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Prem Kumar Rattan, H. No. 78/8, Park Road, Navi Mandi, Dhuri, Distt. - Sangrur (Punjab)

....Appellant

Public Information Officer, O/o The Tehsildar. **Dhuri, Distt. - Sangrur(Punjab)**

First Appellate Authority, O/o The Sub Divisional Magistrate, Dhuri, Distt. - Sangrur(Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 173 of 2021

V/s

Sh. Prem Kumar Rattan, the appellant in person. Present:

Sh. Loveleen Kumar, Clerk, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 10.10.2020. First appeal is dated 11.11.2020. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 28.12.2020.

On the last date of hearing, held on 15.09.2021;

- i) Ms. Mandeep Kaur, PIO-cum-Tehsildar, Dhuri, stated that the certified copies of the requisite information were supplied to the appellant vide letter no. 117 dated 05.04.2021 and again a reply was given to vide letter dated 15.09.2021.
- The appellant stated that irrelevant information was given to him as he demanded ii) process and base of a Registry.
- iii) The respondent PIO was directed to send a written reply, to the remaining query regarding process and base of a "Registry", to the appellant with a copy to the Commission.
- iv) An opportunity was also given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the reply or not.

Sh. Loveleen Kumar, Clerk, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant

The appellant, Sh. Prem Kumar Rattan, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that incomplete information has been given to him by the respondent PIO.

After examining the documents placed on record and hearing both the parties concerned, it emerges that information at point no. 03 and 04 of the RTI request has been given by the respondent PIO and point no. 01 and 02 is 'voluminous in nature'.

Nevertheless, the appellant is advised to visit the office of the respondent PIO on 16.12.2021 at 11:00 A. M. to inspect the relevant official record to identify the required information. The respondent PIO concerned is directed to facilitate the appellant to inspect the relevant official record during his visit to the office on 16.12.2021 at 11:00 A. M. and <u>directed to provide only Vasika Numbers of the identified information and not to give any copy of "Registry" to the appellant</u>.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether he received the information, which would be supplied to him by the respondent PIO after inspection, or not.

The date and time of visit of the appellant and inspection of the relevant official record in the office of the respondent has been announced to the parties during the proceedings of the instant appeal-case.

Both the parties mutually agreed to it during the hearing today.

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

The case is <u>adjourned to 28th February, 2022 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.</u>

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date: 1st December, 2021 (Sanjiv Garg)
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Raiinder Kumar. 141, Street No. 6, Puniya Colony, Haripura Road, Sangrur - 148001(Punjab)



....Appellant

V/s

i) **Public Information Officer,** O/o The Chief Engineer(South), Water Supply & Sanitation Division, Non-Gazetted branch, Patiala (Punjab)

ii) **Public Information Officer,** O/o The Chief Engineer(South), Water Supply & Sanitation Division, **Establishment Gazetted Branch, Patiala (Punjab)**

First Appellate Authority, O/o The Principal Secretary to Government. of Punjab, Deptt. of Water Supply & Sanitation, Pb. Mini Sectt., Chandigarh (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 264 of 2021

Sh. Rajinder Kumar, the appellant in person. Present:

Sh. Malkiat Singh, Superintendent O/o C. E.(P. D. Q. A.) (Gazetted Branch);

ii) Sh. Kuldip Singh, Senior Assistant O/o C. E.(South), (Non-Gazetted branch) for respondent.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 26.09.2020. First appeal is dated 09.11.2020. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 31.12.2020.

