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Sanjeev Thakur, R/o Village Gudha Khurd, P.O. Madhopur Cantt., Pin:-145024 Tehsil – Pathankot, Distt. - Gurdaspur(Punjab)

Public Information Officer, O/o The Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Gurdaspur(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority, O/o The State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, Sector-17, Chandigarh

... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 4644 of 2019

Present :

Sh. Sanjeev Thakur, the appellant in person. Sh. Ravinder Singh, Section Officer-cum-PIO, in person.

ORDER

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

V/s.

The RTI request is dated 09.09.2019. First appeal is dated 15.10.2019. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 13.12.2019.

On the last date of hearing, held on 07.10.2020, the appellant was not present during the hearing of the case. Sh. Ravinder Singh, Section Officer, stated that the required information was sent to the appellant vide letter no. 11197 dated 09.07.2020 and again 11676 dated 09.07.2020 and the above-said replies are placed in the case-file. An opportunity was given to the appellant to intimate the Commission whether he has received the information and also to point out deficiencies, in writing, well in time to the respondent PIO concerned so that the same could be removed by the respondent-PIO concerned.

Sh. Ravinder Singh, Section Officer-cum-PIO, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that the required information has already been supplied to the appellant .

The appellant, Sh. Sanjeev Thakur , who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that only one page of information has been given to him by the respondent PIO vide letter no. 11676 dated 09.07.2020.

As on the earlier hearing of this case, an opportunity was given to the appellant to intimate the Commission whether he has received the information and also to point out deficiencies, in writing, well in time to the respondent PIO concerned so that the same could be removed by the respondent-PIO concerned but the appellant did not do the same.

Nevertheless, the appellant is advised to visit the office of the respondent today itself i. e. 04.01.2021 to inspect the relevant official record to identify the information. Sh. Ravinder Singh, Section Officer would remain present during the inspection of the relevant official record.

The respondent PIO concerned is directed to directed to supply the required information to the appellant, which would be identified by him after inspection. If any information is not found available in the official record, he/she (respondent-PIO concerned) will file a reply, in writing, in an affidavit, by the next date of hearing and send the same to the appellant.

The case is <u>adjourned to 31st March, 2021 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through</u> <u>facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.</u>

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

(Sanjiv Garg) Date : 4th January, 2021 State Information Commissioner Punjab <u>Note : Install → CISCO WEBEX Meetings → Click on Join Meeting → Enter Meeting Code ID No. i. e. is '918782948'</u>

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PUNJAB STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION



.....Appellant

Public Information Officer O/o The Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Amloh Road, Khanna, Distt. Ludhiana (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority O/o The Regional Deputy Director, Urban Local Government Punjab, Ferozepur Road, Ludhiana(Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 683 of 2019

V/s

Present : Sh. Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia, the appellant in person. Sh. Kirandeep Singh, Superintendent, on behalf of the respondent.

<u>ORDER</u>

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

The RTI request is dated 18.12.2018. First appeal is dated 07.01.2019.

Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 20.02.2019.

On the last date of hearing, held on 07.10.2020, Sh. Kulwinder Singh,

Municipal Engineer, who appeared with Sh. Gurdarshan Singh, Superintendent, stated that the required information was given to the appellant vide letter dated 06.10.2020 and a copy of reply vide letter no. 2158 dated 06.10.2020 was also sent to the Commission through an e-mail. An opportunity was given to the appellant to intimate the Commission whether he has received the information and also to point out deficiencies, in writing, well in time to the respondent PIO concerned so that the same could be removed. An opportunity was given to the respondent-PIO concerned to send a copy of the information (supplied to the appellant) with acknowledgement/postal receipt to the Commission.

Sh. Kirandeep Singh, Superintendent, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that the required information has been given to the appellant. He also intimates the Commission that Sh. Kulwinder Singh, Municipal Engineer, has been transferred in the month of December, 2020 and he is representing the instant appeal case on behalf of the present PIO.

