

Kuldip Singh Walia
S/o Late Sh. Harjit Singh,,
Flat No. B 004,
Sushma Joy Nest,
Mohalla -1, Airport Road, P R 7,
Chhat, Zirakpur (S.A.S. Nagar) 140603(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

- (Regd. Post) i) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Director,
Deptt. of Local Government, Punjab,
Municipal Bhawan, Sector 35 - A,
Plot No. 03, Chandigarh
- (Regd. Post) ii) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Officer,
Nagar Council,
Zirakpur (Punjab)

Encl : RTI request

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Director,
Deptt. of Local Government, Punjab,
Municipal Bhawan, Sector 35 - A,
Plot No. 03, Chandigarh

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 5543 of 2021

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.
None on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.
The RTI request is dated 25.08.2021. First appeal is dated 08.10.2021. Second
appeal has been received in the Commission on 10.12.2021.

The appellant, Sh. Kuldip Singh Walia is not present in today's hearing

After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that on the hearing,
held on 06.04.2022, Sh. Gurpreet Singh, Building Inspector (Town Planning Wing) , stated that the
information, demanded by the appellant through RTI request relates with office of Executive
Officer, Nagar Council, Zirakpur, hence, the RTI request of the appellant was transferred to office
of Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Zirakpur under Section 6 (3) of the RTI Act. It is taken on
record.

Accordingly, Public Information Officer office of Executive Officer, Nagar Council,
Zirakpur was impleaded as necessary party in this case with the directions to supply the certified
copies of the required information to the appellant as per queries raised by him through RTI
request with a copy to the Commission.

Neither the respondent PIO nor any of his representative is present in today's
hearing. He has also not sent any intimation regarding his non-availability. Moreover, he (the PIO
office of Nagar Council, Zirakpur) has not sent any document showing that the information has
been supplied to the appellant despite the fact that the directions were given by the Commission
vide orders dated 06.04.2022. The Commission took a serious view of this casual approach of the
respondent PIO.

In view of the above, a show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act is issued to Public Information Officer concerned of office of Executive Officer of Nagar Council, Zirakpur as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay/denial in supplying the information to the RTI applicant under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

He may note that in case he does not file his submission and does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the next 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. **A copy of this order be sent to him through registered post.**

Last opportunity is given to the respondent Public Information Officer office of Executive Officer of Nagar Council, Zirakpur to supply the certified copies of the required information as per queries raised through RTI request, to the appellant with a copy to the Commission, by the next date of hearing. He is also directed to represent this case in person or through his representative on the next date fixed.

A copy of this order be sent to the Director, Local Government, Punjab **through registered post** to ensure compliance of the above announced order .

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information or not.

The case is **adjourned to 11th October, 2022 (Tuesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing.**
Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 1st August, 2022

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

(Regd. Post)

The Director,
Deptt. of Local Government, Punjab,
Municipal Bhawan, Sector 35 - A,
Plot No. 03, Chandigarh



Vishal Joshi,
1697/12,
Street – Chajju Mishar,
Chowk Farid, Amritsar(Punjab)

.... Complainant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Principal Secretary
to Government. of Punjab,
Deptt. of Local Government,
Municipal Bhawan, Sector 35 - A,
Plot No. 03, Chandigarh

...Respondents

Complaint Case No. 1135 of 2021

Present : None on behalf of the complainant.
Sh. Rajan Sharma, Draftsman(Town Planning Wing) , on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

The RTI request is dated 10.05.2021. The complaint has been received in the Commission on 08.09.2021.

The complainant, Sh. Vishal Joshi is not present in today's hearing, Sh. Rajan Sharma, Draftsman(Town Planning Wing), who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that the information relates with Town Planning Wing has already been supplied to the complainant and rest of the information at point no. 04 and 06, relates with Sales Branch.

Nevertheless, last opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to supply the remaining information at point no. 04 and 06 after collecting the same from the concerned branch i. e. Sales Branch to the appellant with a copy to the Commission. The information to be supplied should be legible and duly attested.

An opportunity is also given to the complainant to confirm whether he has received the information or not .

The case is adjourned to 11th October, 2022 (Tuesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 1st August, 2022

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab



Jagjit Singh
Aman Nagar,
Street – 03, Back Side Green Land School,
Near Jalandhar Bye Pass,
Ludhiana(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The District Education Officer (Elem.),
Ludhiana (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The District Education Officer (Elem.),
Ludhiana (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 4072 of 2021

Present : Sh. Jagjit Singh, the appellant in person.
Sh. Mohinder Singh, Senior Assistant, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

The RTI request is dated 17.05.2021. First appeal is dated 24.06.2021. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 08.09.2021.

Sh. Mohinder Singh, Senior Assistant , who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that the requisite information of 714 pages has been supplied to the appellant vide letter no. 117068 dated 17.05.2022 and a reply has also been sent to the Commission, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 11526 dated 30.05.2022. It is taken on record.

The appellant, Sh. Jagjit Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that he could not point out deficiencies in the supplied information to the respondent PIO due to sudden demise of her mother and seeks an adjournment in this case.

Nevertheless, an opportunity is also given to the appellant to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied to him, in writing, to the respondent PIO well in time so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned and also send a copy of the same to the Commission.

Another opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to supply the information, after removing the deficiencies, which would be pointed out by the appellant, to him by registered post before the next date of hearing with a copy to the Commission.