On the last date of hearing, held on 15.09.2021;

- i) The appellant stated that complete information has not been given to him till date.
- ii) The respondent PIO through a reply vide letter no. 224214 dated 06.08.2021, signed by Superintendent-cum-PIO of Roads and Building - 2 Branch, intimated the Commission that the information demanded through RTI request relates with office of i) C.E.(South), Water Supply & Sanitation, Patiala; ii) C.E.(PDQA), Water Supply & Sanitation, Patiala iii) Deputy Director (Admin.) Water Supply & Sanitation, Patiala and a letter was forwarded to the above-said offices with the directions to supply the information to the appellant.
- iii) Sh. Gurminder Singh, Superintendent (Establishment Non-Gazetted branch), stated that whatever information relates with Non-Gazetted branch was supplied to the appellant.
- iv) Sh. Malkiat Singh, Superintendent(Establishment Gazetted branch), appeared for the respondent, stated that concerned/dealing hand joined recently in the branch and sought an adjournment in this case so that remaining information at point no. 02 and 03 of the RTI request could be supplied to the appellant.

- v) Another opportunity was given to the respondent PIO office of Superintendent (Establishment Gazetted branch), to supply the remaining information at point no. 02 and 03 of the RTI to the appellant, by registered post with a copy to the Commission
- vi) Another opportunity was given to the appellant to confirm whether he received the information or not.

The appellant, Sh. Rajinder Kumar, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that incomplete information has been given to him by the respondent PIO till date.

Sh. Kuldip Singh, Senior Assistant office of C. E.(South) (Establishment Non-Gazetted branch), who appeared in today's hearing, whatever information relates with Non-Gazetted branch has already been supplied to the appellant.

Sh. Malkiat Singh, Superintendent office of C. E.(P. D. Q. A.) (Gazetted branch), appeared for the respondent in today's hearing, states that remaining information at point no. 03 of the RTI request demanded by the appellant is regarding arrear of pensioners benefits, which does not relate with Gazetted branch.

Heard the parties.

Another opportunity is given to the respondent-PIO concerned to supply the certified copies of the remaining information at point no. 03 of the RTI request to the appellant, after collecting the same from the concerned office/official/Branch (with whom the required information relates), with a copy to the Commission.

A copy of this order be sent to Chief Engineer office of Water Supply & Sanitation, Patiala 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 28th February, 2022 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date: 1st December, 2021

(Sanjiv Garg) **State Information Commissioner** Punjab

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(Regd. Post) The Chief Engineer,

O/o Pb. Water Supply & Sanitation,

Patiala (Punjab)

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Arvinder Pal Singh S/o Late Sh. Pritam Singh, H. No. 16976, Street No. 1-A,

Aggarwal Colony, Bathinda (Punjab)

....Appellant

Public Information Officer, O/o The Executive Engineer,

Punjab Water Supply and Sewerage Board,

Division No. 01 & 02, Bathinda (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority, O/o The Superintending Engineer, Punjab Water Supply and Sewerage Board, Bathinda (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 474 of 2021

V/s

Present: Sh. Arvinder Pal Singh, the appellant in person.

None on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 27.07.2020. First appeal is dated 05.11.2020. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 13.01.2021.

On the last date of hearing, held on 15.09.2021;

- i) Sh. Ashwini Goel, S. D. O.(Division 01), stated that the certified copies of the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant vide letter no. 3795 dated 20.08.2021 through registered post.
- ii) The appellant stated that irrelevant information was given to him as he had not received information regarding drainage of rain water and Garbage in Aggarwal Colony, Bathinda.
- iii) The respondent-PIO concerned was directed to send a detailed reply to query no. 03 regarding drainage of rain water and query no. 10 regarding Garbage in Aggarwal Colony, Guru Gobind Singh Nagar, Bathinda, to the appellant with a copy to the Commission.
- iv) Another opportunity was given to the appellant to confirm whether he received the reply or not.

After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that the respondent PIO through a reply vide letter no. 4447 dated 06.10.2021 signed by Public Information Officer-cum-Executive Engineer, Punjab Water Supply and Sewerage Board, Division No. 01, Bathinda, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 23144 dated 11.10.2021, has intimated the Commission that the requisite information at point no. 06 and 10 has been supplied to the appellant vide letter no. 4446 dated 06.10.2021. It is taken on record.

The appellant, Sh. Arvinder Pal Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that he has received the above-mentioned reply on 16.10.2021, which is not satisfactory.