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Appeal Case No. 683 of 2019

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The appellant, Sh. Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia, who appeared in today's hearing, states that the information supplied to him is not as per queries raised through RTI request information as tender register has not been given till date and incomplete information has been given regarding G-25 register as demanded through RTI request.

On this, Sh. Kirandeep Singh, Superintendent, gave personal assurance to supply the remaining information to appellant and seeks an adjournment in this case.

Nevertheless, last opportunity is given to the respondent PIO to supply the certified copies of the remaining information to the appellant with a copy to the Commission. If any information is not found available in the official record, he/she (respondent-PIO concerned) will file a reply, in writing, in an affidavit, stating that the required information is not found traceable in the official record or is missing. If missing, whether any FIR was lodged, if (FIR) lodged, a copy of FIR be sent to the Commission with affidavit, by the next date of hearing.

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

As Sh. Kulwinder Singh, Municipal Engineer was transferred in the month of December, 2020 and earlier hearing, held in this case was 07.10.2021 and there was ample time to supply the required information to the appellant but the requisite information has not been supplied by the respondent PIO to the information seeker till date.

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 Council, Khanna, 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 <u>through facility</u> <u>of 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. <u>A copy of this order be sent to him through registered post</u>.

Sh. Kirandeep Singh, Superintendent is directed to remain present on the next date fixed through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

The case is <u>adjourned to 31st March, 2021 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing</u> <u>through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.</u>

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PUNJAB STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION



.....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer O/o The Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Amloh Road, Khanna, Distt. Ludhiana (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority O/o The Regional Deputy Director, Urban Local Government Punjab, Ferozepur Road, Ludhiana(Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 684 of 2019

Present : Sh. Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia, the appellant in person. Sh. Kirandeep Singh, Superintendent , on behalf of the respondent.

<u>ORDER</u>

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

The RTI request is dated 18.12.2018. First appeal is dated 07.01.2019.

Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 20.02.2019.

On the last date of hearing, held on 07.10.2020, Sh. Kulwinder Singh,

Municipal Engineer, who appeared with Sh. Gurdarshan Singh, Superintendent, stated that the required information was given to the appellant vide letter dated 06.10.2020 and a copy of reply vide letter no. 2162 dated 06.10.2020 was also sent to the Commission through an e-mail. An opportunity was given to the appellant to intimate the Commission whether he has received the information and also to point out deficiencies, in writing, well in time to the respondent PIO concerned so that the same could be removed. An opportunity was given to the respondent-PIO concerned to send a copy of the information (supplied to the appellant) with acknowledgement/postal receipt to the Commission.

Sh. Kirandeep Singh, Superintendent, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that the required information has been given to the appellant. He also intimates the Commission that Sh. Kulwinder Singh, Municipal Engineer, has been transferred in the month of December, 2020 and he is representing the instant appeal case on behalf of the present PIO.

Appeal Case No. 684 of 2019

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The appellant, Sh. Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that the information supplied to him is not as per queries raised by him through RTI request information, moreover, whatever information is provided to him is not legible.

On this, Sh. Kirandeep Singh, Superintendent, gave personal assurance to supply the remaining information to appellant and seeks an adjournment in this case.

Nevertheless, last opportunity is given to the respondent PIO to supply the certified copies of the remaining information to the appellant with a copy to the Commission. If any information is not found available in the official record, he/she (respondent-PIO concerned) will file a reply, in writing, in an affidavit, stating that the required information is not found traceable in the official record or is missing. If missing, whether any FIR was lodged, if (FIR) lodged, a copy of FIR be sent to the Commission with affidavit, by the next date of hearing.

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

As Sh. Kulwinder Singh, Municipal Engineer was transferred in the month of December, 2020 and earlier hearing, held in this case was 07.10.2021 and there was ample time to supply the required information to the appellant but the requisite information has not been supplied by the respondent PIO to the information seeker till date.

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 Council, Khanna,, 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 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.