The case is adjourned to 12th October, 2022 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 1st August, 2022

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State Information Commissioner
Punjab



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Aman Nagar,
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Near Jalandhar Bye Pass,
Ludhiana(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The District Education Officer (Elem.),
Ludhiana (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The District Education Officer (Elem.),
Ludhiana (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 4201 of 2021

Present : Sh. Jagjit Singh, the appellant in person.
Sh. Mohinder Singh, Senior Assistant, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

The RTI request is dated 11.06.2021. First appeal is dated 17.07.2021. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 15.09.2021.

Sh. Mohinder Singh, Senior Assistant, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that the appellant did not visit the office to inspect the relevant case-files despite the facts several opportunities were given to the appellant to inspect the same. He also intimates the Commission that a reply has also been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 195995 dated 25.07.2022, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 16757 dated 28.07.2022. It is taken on record.

The appellant, Sh. Jagjit Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that he could not visit the office of the respondent due to sudden demise of her mother and seeks an adjournment in this case.

Nevertheless, an opportunity is also given to the appellant to visit the office of the respondent PIO on 08.08.2022 to at 02:00 P. M. to inspect the relevant official record.

The respondent PIO concerned is directed to facilitate the appellant during his visit to the office and supply the required information to the appellant (which would be identified by him after inspection) with a copy to the Commission.

The date and time of inspection of the relevant official record has been announced to both the parties (present) in the open court.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information, after inspection or not.

The case is adjourned to 12th October, 2022 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 1st August, 2022

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab



Sarabjit Singh
S/o Sh. Sarup Singh,
Ward No. 10,
Backside of Waadha(Main)Gurudwara Sahib,
Moonak, Distt. – Sangrur (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Block Development
and Panchayat Officer,
Lehragaga,
Distt. - Sangrur(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The District Development
and Panchayat Officer,
Sangrur (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 4205 of 2021

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.
Ms. Paramjit Kaur, Superintendent O/o B.D.P.O., Anndana at Moonak, on behalf of
the respondent.

ORDER

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

The RTI request is dated 06.02.2021. First appeal is dated 13.03.2021. Second
appeal has been received in the Commission on 15.09.2021.

The appellant, Sh. Sarabjit Singh, is not present in today's hearing.

After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that the respondent
PIO through a reply vide letter no. 5280 dated 10.05.2022 signed by B.D.P.O., Lehragaga , has
intimated the Commission that the information demanded through RTI request relates with office
of B.D.P.O., Anndana at Moonak. It is taken on record.

Ms. Paramjit Kaur, Superintendent office of B.D.P.O., Anndana at Moonak, who
appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that the information
demanded through RTI request relates with office of B.D.P.O., Lehragaga.

Heard the respondent (present) party.

As the RTI request of the appellant is addressed to PIO office of B.D.P.O.,
Lehragaga, hence, an opportunity is given to the respondent PIO office of B.D.P.O., Lehragaga,
represent this case in person or through his representative on the next date of hearing so that
facts of this case could be cleared.

The case is adjourned to 13th October, 2022 (Thursday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 1st August, 2022

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab



Sukhdev Singh S/o Sh. Mukhtiar Singh,
Village - Patti Dulatt, Longowal,
Teh. & Distt. – Sangrur - 148106(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Officer,
Nagar Council, Longowal,
Teh. & Distt. – Sangrur (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Additional Deputy Commissioner
(Urban Development),
Sangrur (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 258 of 2022

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.
None on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.
The RTI request is dated 26.06.2021. First appeal is dated 24.08.2021. Second
appeal has been received in the Commission on 31.12.2021.

Neither the respondent PIO nor any of his representative is present in today's hearing. He has also not sent any forwarding letter (if the information has been sent to the appellant), hence, an opportunity is given to the respondent PIO to send a copy of the supplied information (if supplied to the appellant) to the Commission by the next date of hearing.

After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that the notice of hearing issued by the Commission vide letter no. 4779 dated 07.02.2022 in the name of the appellant, Sh. Sukhdev Singh S/o Sh. Mukhtiar was received back in the office of the Commission as 'undelivered' through Diary No. 3084 dated 14.02.2022 and now again the order dated 11.05.2022 sent by the Commission vide no. 4779 dated 30.05.2022 in the name of the appellant is also received back in the office of the Commission as 'undelivered' through Diary No. 11604 dated 30.05.2022 . It is taken on record.

Nevertheless, a copy of this order be sent to the appellant at his residential address.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information or not. He is also advised to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied to him, in writing, to the respondent PIO so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned.

Another opportunity is also given to both the parties to represent this case in person or through their representative on the next date fixed to intimate the status of the instant appeal-case or the case would be decided on merits.

The case is adjourned to 13th October, 2022 (Thursday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 1st August, 2022

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab



Jaspal
S/o Sh. Munshi Ram,
Village – Bhindi Aulakh Khurd,
Tehsil – Ajnala,
Distt.- Amritsar (Punjab)

.... Complainant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Panchayat Secretary,
Gram Panchayat,
Bhindi Aulakh Khurd,
Chaugawan, Tehsil – Ajnala,
Distt.- Amritsar (Punjab)

...Respondents

Complaint Case No. 42 of 2022

Present : None on behalf of the complainant.
None on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

The RTI request is dated 24.05.2021. The complaint has been received in the Commission on 17.01.2022.

Neither the complainant, Sh. Jaspal nor the respondent is present in today's hearing. They have also not sent any intimation regarding their non-availability.

The respondent PIO has not sent any forwarding letter (if the information has been sent to the appellant), moreover, the complainant has not sent any intimation whether he received the information or not.

Nevertheless, last and final opportunity is given to both the parties to represent this case in person or through their representative on the next date fixed to intimate the status of the instant appeal-case or the case would be decided on merits.

The case is adjourned to 17th October, 2022 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 1st August, 2022

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab