

Shri Balvir, S/o Shri Jagar, Village Bhullan, Tehsil Munak, Distt. Sangrur.

Vs

..... Appellant

Public Information Officer, O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Anadana at Munak, Distt. Sangrur.

First Appellate Authority, O/ Distt. Development and Panchayat Officer, Sangrur.

.....Respondent

Appeal Case No. 1568 of 2021

Present:- Shri Balvir, appellant is present. None present on behalf of the SPIO, O/o BDPO, Anadana at Munak, Distt. Sangrur.

ORDER

Shri Balvir, appellant filed RTI application dated 22.12.2020 and sought some information from the SPIO, O/o BDPO, Anadana at Munak, Distt. Sangrur.

Today the case is heard CISCO Webex Meetings Software. The appellant is present today, whereas none has present on behalf of the SPIO. The appellant stated that no information has been provided to him by the SPIO.

I have gone through the order dated 13.07.2021 and on that date Shri Gurjit Singh, Panchayat Secretary was present and he stated that Shri Prithvi Singh, the concerned Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panchayat, Bhullan has sent the information comprising of 50 pages to the appellant through registered post on 12.07.2021, But as the appellant was absent, so a direction was issued to the SPIO that once again the attested copies of sought for information be provided by hand to the appellant within 3 days and get receipt from the appellant that he has received the sought for information and he is satisfied with the information and sent compliance report to the Commission accordingly.

But the SPIO is absent today and neither he has sent any compliance to the order of the Commission. The Commission has taken a serious view regarding this.

So the SPIO is directed that the attested copies of sought for information be sent to the appellant through registered post within a week and a copy of the same be sent to the Commission. In case of non compliance of the order of the Commission a show cause notice U/s 20(1) of the RTI Act, 2005 will be issued to the SPIO on the next date of hearing and he may be penalized upto Rs. 25,000/-.

Both the parties should connect through CISCO WEBEX MEETINGS Software (Meeting No. 1582695783) on the next date of hearing i.e. 01.09.2021 at 11:30 A.M.



Shri Vinod Kumar, S/o Shri Het Ram, S/o Shri Dhanna Ram, R/o Village Chanan Wala, P.O. Karni Khera, Tehsil & Distt. Fazilka.

..... Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer, O/o District Development & Panchayat Officer, Fazilka-152123.

First Appellate Authority, O/o ADC (Development),Fazilka.

Appeal Case No. 262 of 2021

.....Respondent

Present:- Shri Vinod Kumar, appellant is absent. None present on behalf of the SPIO.

ORDER

Shri Vinod Kumar, appellant filed RTI application dated 22.09.2020 and sought some information from the SPIO, O/o District Development & Panchayat Officer, Fazilka.

Today the case is heard CISCO Webex Meetings Software.

Both the parties were absent today.

I have gone through the Order dated 15.04.2021 and both the parties were absent on that date also. But the Commission had received a mail sent by the DDPO, Fazilka, which was a copy of letter no.2813-14 dated 09.03.2021.vide which DDPO, Fazilka has directed BDPO, Fazilka to provide the information to the appellant and to appear before the Commission, so a direction was issued to the BDPO, Fazilka to provide the sought for information to the appellant and to send compliance to the Commission.

But today again the BDPO, Fazilka is absent and neither he has sent any compliance report to the Commission. The conduct of the BDPO is condemnable.

The appellant had filed RTI application on 22.09.2020 and a period of about 10 months has been passed, but no information has been provided to him by the SPIO. The appellant is suffering from the hands of the SPIO. So, a compensation of Rs. 2,000/- is awarded in favour of the appellant to be paid by the SPIO from the funds of public authority by way of demand draft and be sent to the appellant through registered post within 10 days along with attested copies of information and compliance be sent to the Commission accordingly. In case of non compliance of the Order of the, action will be taken against the SPIO under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

Both the parties should personally attend the hearing on 01.09.2021 at 11:30 A.M. through CISCO WEBEX MEETINGS Software (Meeting No. 1582695783).

(Avtar Singh Kaler) State Information Commissioner, Punjab

Dated: 03.08.2021

(Regd.) CC: Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Fazilka. – for compliance of the Order.



Shri Teja Singh, S/o Shri Ram Ballam, Sahana Patti, Village & P.O. Shadi Hari, Tehsil Dirba, Distt. Sangrur.

Vs

..... Complainant

.....Respondent

Public Information Officer, O/o Rural Development and Panchayat Deptt. (Pension Branch), PB. Vikas Bhawan, Mohali.