Sh. Kirandeep Singh, Superintendent is directed to remain present on the next date fixed through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'. The case is adjourned to 31st March, 2021 (Wednesday) 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 : 4th January, 2021

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.....Appellant

Public Information Officer O/o The Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Amloh Road, Khanna, Distt. Ludhiana (Pb)

First Appellate Authority O/o The Regional Deputy Director, Urban Local Government Punjab, Ferozepur Road, Ludhiana

.... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 763 of 2019

V/s

Present : Sh. Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia, the appellant in person. Sh. Kirandeep Singh, Superintendent, on behalf of the respondent. ORDER Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

The RTI request is dated 05.10.2018. First appeal is dated 27.11.2018.

Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 20.02.2019.

On the last date of hearing, held on 07.10.2020, Sh. Kulwinder Singh, Municipal Engineer, who appeared with Sh. Gurdarshan Singh, Superintendent, stated that the required information was given to the appellant vide letter dated 06.10.2020 and a copy of reply vide letter no. 2166 dated 06.10.2020 was also sent to the Commission through an e-mail. An opportunity was given to the appellant to intimate the Commission whether he has received the above-mentioned reply dated 06.10.2020 and also to point out deficiencies, if any, in writing, well in time to the respondent PIO concerned so that the same could be removed.

Sh. Kirandeep Singh, Superintendent, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that the required information has been given to the appellant. He also intimates the Commission that Sh. Kulwinder Singh, Municipal Engineer, has been transferred in the month of December, 2020 and he is representing the instant appeal case on behalf of the present PIO.

The appellant, Sh. Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia, who appeared in today's hearing, states that the information supplied to him is incomplete as information demanded at point no. 02 and 03 of the RTI request has not been given till date.

On this, Sh. Kirandeep Singh, Superintendent, gave personal assurance to supply the remaining information to appellant and seeks an adjournment in this case.

Appeal Case No. 763 of 2019 -2-

Nevertheless, last opportunity is given to the respondent PIO to supply the certified copies of the remaining information demanded at point no. 02 and 03 of the RTI request to the appellant to the appellant with a copy to the Commission. If any information is not found available in the official record, he/she (respondent-PIO concerned) will file a reply, in writing, in an affidavit, by the next date of hearing.

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

As Sh. Kulwinder Singh, Municipal Engineer was transferred in the month of December, 2020 and earlier hearing, held in this case was 07.10.2021 and there was ample time to supply the required information to the appellant but the requisite information has not been supplied by the respondent PIO to the information seeker till date.

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

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 <u>through facility</u> <u>of 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. <u>A copy of this order be sent to him through registered post</u>.

Sh. Kirandeep Singh, Superintendent is directed to remain present on the next date fixed <u>through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'</u>. The case is adjourned to 31st March, 2021 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing

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PUNJAB STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION



.....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer O/o The Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Amloh Road, Khanna, Distt. Ludhiana (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority O/o The Regional Deputy Director, Urban Local Government Punjab, Ferozepur Road, Ludhiana(Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2209 of 2018

Present : Sh. Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia, the appellant in person. Sh. Kirandeep Singh, Superintendent , on behalf of the respondent.

<u>ORDER</u>

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

The RTI request is dated 23.01.2018. First appeal is dated 04.03.2018.

Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 03.07.2018.

On the last date of hearing, held on 07.10.2020, Sh. Kulwinder Singh,

Municipal Engineer, who appeared with Sh. Gurdarshan Singh, Superintendent, stated that the required information was given to the appellant vide letter dated 06.10.2020 and a copy of reply vide letter no. 2170 dated 06.10.2020 was also sent to the Commission through an e-mail. An opportunity was given to the appellant to intimate the Commission whether he has received the above-mentioned reply dated 06.10.2020 and also to point out deficiencies, if any, in writing, well in time to the respondent PIO concerned so that the same could be removed.

Sh. Kirandeep Singh, Superintendent, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that the required information has been given to the appellant. He also intimates the Commission that Sh. Kulwinder Singh, Municipal Engineer, has been transferred in the month of December, 2020 and he is representing the instant appeal case on behalf of the present PIO.

The appellant, Sh. Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia, who appeared in today's hearing, states that the information supplied to him is incomplete as information demanded at point no. 01 and 03 of the RTI request has not been given till date.

