Jalandhar Development Authority,  
Jalandhar.

## **Appeal Case No. 3213 of 2023**

PRESENT:

(Appellant) Absent.

Sh. Pawan Kumar, PIO-cum-SDO, Public Health Branch (For the Respondent)

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **08.07.2022** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding: "Paper book of Tower Enclave, Phase-III, Extension etc."** as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **09.08.2022** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **16.05.2023** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The Notice of Hearing was issued for today.

2. The appellant is absent without intimation. The respondent PIO-cum-SDO Sh. Pawan Kumar, is present in person and states that the information requested in this RTI application pertains to a third party, who has refused to consent disclosure of the information sought by the appellant. The respondent PIO is hereby directed to provide a pointwise reply to the RTI application with a copy to this Commission. The PIO is also directed to apprise the Commission by way of a list of documents in the paper book sought at point No. 1 of the RTI application, on the next Hearing.

**3. Next Hearing on 26.03.2024 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. Jasmel Singh,**  
H No-24, Street No-2,  
Raman Enclave, Rishi Nagar,  
Ludhiana.

Versus

## **Public Information Officer**

O/o Estate Officer,  
Greater Ludhiana Area Development Authority,  
Ludhiana.

## **First Appellate Authority,**

O/o Chief Administrator,  
Greater Ludhiana Area Development Authority,  
Ludhiana.

## **Appeal Case No. 2772 of 2023**

PRESENT:

(Appellant) Present.

None for the Respondent.

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **02.09.2022** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding: "Residential Plots under 80:20 scheme village DAD have been allotted etc.,"** as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **26.12.2022** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **25.04.2023** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The Notice of Hearing was issued for today.

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

3. **Next Hearing on 26.03.2024 at 11.00 AM at Punjab State Information Commission, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.**

Sd/-

**(ASIT JOLLY)**

State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

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**Sh. Parminder Singh,**  
R/o H No-1232, Urban Estate,  
Phase-2, Dugri Road, Ludhiana.

Versus

**Public Information Officer**  
O/o Greater Ludhiana Area Development Authority,  
Ludhiana.  
**First Appellate Authority,**  
O/o Chief Administrator,  
Greater Ludhiana Area Development Authority, Ludhiana.

## **Appeal Case No. 2771 of 2023**

PRESENT:  
(Appellant) Present.  
None for the Respondent.

## **ORDER:**

1. The RTI application is dated **04.01.2023** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding: "Action initiated by GLADA, Ludhiana for Building Bylaws violations by Owner of # 1233, Urban Estate-II, Dugri Road, Ludhiana."** as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **23.01.2023** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **25.04.2023** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The Notice of Hearing was issued for today.

2. The respondent PIO is absent. The appellant states that the information sought in this RTI application has not been provided despite the Order of the First Appellate Authority Dated 10.02.2023. The respondent PIO has submitted a copy of a reply sent to the appellant vide Letter No.02 Dated 06.01.2023, whereby the requested information was withheld citing a letter of the Government of India, Ministry of Personnel Grievances and Pensions, Department of Personnel & Training.

3. The Commission is of the considered view that the PIO cannot seek exemption from the disclosure of the requested information on the aforesaid ground. The PIO is directed to provide a written reply to the appellant with a copy to this Commission clearly stating that whether any notices were issued to the Owner of the cited property for the violations of building bylaws. If, yes, copies of the said notices, after due attestation, must be provided. This must be done on or before the next Hearing.

4. **Next Hearing on 26.03.2024 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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**Ms. Sonia Panchate,**  
D/o Sh. Surinder Kumar,  
Ward No-48, New Dayal Bagh,  
Tehsil Ambala.

Versus

## **Public Information Officer**

O/o Greater Mohali Area Development Authority (GMADA),  
Sector-62, Mohali.

## **First Appellate Authority,10**

O/o Greater Mohali Area Development Authority (GMADA),  
Sector-62, Mohali.

## **Appeal Case No. 2691 of 2023**

PRESENT:

(Appellant)-Absent.

Sh. Hardeep Singh, Patwari O/o Land Acquisition Collector, Mohali (For the Respondent).

Sh. Harpal Singh, Junior Assistant O/o GMADA, Mohali (For the Respondent)

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **18.01.2023** vide which the appellant has sought information in **regarding: "GMADA or LAC Land Acquisition (Award No.575) for Aerotropolis Project, Block C etc.,"** as enumerated in her RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **22.02.2023** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **24.04.2023** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The Notice of Hearing was issued to the parties for today.

2. The appellant is absent without intimation. The respondent PIO, represented by Sh. Hardeep Singh, Patwari along with Sh. Harpal Singh, Junior Assistant, have submitted copies of three separate replies sent to the appellant vide Letter No. 252 Dated 26.06.2023, Letter No.79430 Dated 31.07.2023 and Letter No.18205-06 Dated 01.08.2023, wherein point Nos. 1, 3, 4, 5 and 6 have been addressed. Sh. Hardeep Singh, Patwari states that the information pertaining to point No.2 is a part of an investigation by the Vigilance Bureau of Punjab Government and therefore is not available in GMADA. The respondent PIO is directed accordingly, to intimate the appellant regarding the status at point No. 02 of her RTI application. This must be done on or before the next hearing.

**3. Next Hearing on 26.03.2024 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  
08.12.2023

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**Sh.Surinder Singh,**

S/o Sh. Ajit Singh,

R/o Deep Enclave, Village Satiawala,

District Ferozepur.

Versus

**Public Information Officer**

O/o Principal Secretary,

Department of Power, Punjab,

Chandigarh.

**First Appellate Authority,**

O/o Chairman-cum-Managing Director,

PSPCL, Patiala.