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, the requisite information has also not been supplied by the respondent PIO to the information seeker even after the directions were given by the Commission vide orders dated 15.09.2021. The Commission took a serious view of this casual approach of the respondent PIO.

After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that a show-cause notice was issued vide orders dated 30.06.2021 with the directions to the concerned PIO to appear before the Commission personally but he did not visit the Commission to attend the hearing, moreover, complete information has also not been supplied by the respondent PIO to the information seeker till date, which reflects that he is trying to delay in supplying the required information to the information-seeker.

For making delay in supplying the requisite information to the information-seeker under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act, a penalty of Rs. 5,000/- (Rupees Five Thousand Only) is imposed upon the concerned Public Information Officer office of Executive Engineer, Punjab Water Supply and Sewerage Board, Division No. 01 & 02, Bathinda. A copy of this order be sent to him through registered post.

The amount of penalty will be deposited in the treasury of Punjab Government under the head.....

Major Head .. 0070 -Other Administrative Services

Sub-Major Head .. 60 - Other Services
Minor Head .. 800 - Other Receipts

Sub-Head .. 86 - Fee under the Right to Information Act, 2005

Detailed Head .. 0070 Other Administrative Services

60 Other Services- 800- Other Receipts-

86- Fees under the Right to Information Act, 2005

And a copy of challan receipt be sent to the Commission by the next date of hearing.

Another opportunity is given to the respondent-PIO concerned to supply the certified copies of the remaining information to the appellant at query no. 06 and 10 of the RTI request through registered post to the appellant by the next date of hearing.

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

The case is <u>adjourned to 28th February, 2022 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.</u>

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Prem Kumar Rattan,

H. No. 78/8,

Park Road, Navi Mandi,

Dhuri, Distt. - Sangrur (Punjab)

....Appellant

Public Information Officer,

O/o The Senior Superintendent of Police, (Regd. Post)

Barnala (Punjab) Encl: RTI request

First Appellate Authority,

O/o The Inspector General of Police, Pb.,

Patiala Range,

Patiala (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 497 of 2021

V/s

Sh. Prem Kumar Rattan, the appellant in person. Present:

None on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 29.10.2020 First appeal is dated 28.11.2020. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 15.01.2021.

On the last date of hearing, held on 15.09.2021;

- i) The respondent PIO through a reply vide letter no. 16 dated 21.06.2021, intimated that the appellant has demanded progress report in a Suit no. 110 dated 24.11.2019, which has been forwarded to the Court of Hon'ble Judicial Magitrate (I C), Ms. Balwinder Kaur and the same information/reply has also been given in another similar case i. e. A. C. 1501 of 2021, which was disposed vide orders dated 11.05.2021.
- ii) The respondent PIO through a reply vide letter dated 15.09.2021 signed by Deputy Superintendent of Police, Sub-Division, Tapa, had intimated the Commission that he is not able to attend hearing due to his preoccupation in maintaining the law and order in the 'Bhartiya Kisan Union agitation" and requested for an adjournment in this case.
- iii) The appellant through a letter dated 02.07.2021, had intimated that irrelevant information was given to him.
- iv) Another opportunity was given to the respondent PIO to supply the remaining information, as pointed out vide letter dated 02.07.2021 by the appellant, to him by registered post or through an e-mail, with a copy to the Commission.
- v) Another opportunity was given to the appellant to confirm whether he received the information

The appellant, Sh. Prem Kumar Rattan, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that no information has been given to him by the respondent PIO till date.

Appeal Case No. 497 of 2021

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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, the requisite information has not been supplied by the respondent PIO to the information seeker even after the directions were given by the Commission vide orders dated 15.09.2021. 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 Senior Superintendent of Police,

Barnala, as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay/denial in supplying the information to the RTI applicant and why the compensation be not awarded to the information-seeker 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 through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings', 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 PIO concerned to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant as per queries raised by him through RTI request, through registered post or e-mail with a copy to the Commission by the next date of hearing

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. He is also advised to represent his case in person or through his representative on the next date of hearing.