On this, Sh. Kirandeep Singh, Superintendent, gave personal assurance to supply the remaining information to appellant and seeks an adjournment in this case.

Appeal Case No. 2209 of 2018 -2-

Nevertheless, last opportunity is given to the respondent PIO to supply the certified copies of the remaining information demanded at point no. 01 and 03 of the RTI request to the appellant with a copy to the Commission. If any information is not found available in the official record, he/she (respondent-PIO concerned) will file a reply, in writing, in an affidavit, by the next date of hearing.

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

As Sh. Kulwinder Singh, Municipal Engineer was transferred in the month of December, 2020 and earlier hearing, held in this case was 07.10.2021 and there was ample time to supply the required information to the appellant but the requisite information has not been supplied by the respondent PIO to the information seeker till date.

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

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 <u>through facility</u> <u>of 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. <u>A copy of this order be sent to him through registered post</u>.

Sh. Kirandeep Singh, Superintendent is directed to remain present on the next date fixed through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

The case is <u>adjourned to 31st March, 2021 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through</u> <u>facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.</u>

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O/o The Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Amloh Road, Khanna, Distt. Ludhiana (Pb)

First Appellate Authority O/o The Regional Deputy Director, Urban Local Government Punjab, Ferozepur Road, Ludhiana

...Respondents

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.....Appellant

Appeal Case No. 2326 of 2018

Present : Sh. Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia, the appellant in person. Sh. Kirandeep Singh, Superintendent, on behalf of the respondent.

<u>ORDER</u>

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

The RTI request is dated 30.01.2018. First appeal is dated 05.03.2018.

Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 11.07.2018.

On the last date of hearing, held on 07.10.2020, Sh. Kulwinder Singh, Municipal Engineer, who appeared with Sh. Gurdarshan Singh, Superintendent, stated that the required information was given to the appellant vide letter dated 31.01.2020 and a copy of reply vide letter no. 2028-29 dated 31.01.2020 was also sent to the Commission through an e-mail. The appellant stated that no information was received by him. The respondent PIO concerned was directed to provide the required certified samples of the material to the appellant within four days from that day and seal the same and send a copy of the acknowledgement receipt signed by the appellant to the Commission. An opportunity was given to the appellant to intimate the Commission whether he has received the required samples/information or not.

Sh. Kirandeep Singh, Superintendent, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that the required information has been given to the appellant. He also intimates the Commission that Sh. Kulwinder Singh, Municipal Engineer, has been transferred in the month of December, 2020 and he is representing the instant appeal case on behalf of the present PIO.

The appellant, Sh. Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia, who appeared in today's hearing, states that required certified samples of the material has not been provided to him till date.

Appeal Case No. 2326 of 2018 -2-

On this, Sh. Kirandeep Singh, Superintendent, seeks an adjournment in this case.

Nevertheless, Last opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to provide the required certified samples of the material to the appellant and seal the same and send a copy of the acknowledgement receipt signed by the appellant to the Commission by the next date of hearing, failing which action would be initiated against him under the provisions of the RTI Act.

An opportunity is given to the appellant to intimate the Commission whether he has received the required samples/information.

As Sh. Kulwinder Singh, Municipal Engineer was transferred in the month of December, 2020 and earlier hearing, held in this case was 07.10.2021 and there was ample time to supply the required information to the appellant but the requisite information has not been supplied by the respondent PIO to the information seeker till date.

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

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 <u>through facility</u> <u>of 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. <u>A copy of this order be sent to him through registered post</u>.

Sh. Kirandeep Singh, Superintendent is directed to remain present on the next date fixed <u>through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'</u>. The case is <u>adjourned to 31st March, 2021 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through</u> <u>facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'</u>. Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

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V/s

.....Appellant

Public Information Officer O/o The Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Amloh Road, Khanna, Distt. Ludhiana (Pb)

First Appellate Authority O/o The Regional Deputy Director, Urban Local Government Punjab, Ferozepur Road, Ludhiana

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2331 of 2018

Present : Sh. Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia, the appellant in person. Sh. Kirandeep Singh, Superintendent, on behalf of the respondent.