Complaint Case No. 35 of 2021

Present:- Shri Teja Singh, complainant/applicant is present. None present on behalf of the SPIO, O/o Rural Development and Panchayat Deptt. (Pension Branch), PB., Mohali.

ORDER

Shri Teja Singh, complainant/applicant filed RTI application dated 01.07.2020 and sought some information from the SPIO, O/o Rural Development and Panchayat Deptt. (Pension Branch), PB., Mohali.

Today the case is heard CISCO Webex Meetings Software.

The complainant-applicant is present today, whereas none has appeared on behalf of the respondent.

The complainant-applicant stated that no information has been provided to him by the SPIO.

The Commission has received an e-mail sent by the Deputy Controller (F&A), O/o Rural Development and Panchayats Department, SAS Nagar, which is a copy of letter no. 465 dated 15.04.2021 along with copies of information. I have gone through the said letter vide which the SPIO has sent the information to the complainant-applicant.

But the complainant-applicant stated that he has not received any information sent by the SPIO.

So, the SPIO, O/o Rural Development and Panchayat Deptt. (Pension Branch), PB., Mohali is directed to file reply to the complaint filed by the complainant/applicant and send the same to the Commission as well as to the complainant/applicant within 10 days. He is further directed to send the information to the complainant-applicant through registered post within a week and send compliance to the Commission. In case of non compliance of the Order of the Commission, strict action will be taken against the SPIO under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

Both the parties should personally attend the hearing on 22.09.2021 at 11:30 A.M. through CISCO WEBEX MEETINGS Software (Meeting No. 1582695783).

Dr. Sat Paul Sharma, R/o Flat No. 203/1, Block-2, Housefed Complex, Banur, Distt. SAS Nagar.

Public Information Officer, O/o Municipal Corporation, Patiala.

First Appellate Authority: O/o Municipal Corporation, Patiala.

.....Respondent

Appeal Case No. 3207 of 2020

Present:- Dr. Sat Paul Sharma, appellant is present.

None present on behalf of the SPIO, O/o Municipal Corporation, Patiala.

ORDER

Dr. Sat Paul Sharma, appellant filed RTI application dated 16.06.2020 and sought some information from the SPIO, O/o Municipal Corporation, Patiala.

Today the case is heard through CISCO Webex Meetings Software.

The appellant is present today, whereas none has appeared on behalf of the respondent .The appellant stated that the sought for information has not been provided to him.

The Commission has received a mail sent by the SPIO on 11.05.2021, diarized vide no.10296, which is a copy of letter no.274 dated 05.05.2021 along with copies of information. I have gone through the said letter vide which the SPIO has sent the information to the appellant.

The appellant stated that he has received the information sent by the SPIO, but he is not satisfied with the information.

So, the appellant is directed that he should submit the deficiencies in writing to the notice of the SPIO within 3 days and the SPIO is further directed that in case the appellant would submit deficiencies, then the attested copies of information regarding the deficiencies be sent to the appellant through registered post within a week from the receipt of deficiencies and compliance be sent to the Commission accordingly.

The SPIO is further directed to file reply to the Show Cause Notice issued to him vide Order dated 25.02.2021, in writing and send the same to the Commission atleast 10 days before the next date of hearing and an opportunity of personal hearing would be afforded to him on the next date of hearing. In case he would not file reply to the Show Cause Notice, then it will be assumed that he do not want to say anything in his defence and the Show Cause Notice will be decided on the basis of papers available in the file of the Commission.

Both the parties should connect through CISCO WEBEX MEETINGS Software (Meeting No. 1582695783) on the next date of hearing i.e. 01.09.2021 at 11:30 A.M.

(Avtar Singh Kaler) State Information Commissioner, Punjab

Dated: 03.08.2021

Vs

.....Appellant.

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Shri Sanjay Garg, S/o Shri Om Parkash Garg, H.No. 301, Sector 7-A, Chandigarh.

Public Information Officer, O/o Managing Director, PUNGRAIN, Chandigarh.

Present:-

ORDER

..... Complainant

Vs

.....Respondent

Shri Sanjay Garg, complainant/applicant filed RTI application dated 29.06.2020

Managing Director, PUNGRAIN, Chandigarh.

Shri Sanjay Garg, complainant/applicant is absent.

and sought some information from the SPIO, O/o Managing Director, PUNGRAIN, Chandigarh.

None present on behalf of the SPIO-cum-Joint Director, Storage, O/o

Today the case is heard through CISCO Webex Meetings Software.

Complaint Case No. 683 of 2020

Both the parties are absent today.

I have gone through the Order dated 15.04.2021. The applicant was absent on that date, whereas the respondent was present and she stated that the detailed point-wise reply/information has been sent to the complainant-applicant vide letter no. 268 dated 04.03.2021. But the complainant-applicant has sent an e-mail dated 10.04.2021 to the Commission and submitted his objections regarding the reply/information sent by the SPIO, so the SPIO was directed to file reply to the complaint filed by the complainant-applicant.

In compliance to the Order, the SPIO has sent a mail to the Commission on 18.05.2021, diarized vide no. 10611, which is a copy of letter no. 757 dated 07.05.2021 and it is submitted by the SPIO that the reply regarding the objections raised by the applicant has been sent to him vide letter no. 749 dated 06.05.2021 through e-mail on 06.05.2021 and through registered post on 07.05.2021.

The applicant has also sent an e-mail to the Commission and stated that except point no. 1 no specific information has been provided to him.

Under these circumstances, the SPIO is directed to file reply to the complaint filed by the complainant-applicant and send the same to the Commission as well as to the complainant/applicant within 10 days. In case of non compliance of the Order of the Commission a show cause notice will be issued to the SPIO U/s 19(8) of the RTI Act, 2005.

Both the parties should connect through CISCO WEBEX MEETINGS Software (Meeting No. 1582695783) on the next date of hearing i.e. 22.09.2021 at 11:30 A.M.

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Shri Vinod Jetley, S/o Shri Inder Sen Jetley, H. No. 3042, Sector 40-D, Chandigarh.

..... Appellant

(Regd.) Public Information Officer, O/o Executive Officer, Improvement Trust, Jalandhar.

First Appellate Authority, O/o Executive Officer, Improvement Trust, Jalandhar.

.....Respondent

Appeal Case No. 1303 of 2020

Present:- Shri Vinod Jetley, appellant is absent.

None present on behalf of the SPIO, O/o EO, Improvement Trust, Jalandhar.

Vs

ORDER

Shri Vinod Jetley, appellant filed RTI application dated 10.12.2019 and sought some information from the SPIO, O/o Executive Officer, Improvement Trust, Jalandhar.

Today the case is heard through CISCO Webex Meetings Software.

Both the parties are absent today and neither any mail has been sent to the Commission by both the parties.

I have gone through the Order dated 16.04.2021 passed by the Commission and a last and final opportunity was granted to the SPIO, O/o Executive Officer, Improvement Trust, Jalandhar that he should file reply to the Show Cause Notice and send it to the Commission within 10 days and an opportunity of personal hearing would be afforded to him on the Show Cause Notice. In case he would not file reply to the Show Cause Notice then it will be assumed that he do not want to say anything in his defence and the Show Cause Notice would be decided on the basis of papers available in the case file.

But the SPIO is again absent today and neither he has sent any reply to the Show Cause Notice issued to him vide Order dated 15.09.2020. The SPIO or his representative never appeared before the Commission on any hearing and neither sent any compliance to the Commission regarding providing the information to the applicant, whereas the appellant has filed RTI application on 10.12.2019. It shows the ill-will on the part of the SPIO. He has not complied with the Order of the Commission. The conduct of the SPIO is condemnable.

So, under these circumstances, a penalty of Rs.25,000/- is imposed upon the SPIO-cum-Improvement Trust, Jalandhar and the Chairman, Improvement Trust, Jalandhar is directed to deduct the amount of penalty of Rs.25,000/- from the salary of the SPIO-cum-EO,

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Improvement Trust, Jalandhar and be deposited in the Govt. Treasury in the following heads and compliance report be sent to the Commission before the next date of hearing :-

"Major Head	0070-Other Administrative Services
Sub Major Head	60-Other Services
Minor Head	800-Other Receipts
Sub Head	86-Right to Information Act, 2005."

A copy of the Order be sent to the Chairman, Improvement Trust, Jalandhar through registered post for strict compliance of the Order of the Commission.

Both the parties should connect through CISCO WEBEX MEETINGS Software (Meeting No. 1582695783) on the next date of hearing i.e. 22.09.2021 at 11:30 A.M.

Dated: 03.08.2020

(Avtar Singh Kaler) State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

(Regd.) Copy to : The Chairman, Improvement Trust, Jalandhar.

- for compliance of the order of the Commission.