The case is <u>adjourned to 28th February, 2022 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.</u>

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

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Date: 1st December, 2021

State Information Commissioner

Punjab

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S/o Sh. Saroop Chand, House Number 33, Kahangarh Road, Patran, Distt. Patiala(Punjab)

V/s

V

Public Information Officer,

(Regd. Post) O/o The Executive Officer,

Nagar Panchayat,

Encl : RTI request Dirba, Distt. - Sangrur(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority, O/o The Executive Officer, Nagar Panchayat, Dirba, Distt. - Sangrur(Punjab)

...Respondents

....Appellant

Appeal Case No. 516 of 2021

Present: Sh. Brish Bhan, the appellant in person.

None on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 16.10.2020. First appeal is dated 25.11.2020. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 19.01.2021.

On the last date of hearing, held on 15.09.2021;

- i) The appellant stated that he had never received any letter from the office of respondent PIO to deposit the required fee.
- ii) Neither the respondent PIO had sent any document/postal receipt (as directed vide orders dated 30.06.2021), showing that the required fee was demanded from the appellant within stipulated time nor he (respondent PIO) or any of his representative was present in today's hearing.
- iii) Another opportunity was given to the respondent PIO to send a copy of the postal receipt, showing that the required fee was demanded from the appellant through a letter through registered post.
- iv) Moreover, directions were given that If the required fee was demanded from the appellant within stipulated time, then the appellant would deposit the required fee to the office of the respondent to collect the required information and if the respondent failed to submit any supporting document showing that the required fee was demanded from the appellant through a letter, which was sent to him (the appellant) through registered post then directions were given to the respondent PIO to supply the required information to the appellant 'free of cost' with a copy to the Commission.

The appellant, Sh. Brish Bhan, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that no information has been given to him by the respondent PIO till date.

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 had also not sent any document/postal receipt (as directed vide orders dated 30.06.2021 and 15.09.2021), showing that the required fee was demanded from the appellant is within stipulated time even after the directions were given by the Commission vide orders dated 15.09.2021. 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, Nagar Panchayat, Dirba, as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay/denial in supplying the information to the RTI applicant and why the compensation be not awarded to the information-seeker 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 through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings', 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 PIO to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant 'free of cost' under intimation to the Commission by the next date of hearing

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. He is also advised to represent his case in person or through his representative on the next date of hearing.

The case is <u>adjourned to 28th February, 2022 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'</u>.

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Date: 1st December, 2021 State Information Commissioner

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Arjan Dev S/o Sh. Malawa Ram, Village – Dhadda, P. O. – Hazaara, Distt. - Jalandhar(Punjab)

.... Complainant

V/s

- i) Public Information Officer,
 O/o The Additional Deputy Commissioner(Dev.),
 Jalandhar(Punjab)
- ii) Public Information Officer,
 O/o The Executive Engineer,
 Punjab Water Supply And Sanitation,
 Division 01, Jalandhar

...Respondents

Complaint Case No. 631 of 2021

Present: Sh. Arjan Dev, the complainant in person.

- i) Sh. Harinder Singh, Executive Engineer, in person;
- ii) Sh. Kishore Kumar, Junior Engineer, for the respondent.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 07.12.2020. The complaint has been received in the Commission on 25.05.2021.

On the last date of hearing, held on 15.09.2021;

- i) Sh. Kishore Kumar, Junior Engineer, Division 1, stated that the information, demanded by the appellant through RTI request relates with office of Chairman/Sarpanch, Gram Panchayat, Water Supply Committee, Village Dhanda, Block Jalandhar East and a letter was forwarded to that office vide letter no. 479 dated 13.09.2021.
- ii) As part of the information demanded by the complainant through RTI request, relates with office of Gram Panchayat, Water Supply Committee, Village Dhanda, hence, Public Information Officer office of Chairman/Sarpanch, Gram Panchayat, Water Supply Committee, Village Dhanda, Block Jalandhar East, was impleaded as necessary party in this case with the directions to file a reply, in writing, to the query/queries (whichever relates to his office) raised by the complainant through his RTI request (copy attached).