<u>ORDER</u>

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'. The RTI request is dated 30.01.2018. First appeal is dated 06.03.2018. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 11.07.2018.

On the last date of hearing, held on 07.10.2020, Sh. Kulwinder Singh, Municipal Engineer, who appeared with Sh. Gurdarshan Singh, Superintendent, stated that the required information was given to the appellant vide letter dated 31.01.2020 and a copy of reply vide letter no. 2028-29 dated 31.01.2020 was also sent to the Commission through an e-mail. The appellant stated that no information was received by him. The respondent PIO concerned was directed to provide the required certified samples of the material to the appellant within four days from that day and seal the same and send a copy of the acknowledgement receipt signed by the appellant to the Commission. An opportunity was given to the appellant to intimate the Commission whether he has received the required samples/information or not.

Sh. Kirandeep Singh, Superintendent, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that the required information has been given to the appellant. He also intimates the Commission that Sh. Kulwinder Singh, Municipal Engineer, has been transferred in the month of December, 2020 and he is representing the instant appeal case on behalf of the present PIO.

The appellant, Sh. Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia, who appeared in today's hearing, states that required certified samples of the material has not been provided to him till date.

On this, Sh. Kirandeep Singh, Superintendent, seeks an adjournment in this case.

Appeal Case No. 2331 of 2018 -2-

Nevertheless, Last opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to provide the required certified samples of the material to the appellant and seal the same and send a copy of the acknowledgement receipt signed by the appellant to the Commission by the next date of hearing, failing which action would be initiated against him under the provisions of the RTI Act.

An opportunity is given to the appellant to intimate the Commission whether he has received the required samples/information.

As Sh. Kulwinder Singh, Municipal Engineer was transferred in the month of December, 2020 and earlier hearing, held in this case was 07.10.2021 and there was ample time to supply the required information to the appellant but the requisite information has not been supplied by the respondent PIO to the information seeker till date.

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

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 <u>through facility</u> <u>of 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. <u>A copy of this order be sent to him through registered post</u>.

Sh. Kirandeep Singh, Superintendent is directed to remain present on the next date fixed <u>through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'</u>. The case is <u>adjourned to 31st March, 2021 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through</u>

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... Appellant

Gagandeep Singh Threeke, S.C.O. 26, Shant Park, Main SuA Road, Threeke Ludhiana (Punjab)

Public Information Officer, O/o The Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority, O/o The Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana (Punjab)

Appeal Case No. 36 of 2020

Present :

Sh. Gagandeep Singh Threeke, the appellant in person. Sh. Madanjit Singh, Assistant Town Planner, Zone – D, for the respondent.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 09.09.2019. First appeal is dated 14.10.2019. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 20.12.2019.

On the last date of hearing, held on 13.10.2020, last opportunity was given to the respondent PIO concerned to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant and an opportunity was also given to the appellant to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied to him, in writing, to the respondent PIO.

The appellant, Sh. Gagandeep Singh Threeke, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that the required information has not been supplied to him by the respondent PIO till date.

Sh. Madanjit Singh, Assistant Town Planner, Zone – D, who appeared for the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that in response to the RTI request, the requisite information has been supplied to the appellant vide letter no. 361 dated 26.12.2020 through registered post on 02.01.2021 and the same has also been sent to the Commission through an e-mail. It, alongwith a copy of supplied information with a copy of postal receipt, is taken on record.

As the information is sent by the respondent PIO to the appellant on 02.01.2020 and probably the same would be received by the appellant within coming two or three days.

Nevertheless, an opportunity is given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information, which was sent to him by the respondent PIO vide letter no. 361 dated 26.12.2020 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 by the next date of hearing.