**Appeal Case No. 2692 of 2023**

PRESENT:

(Appellant)-Absent.

None for the Respondent.

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **03.01.2023** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding: "Action taken on the complaint Dated 02.01.2015."** as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **05.03.2023** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **18.05.2023** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The Notice of Hearing was issued to the parties for today.

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

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**Sd/-**

**(ASIT JOLLY)**

State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

Chandigarh

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**Sh. Narinder Singh,**  
# 7113, Sector 125,  
New Sunny Enclave, Mohali.

Versus

## **Public Information Officer**

O/o The Bharat Scouts and Guides Punjab,  
Punjab University Campus, Sector 14, Chandigarh.

## **First Appellate Authority,**

O/o State Chief Commissioner,  
The Bharat Scouts and Guides Punjab,  
Punjab University Campus, Sector 14, Chandigarh.

## **Appeal Case No. 2755 of 2023**

PRESENT:

(Appellant) Present.

Sh. Harinder Sharma, Deputy Secretary-cum-APIO (For the Respondent).

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **07.02.2023** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding "Show cause notice issued to Sh. Narinder Singh Ex-State Chief Commissioner and final enquiry report against Sh. Narinder Singh Ex-State Chief Commissioner etc.,"** as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **10.03.2023** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **26.04.2023** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The Notice of Hearing was issued to the parties for today.

2. Both parties are present. The respondent PIO, represented by Sh. Harinder Sharma, Deputy Secretary has provided a pointwise reply vide Letter No. 969-23 Dated 24.07.2023, which was sent to the appellant via email on the same date. A copy of the said email and reply were presented during this Hearing and email address, which was confirmed from the appellant, Sh. Narinder Singh, was found to be correct. A copy of the said reply, vide Letter No. 970-23 Dated 24.07.2023 was also sent to this Commission via email on the same date.

3. After examining the case file and reply, the Commission directs the PIO-cum-Secretary to provide hard copies of the aforesaid replies, to the appellant as well as this Commission along with the duly certified copies of all the information sought by the appellant in his RTI application. This must be done on or before the next hearing.

4. **Next Hearing on 26.03.2024 at 11.00 AM at Punjab State Information Commission, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.**

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**Sh. Vipin Grover,**  
Fatehgarh Panjtoor, District Moga.

Versus

**Public Information Officer**  
O/o Punjab State Information Commission,  
Sector:16, Chandigarh.  
**First Appellate Authority,**  
Punjab State Information Commission,  
Sector:16, Chandigarh.

## **Appeal Case No. 4183 of 2023**

PRESENT:

(Appellant) Absent.

Sh. Sudhir Kumar, Section Officer-cum-PIO, the Respondent.

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **05.04.2023** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding "Action taken against the corrupt staff on the basis of the documents, which had been submitted by the Punjab Police in the Appeal Case No. 5712/2022"** as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **24.06.2023** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **06.07.2023** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The Notice of Hearing was issued to the parties for today.
2. The appellant is absent without intimation. The respondent PIO is present in person and states that some additional time be given to file a written reply.
3. The PIO is directed to file a written, pointwise reply on or before the next Hearing.
4. **Next Hearing on 26.03.2024 at 11.00 AM at Punjab State Information Commission, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.**

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**Sh. Pragat Singh,**  
S/o Sh. Gurdev Singh,  
H.No.05, Dashmesh Avenue Cantt Road,  
Mithapur, Jalandhar.

Versus

## **Public Information Officer**

O/o Director,  
Information and Public Relation, Punjab,  
Chandigarh.

## **First Appellate Authority,**

Director,  
Information and Public Relation, Punjab,  
Chandigarh.

## **Appeal Case No. 1410 of 2023**

PRESENT:

(Appellant)-Absent.

Sh. Harjit Singh Grewal, Joint Director (For the Respondent).

Smt. Sucheta, Senior Assistant (For the Respondent).

ORDER:

*(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 21.04.2023, 22.05.2023, 28.07.2023 and 02.11.2023)*

1. The RTI application is dated **01.02.2023** vide which the appellant has sought information in **regarding "expenditure incurred on web channel ads, electronic media, radio ads and Google/Youtube etc.,"** as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **10.02.2023** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **06.04.2023** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. This case was last heard on **02.11.2023**.

2. The appellant is absent without intimation. The respondent PIO-cum-Joint Director, Sh. Harjit Singh Grewal accompanied by Smt. Sucheta, Senior Assistant, have submitted copy of a reply to the RTI application vide Letter No. DIPR-RTI0RTI1(338)/14/2023-RTI-DIPR Dated 08.12.2023, wherein the information pertaining to point No. 1, by way of the total expenditure incurred on web channel ads, electronic media ads, Radio ads and Google/YouTube ads from March, 2022 to Date. Point No. 2 has been withheld as a third party information.

3. The Commission is of the considered view that information sought at point No. 2 i.e. the amount paid to the media houses for different ads/campaigns from March 2022 till the date of the RTI application, does not qualify for exemption from disclosure as third party information. The expenditure incurred on the media advertisements involves the expenditure of public monies and citizens have the right to demand said information.

4. The Commission hereby, directs the respondent PIO to submit a written reply to point No. 2 of this RTI application along with the information sought therein, within three weeks from the receipt of this Order to the appellant, with a copy to this Commission.

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**Appeal Case No. 1410 of 2023**

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[Note: The appellant / complainant can attend the Hearing in person at the Commission / video conferencing from the office of the Deputy Commissioner of the concerned District or Cisco Webex. The Cisco Webex number of this Bench is 25115873176 and password is 12345. The appellant / complainant is advised to intimate the Commission regarding the mode of Hearing, atleast three weeks before the Hearing.]

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