The complainant, Sh. Arjan Dev, could not make himself audible to intimate the status of the instant appeal-case during the proceedings of the case.

Complaint Case No. 631 of 2021

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Sh. Harinder Singh, Executive Engineer, Division – 01, who appeared in

person with Sh. Kishore Kumar, Junior Engineer, in today's hearing, states that part information has already been supplied to the complainant directly by S. D. E., Water Supply and Sanitation,

Division 02 of Jalandhar vide letter no. 495 dated 24.09.2021 and seeks there weeks time so that

the remaining information could be given to the complainant. He also intimates the Commission that a reply has also been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 4740 dated 22.10.2021, which has

that a reply has also been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 4740 dated 22.10.2021, which has

been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 24270 dated 27.10.2021. It, alongwith annexure,

is taken on record.

Last opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to supply the certified

copies of the remaining information to the complainant a through registered post or e-mail with a

copy to the Commission by the next date of hearing.

An opportunity is also given to the complainant to confirm whether he received the

remaining 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. He is also advised to represent his case in person or through his

representative on the next date of hearing.

The case is adjourned to 28th February, 2022 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing

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

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Avtar Singh

S/o Sh. Chhattar Singh,

H. No. 236.

Village - Jagpura(Gobindpura)

P. O. -Banur,

Distt. - S. A. S. Nagar Mohali - 140601 (Punjab

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,

(Regd. Post) O/o The Block Primary Education Officer,

Banur,

Encl : RTI request Distt. S. A. S. Nagar (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,

O/o The Block Primary Education Officer,

Banur.

Distt. S. A. S. Nagar (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2741 of 2021

Present: Sh. Avtar Singh, the appellant in person.

None on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 03.02.2021. First appeal is dated 07.04.2021. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 10.06.2021.

On the last date of hearing, held on 15.09.2021;'

- i) The appellant stated that incomplete information was supplied to him by the respondent PIO.
- ii) Ms. Sunita, Clerk, stated that the certified copies of the requisite information were supplied to the appellant except attendance register as demanded through RTI request, which (attendance register) is with office of District Education Officer, S. A. S. Nagar. She also intimated that the concerned B.P. E.O. is on medical leave and sought an adjournment in this case.
- iii) Another opportunity was given to the respondent PIO concerned to supply the remaining information, after collecting the same from the concerned office to the appellant by registered post with a copy to the Commission.
- iv) Another opportunity was given to the appellant to confirm whether he s received the information or not.

The appellant, Sh. Avtar Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that no information has been given to him by the respondent PIO till date.

Appeal Case No. 2741 of 2021

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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, the remaining information has not been supplied by the respondent PIO to the information seeker

even after the directions were given by the Commission vide orders dated 15.09.2021. 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 Block Primary Education Officer,

Banur, as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay/denial in supplying the

information to the RTI applicant and why the compensation be not awarded to the information-

seeker 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 through facility of

<u>Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'</u>, 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 PIO concerned to supply the certified

copies of the remaining information to the appellant as per queries raised by him through RTI

request, through registered post or e-mail with a copy to the Commission by the next date of

hearing

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. He is also advised to represent his case in person or through his

representative on the next date of hearing.

The case is adjourned to 28th February, 2022 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing

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

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date: 1st December, 2021

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<u>Bench: Sh. Sanjiv Garg, State Information Commissioner, Punjab</u>

Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia, Ward No.18, Street No.2, Kartar Nagar, Amloh Road,

Khanna, District Ludhiana (Punjab)

....Appellant

Public Information Officer, O/o The Executive Engineer, Punjab Water Supply And Sanitation Division, Fatehgarh Sahib (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority, O/o The Superintending Engineer, Punjab Water Supply and Sanitation Circle, Patiala. (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2651 of 2021

V/s

Present: Sh. Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia, the appellant in person.