The case is <u>adjourned to 31st March, 2021 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing</u> <u>through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.</u>

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...Appellant

Gagandeep Singh Threeke, S.C.O. 26, Shant Park, Main Sua Road, Threeke Ludhiana (Punjab)

Public Information Officer, O/o The Chairperson. Improvement Trust, Ludhiana(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority, O/o The Regional Deputy Director, Urban Local Bodies, Ludhiana(Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 37 of 2020

Sh. Gagandeep Singh Threeke, the appellant in person. Present : i)

Ms. Kuljit Kaur, PIO, in person ;

ii) Sh. Harmeet Singh, Junior Assistant-cum-APIO, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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

V/s

The RTI request is dated 14.09.2019. First appeal is dated 15.10.2019. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 20.12.2019.

On the last date of hearing, held on 13.10.2020, last opportunity was given to the respondent PIO concerned to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant and an opportunity was also given to the appellant to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied to him, in writing, to the respondent PIO.

Ms. Kuljit Kaur, PIO, who appeared in person in today's hearing with Sh. Harmeet Singh,

Junior Assistant-cum-APIO, states that the required information has been sent to the appellant. She also intimates the Commission that a reply has also been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 5702 dated 20.10.2020, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 14495 dated 21.10.2020.

The appellant, Sh. Gagandeep Singh Threeke, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that the respondent PIO has provided the same information, which was already provided by the respondent PIO to him earlier.

Nevertheless, 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 his RTI request, through registered post and send a copy of the postal receipt, (through which information would be sent to the appellant) by the next date of hearing.

An opportunity is given to the appellant to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information (which would be supplied to him by the respondent PIO), in writing, to the respondent PIO well in time so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned.

The case is adjourned to 31st March, 2021 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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None on behalf of the appellant.



Prem Singh (Ex-Member Panchavat). S/o Sh. Sohan Singh, Village - Vairowal(Bawia), Tehsil Khadoor Sahib, Distt. – Taran Taran(Punjab)

Public Information Officer, O/o The Deputy Commissioner. Tarn Taran (Punjab)

respondent.

V/s

Sh. Yadvindra Singh, Gram Rozgar Assistant O/o B.D.P.O., Khadoor Sahib for the

.... Complainant

...Respondents

Complaint Case No. 580 of 2020

Present :

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 16.03.2020. The complaint was in the Commission on 27.08.2020.

On the last date of hearing, held on 23.11.2020, the complainant through a letter had

intimated the Commission that the information supplied to him is incomplete, moreover, whatever information given to him is unattested. An opportunity was given to the respondent-PIO to facilitate the complainant to inspect the relevant official record on 23.12.2020 at 11:00 A. M. so that the complainant could identify the information. The appellant was also advised to visit the office of the respondent PIO (office of B. D. P. O., Khadoor Sahib) to inspect the relevant official record on 23.12.2020 at 11:00 A. M to identify the information so that certified copies of the same could be collected. An opportunity was also given to the respondent-PIO to certify the information (already given to the complainant). An opportunity was also given to the appellant 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.

Sh. Yadvindra Singh, Gram Rozgar Assistant of office of B.D.P.O., Khadoor Sahib, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that the requisite information has already been supplied to the complainant in person but he has not given any acknowledgement receipt.

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

The respondent PIO concerned is directed to send the requisite information to the appellant through registered post at his residential address and send a copy of the same with a copy of the postal receipt to the Commission, by the next date of hearing.

An opportunity is 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 by the next date of hearing and also to represent this case in person or through his representative on the next date of hearing fixed through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings' or it would be assumed that the appellant does not wish to pursue this case further and the case would be decided on merits.

The case is adjourned to 31st March, 2021 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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Jasbir Singh, Village – Bholapur Jhabewal, P. O. – Ramgarh, Distt. - Ludhiana (Punjab)

V/s

....Appellant

Public Information Officer, O/o The State Transport Commissioner, Pb., Sector 17, Chandigarh

First Appellate Authority, O/o The State Transport Commissioner, Pb., Sector 17, Chandigarh

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2156 of 2019

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.

- i) Sh. Gurpal Singh, APIO of office of State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, Chandigarh ;
- ii) Sh. Sham Lal, Asstt. Transport Officer of office of Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Patiala, for the respondent.

<u>ORDER</u>

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

The RTI request is dated 07.10.2019. First appeal is dated 09.11.2019. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 30.12.2019.