Sh. Fazarneer Singh, Junior Engineer, on behalf of the respondent.

<u>ORDER</u>

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

The RTI request is dated 26.11.2020. First appeal is dated 15.01.2021. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 07.06.2021.

On the last date of hearing, held on 15.09.2021;

- i) The appellant states that no information was supplied to him by the respondent PIO.
- ii) Sh. Paramjit Singh, S. D. O., Bassi Pathana at Sri Fatehgarh Sahib, stated that the requisite information was sent to the appellant vide letter dated 14.09.2021 through registered post.
- iii) An opportunity was given to the respondent PIO to send a copy of the supplied information (which was sent to the appellant) to the Commission.
- iv) An opportunity was also given to the appellant to confirm whether he received the information, sent vide letter dated 14.09.2021 and also 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 or the case would be decided on merits.

Sh. Fazarneer Singh, Junior Engineer, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant.

The appellant, Sh. Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia, who appeared in person, states that incomplete information has been given to him by the respondent PIO and through a letter dated 27.09.2021, he has pointed out certain deficiencies in the supplied infortmion to the PIO.

Sh. Fazarneer Singh, Junior Engineer, states that the letter dated 27.09.2021 has not been received in the office till date.

An opportunity is given to the appellant to send the letter dated 27.09.2021 (through which deficiencies were pointed out) to the respondent PIO through registered post or email so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned.

Another opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to supply the information, after removing the deficiencies, to the appellant through registered post or e-mail with a copy to the Commission.

The case is <u>adjourned to 28th February, 2022 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing</u> through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date: 1st December, 2021

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....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer, O/o The Executive Officer, Nagar Panchayat, Moonak, Distt.- Sangrur(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority, O/o The Regional Deputy Director, Urban Local Bodies, Pb., Mini Secretariat, Patiala (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2664 of 2021

Present: None on behalf of the appellant.

Sh. Parshotam Parocha, Clerk, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 17.11.2020. First appeal is dated 20.03.2021. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 08.06.2021.

On the last date of hearing, held on 27.09.2021;

- i) Sh. Bal Krishan, Executive Officer, stated that the requisite information was supplied to the appellant vide letter no. 1005 dated 16.09.2021.
- ii) The appellant stated that incomplete information was given to him by the respondent PIO as he demanded copy of notice and approval order of competent authority for destruction of house alongwith detail/list of house-goods, which were taken from home.
- An opportunity was given to the respondent-PIO concerned to send a copy of order passed by the signing authority(whether orders passed by Sub Divisional Magistrate or Executive Officer) on 15.06.2020 and 28.07.2020 to demolish the home, to the appellant with a copy to the Commission.
- iv) The appellant was advised to confirm whether he received the reply or not.

The appellant, Sh. Jagsir Singh through a letter dated 08.10.2021, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 23317 dated 13.10.2021, has intimated the Commission that incomplete information has been given to him by the respondent PIO as order passed by the signing authority (whether orders passed by Sub Divisional Magistrate or Executive Officer) on 15.06.2020 and 28.07.2020 to demolish the home, has not been received till date. It is taken on record.

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Sh. Parshotam Parocha, Clerk, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that the requisite information has been supplied to the appellant vide letter no. 1004 dated 16.09.2021. He also intimates the Commission that a reply has also been sent to the Commission vide letter no.1004 dated 16.09.2021, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 21845 dated 24.09.2021. It, alongwith annexure, is taken on record.

Another opportunity is given to the respondent-PIO concerned to send a copy of order passed by the signing authority(whether orders passed by Sub Divisional Magistrate or Executive Officer) on 15.06.2020 and 28.07.2020 to demolish the home, to the appellant with a copy to the Commission.

The appellant is advised to confirm whether he received the reply (which would be given by the respondent) or not.

The case is <u>adjourned to 28th February, 2022 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing</u> through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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