On the last date of hearing, held on 23.11.2020, for holding guilty of violation under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act and for making delay more than 250 days in supplying the requisite information to the information-seeker, a penalty of Rs. 10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand Only) was imposed upon the concerned Public Information Officer of office of State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, Chandigarh. Last and final opportunity was given to the respondent PIO concerned to supply the certified copies of the required information, in response to RTI request, to the appellant with a copy to the Commission. An opportunity was also given to the appellant to confirm whether he received the complete information or not.

Sh. Sham Lal, Asstt. Transport Officer came present in today's hearing from office of Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Patiala.

Sh. Gurpal Singh, APIO of office of State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, Chandigarh, who came present in today's hearing, states that the requisite information has already been sent to the appellant through ordinary post. He also orally intimates the Commission that directions have been given to deduct the penalty amount of Rs. 10,000/-(which was imposed vide orders dated 23.11.2020 upon the PIO) form the salary of the PIO.

Appeal Case No. 2156 of 2019 -2-

The appellant, Sh. Jasbir Singh, through a letter dated 04.01.2021, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail, has intimated the Commission that he is unable to attend today's hearing and requested for an adjournment in this case. It is taken on record.

The respondent PIO concerned is directed to send the requisite information to the appellant through registered post at his residential address and send a copy of the same with a copy of the postal receipt to the Commission, by the next date of hearing.

An opportunity is 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 by the next date of hearing and also to represent this case in person or through his representative on the next date of hearing fixed through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings' or it would be assumed that the appellant does not wish to pursue this case further and the case would be decided on merits.

Another opportunity is also given to the respondent PIO concerned to comply with the orders dated 23.11.2020 passed by the Commission by depositing the penalty amount in the Treasury of Punjab Government and send a copy of the challan-receipt to the Commission by the next date of hearing to establish the fact that order of the Commission has been complied with.

The case is adjourned to 31st March, 2021 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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Jasbir Singh S/o Sh. Prithipal Singh C/o Sh. Pankaj Verma, Advocate, Chamber No. 506,Yadvindra Complex, Patiala (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer, O/o The Director, Technical Education and Industrial Training, Pb., Sector 36-A, Chandigarh

First Appellate Authority, O/o The Director, Technical Education and Industrial Training, Pb., Sector 36-A, Chandigarh

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 258 of 2020

Present :

- Sh. J. M. Singh, Advocate on behalf of the appellant.
- Sh. Rupinder Singh, Deputy Director-cum-PIO(I T Wing), in person;
 Ms. Naresh Komal, Deputy Director-cum-PIO (Academics) O/o Punjab State Board of Technical Education and Industrial Training, on behalf of the respondent.

<u>ORDER</u>

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

The RTI request is dated 15.05.2019. First appeal is dated 07.12.2019.

Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 09.01.2020

On the last date of hearing, held on 23.11.2020, Ms. Sarabjit Kaur, Section

Officer-cum-APIO of office of Pb. Technical Board, stated that fifteen pages of information was given to the appellant . Sh. J. M. Singh, Advocate, who appeared on behalf of the appellant, stated that the above-said information of fifteen pages, was not received, moreover, whatever information was already been given to him is irrelevant as reply given in connection with point no. 04 of the RTI request is not proper. The respondent-PIO was directed either to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant or file a proper reply mentioning whether any action was taken against the Officers/Officials, who are found guilty of fake admissions to the appellant with a copy to the Commission. <u>A show cause notice under Section 20</u> (1) of the RTI Act was issued to Public Information Officer concerned of office of Punjab State Board of Technical Education and Industrial Training, Pb., Chandigarh, under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

Sh. J. M. Singh, Advocate, who appeared on behalf of the appellant, Sh.

Jasbir Singh, in today's hearing, states that the appellant has not received the remaining information from the respondent.

Sh. Rupinder Singh, Deputy Director-cum-PIO(I T Wing), who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that whatever information relates to his office has already been supplied to the appellant and rest of the information at point no. 04, 05 and 06, relates with office of Punjab State Board of Technical Education and Industrial Training.

Appeal Case No. 258 of 2020

Ms. Naresh Komal, Deputy Director-cum-PIO (Academics) of office of Punjab State Board of Technical Education and Industrial Training, who appeared in today's hearing, states that the available information has been given to the appellant and rest of the information at point no. 04, 05 and 06, relates with office of Director, Technical Education and Industrial Training. She also intimates the Commission that a reply has also been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 2506 dated 18.12.2020, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 19165 dated 24.12.2020. It, alongwith annexure, is taken on record.

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As both the representatives of the respondent (i) office of Director, Technical Education and Industrial Training and ii) office of Punjab State Board of Technical Education and Industrial Training, are stating that information demanded at point no. 04, 05 and 06 by the appellant through RTI request, does not relate with their offices respectively, hence, both the PIOs of (i) office of Director, Technical Education and Industrial Training and ii) office of Punjab State Board of Technical Education and Industrial Training and ii) office of Punjab State Board of Technical Education and Industrial Training, are directed to file a reply, in writing, in an affidavit in connection with point no. 04, 05 and 06 of the RTI request, by the next date of hearing, positively.

The case is <u>adjourned to 31st March, 2021 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing</u> through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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Satish Kumar		
S/o Sh. Des Raj,		
Village – Badal,		
P. O. – Badal,Tehsil – Malout,		
Distt. – SriMuktsar Sahib(Punjab)		Complainant
	V/s	
Public Information Officer,		
O/o The Principal,		
Rural Institute for Vocational Training,		
Badal (Malout),		
Distt. – SriMuktsar Sahib(Punjab)		Respondent
Complaint C	Case No.	1005 of 2019
Present : Sh. Satish Kumar, the complainant, i	in person.	
Sh. Parampal Singh, Principal, in perso	on.	
ORDER		

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

The RTI request is dated 27.09.2019. The complaint has been received in the

Commission on 25.11.2019.

On the last date of hearing, held on 18.11.2020, the respondent PIO was advised to send the required information to the complainant and the complainant was advised to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied to him.

The complainant, Sh. Satish Kumar, who appeared in person in today's hearing,

states that

Sh. Parampal Singh, Principal, who appeared in person in today's hearing,

states that in response to the RTI request, the requisite information has been sent to the complainant, through registered post on 02.01.2021 and a reply has also been sent to the Commission through an e-mail. It, alongwith a copy of postal receipt, is taken on record.

As the information is sent by the respondent PIO to the appellant on 02.01.2020 and probably the same would be received by the appellant within coming two or three days.

Nevertheless, an opportunity is given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information, which was sent to him by the respondent PIO 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 by the next date of hearing.

The case is <u>adjourned to 8th February, 2021 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing</u> <u>through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.</u>

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Ms. Shobha Sharma C/o Dr. Bishamber Dass, Mohalla Sekhan, Sujanpur, Tehsil & Distt. – Pathankot(Punjab)

....Complainant

V/s

Public Information Officer. O/o The Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Sujanpur, Distt. – Pathankot (Punjab)

...Respondents

Complaint Case No. 86 of 2020

Present : None on behalf of the complainant.

Sh. Suman Kumar, Superintendent, behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 16.10.2019. The complaint has been received in the Commission on 20.01.2020.

On the last date of hearing, held on 18.11.2020, the respondent PIO was

advised to send the required information to the complainant and the complainant was advised to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied to her.

The complainant, Ms. Shobha Sharma is not present in today's hearing.

Sh. Suman Kumar, Superintendent, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, the requisite information could not be supplied to the appellant as the information sought for by him through RTI request is in nature of 'questions'.

An opportunity is given to the respondent-PIO to send a reply, in writing, to the queries raised by the complainant through RTI request, to her through registered post with a copy to the Commission, by the next date of hearing.

An opportunity is given to the appellant to represent this case in person or through her representative on the next date of hearing fixed through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings' or it would be assumed that she does not wish to pursue this case further and the case would be decided on merits.

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